

APPROVED MINUTES

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP BUILDING, OLD ZIONSVILLE, PA 18068
June 21, 2012 AT 7:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Supervisors; Robert Sentner, George DeVault; Manager, Daniel DeLong; Solicitor Fisher; and Secretary/Treasurer, AnnaMarie Zeravsky

Meeting called to order at 7:38P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Supervisor Sentner announced that the meeting is being recorded principally to aid in the preparation of minutes and for such other purposes as the Board sees fit. For that reason, will each person wanting to give any comments during the meeting, please state his or her name for the record and address the Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC INPUT: - None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: -

June 7, 2012 Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

Supervisor DeVault made the motion to approve all Minutes. Supervisor Sentner then seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all in favor, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS:

GENERAL FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7096 - Check No's.12154 to 12182 in the amount of \$27,815.70

PAYROLL FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7015 – Check No 7255 in the amount of \$48.92

STREET LIGHT FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7025 – Check No 1202 in the amount of \$2,000.85

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BANK TRANSFERS:

Transfer # 17 to 19

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BANK ACCOUNT CLOSURES

Wells Fargo Acct # XXXX0737, XXXX8789, XXXX2039, XXXX1116, XXXX8860

MOTION:

Supervisor DeVault made the motion to approve the payment of the bills as submitted. Supervisor Sentner seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ralph Christman's request to have his property at 3311 Main Road East exempt from connecting to the public sewer system.

Ralph Christman said that after speaking with the Zoning Enforcement Officer and the Sewage Enforcement Officer, it has come to the conclusion that his next steps are up to The Board. Solicitor Fisher said that the ordinance states that if you are an "improved property", upon notice, you must connect. If you are an "improved property" which comes directly from the Second Class Township Code meaning the property is adjoining or adjacent to the sanitary sewer line or the principle building is located within 150 feet from the sewer line, you MUST connect. Everyone agreed that Mr. Christman's property fell within those guidelines. Solicitor Fisher stressed that the ordinance does NOT create exceptions. Solicitor Fisher also stressed that he strongly advises the Township to NOT make an exception because it opens the door to making exceptions to other people, which is actually NOT permitted under the ordinance. The ordinance is very specific and does not allow for exemptions, if you fall within the category. Supervisor DeVault was advised by Solicitor Fisher that if he feels he can not be fair when making a decision on the exemption because of his similar situation, it is his personal choice to recues himself from the decision making. Supervisor Sentner said that the ordinance, whether he likes it or not, was adopted by The Township and as a Supervisor, he feels that he has to abide by what it states. Supervisor Sentner also said that he is not comfortable voting on the issue without Supervisor Daniel Mohr present and he feels the issue should be tabled until Supervisor Mohr returns for the July 5th meeting. Supervisor DeVault agreed.

2. Response on Mr. Makoul's request for The Township to Implement a Nuisance Ordinance.

This business was discussed during the Workshop Meeting.

3. Response on Mr. Ruhe's request for BOS Support to Repeal Act 13 (Marcellus Shale Drilling)

Supervisor DeVault agrees with Mr. Ruhe and would like the Township to take a stand in opposition of Act 13 for many reasons. One of those reasons is that it jeopardizes the state's ground water. He feels it is bad government and risky business. Supervisor Sentner said that he does not know enough about it to be for or against it. Supervisor Sentner's recommendation is to not make a response at this point but to speak to The State Representative to see how he feels about Act 13 with the possibility of having someone come to the next meeting to report his feelings. Supervisor DeVault said that if The Board wants to take more time to study the issue that he is fine with that.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: - None

NEW BUSINESS: - None

DEP MODULES / SEWAGE PLANNING: - None

PLANNING COMMISSION – OLD BUSINESS: - None

PLANNING COMMISSION – NEW BUSINESS: - None

SUBDIVISIONS – IMPROVEMENTS: - None

CORRESPONDENCE: -

1. Chestnut Street/Colebrook Ave/Ramer Rd Traffic Signal Issue

Manager DeLong stated that there was an article in the Morning Call's "Road Warrior" column regarding a resident's question of who to talk to regarding there seemingly being something wrong with the traffic signal at the intersection of Chestnut Street with Ramer Road and Colebrook Avenue. Thomas Walter, PA DOT's District Traffic Signal Engineer commented within the article and stated that although the existing 8" diameter LED signal lenses meet all requirements, it would be his preference to upgrade to the larger 12" diameter lenses. Thomas Walter reported to Manager DeLong earlier that day and stated that a line adjustment could be helpful but upgrading to the larger 12" lenses would be more than adequate. Manager DeLong also said that as per Supervisor Sentner's request, he will also look into the possibility of strobe lights. Manager DeLong reported that the estimate to upgrade the lenses and install emergency generator connections, which is something that was previously discussed within the budget, would be around \$7,500. The 8" lenses would be able to be used else where, if needed, as backups.

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to direct staff to start the process of upgrading the traffic signal and look into the price of the strobe signals, as well. Supervisor DeVault seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

OTHER ISSUES – None

REPORTS:

Supervisors:

Daniel Mohr – None

Robert Sentner – Supervisor Sentner questioned the unfinished business on the agendas and wants to remove the items if no action is going to take place. He would like to have Old Business #1. Beck Rd Drainage and #2. Mink Estates

Storm Water Management Area "B" Relief Pipe Improvements removed from the agenda. Supervisor DeVault agreed. Old Business #3 Indian Creek Industrial Park Subdivision must stay on the agenda. #4 Farming Practices Plan Fulmer Tract is something that needs to stay on the agenda and looked into further. #5 Sale of old truck no. 5 will also remain on the agenda until action takes place to actually sell the truck.

George DeVault – Supervisor DeVault thanked the Township citizens for being involved in various topics this week.

Recreation Commission –

Barry Williams – Barry stated that the Recreation Commission wanted to bring it to The Board's attention, how much The Youth Association does for their Family Fun Day. With the Commission's estimate of over 1,000 people at Lenape Park within the hours of 12:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M, he was thoroughly impressed at the appearance of the park following this large event. He received at least 3 e-mails from other organizations commenting on how nice the park is, which shows that the Park Maintenance and Public Works Department take care of The Township's Parks and he thanks them for that. Barry also wanted to report on a previous memo from Manager DeLong regarding the County Green Future Funds Initiative. The Recreation Commission is going to look back at The Comprehensive Plan that the Recreation Commission designed in 2004 to go over what the parks are supposed to look like; the plan will be used as a starting point to determine their recommendations to The Board of Supervisors. Barry also wants to know if there is anything that The Recreation Commission needs to do to finalize the Field Use Ordinance. Supervisor Sentner said that staff can look into what needs to be done to finalize the ordinance and it will be moved back onto the agenda. Barry also brought up his concern with the possibility of alcohol being used at the parks. According to the ordinance, alcohol is prohibited at any of The Township's parks. He thought maybe a larger sign would be more beneficial. He stated that there have not been any problems regarding alcohol usage at the parks but he was slightly concerned.

Township Manager

Daniel DeLong – None

ADJOURNMENT: 8:07P.M.

Robert C. Sentner, Vice-Chairman

Date

AnnaMarie L. Zeravsky, Secretary/Treasurer