

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP BUILDING, OLD ZIONSVILLE, PA 18068
DECEMBER 5, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

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

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Supervisor Mohr announced that the meeting was being recorded to principally aid in the preparation of Minutes and for such other purposes as the Board saw fit. For that reason, any person wanting to give any comments during the meeting should please state his or her name for the record and address the Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC INPUT: - None

OLD BUSINESS: -

1. Yeakel's Mill Bridge Bids for Design and Build

Manager DeLong explained that in 2011 the Township had a consultant for the purpose of evaluating the repair or replacement options for the existing structure and the final decision was to replace the deck structure and the estimate was seventy two thousand dollars with an additional fifteen thousand dollars for surveying and engineering. However, the low bid came in at one hundred fifty six thousand dollars and the Township decided to not move forward with a substandard repair at that price. At this time, the Township has two hundred seventy five thousand dollars plus engineering costs budgeted to replace the structure in its entirety. Manager DeLong explained the complications with the location, in that there is an old water main immediately adjacent to the current bridge abutment which is exposed in the stream bed, there is a known colony of bog turtles adjacent to the site and a reconfiguration of PA DOTS drainage system will also need to be addressed. Manager DeLong recommended that the Township develop and put out for bid a "design and build contract" for a replacement structure and associated adjacent required improvements. He noted that should the Board of Supervisors approve moving forward with putting this project out for bid, the Township would know the cost prior to committing to the construction contract and substantial engineering fees for permitting and design. Supervisor DeVault questioned how many other bridge projects the Township has that need to be completed. Manager DeLong explained that there are several others that over a period of time will need to be replaced. The replacement projects started back in 2002. The Yeakel's Mill Road Bridge is the only major remaining bridge in the Township that needs attention. Supervisor DeVault questioned the Red Hill Water Main that is adjacent to the bridge abutment. Manager DeLong explained that it has minimal coverage; it is exposed in the stream bed and is only a few feet off of the masonry walls of the existing bridge. Manager DeLong explained that the Township needs cooperation from Penn DOT and they will be reviewing the work that the Township would have done. The Supervisors agreed and acknowledged staff moving forward with the Design and Build Bidding Process.

NEW BUSINESS: - None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board of Supervisors held an executive session from 7:16 PM until 7:42 PM for personnel issues.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:43 P.M.

Daniel J. Mohr, Chairman

Date

AnnaMarie L. Zeravsky, Secretary/Treasurer