

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP BUILDING, OLD ZIONSVILLE, PA 18068
SEPTEMBER 4, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Supervisors; Robert Sentner, Dan Mohr; George DeVault
Manager, Daniel DeLong; Solicitor, Marc Fisher;
Interim Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Dreisbach

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Supervisor Sentner 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 Road Bridge (discussion)

Township Manager, Delong explained that we had budgeted monies to replace the deck on the bridge at Yeakel's Mill Road, however because of the Bog Turtle colonies that are living near the bridge construction has to be done during the winter and that will be November thru March. The township has looked into the GRS bridges which a PaDOT approved Bridge. Yeakel's Mill Road and how it fits into the township will never have enough development in the next 100 years that would see the need for anything other than this type of bridge on a country road. This bridge would be installed without any limitations on weight. It's a steel under support with timber on the surface that would then get a membrane on it and be paved over. This was discussed at last year's budget meetings and we were to move forward with pricing. He also stated that a price on the pre-fabricated steel framing is \$37,000. However, there are additional engineering designs that still need to be done. It has been conceited that there are Bog Turtles, and there are no need for further discussions or studies in this regard. At this point Township Manager, Delong would like to get specs together to move forward. He would like to continue to use RETTEW who has already done preliminary designs for the bridge. The additional cost for the bridge is engineering portion would be \$18,000.00 that includes construction management for the construction of the bridge which is \$6,000.00 of the 18K cost. Chairman, Sentner asked what would be the figure that we are looking at with completion of this project. Township Manager, Delong said that it would be in the ballpark of \$100,000 rather than the \$300,000 or more it would cost to have a box culvert bridge. The design is based on what we have there now. It will be an 18' functional width were as we have 17'4" inches now. Portions of the stone wall would

come down, the rest would remain intact. James Krippe and Phil Casey, questioned why we don't do a design build. Township Manager, DeLong stated that RETTEW suggested that however, RETTEW would seem to have an unfair advantage in this regard since they already have a lot of the design work done. If the Design build was done from day one, then everyone would have a fair chance. Supervisor, Mohr asked if we did a Design build can we start construction in November 2014. We could state it that way in the plans. Chairman Sentner, asked if the Fire Company looked into what happens when that bridge is out, how will they get around. Township Manager, DeLong said that Tollgate to the hairpin turn on Sigmund. Either way it's going to be a restricted bridge. There is no easy way in or out for the detour. Chairman, Sentner was concerned about the roads during inclement weather not in our Township but other because of the detour. Township Manager, DeLong stated that this bridge will have a life expectancy of 60 years if properly maintained even longer. The alternatives with the restrictions from EPA has limited the options for this project and this is the best solution.

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to have RETTEW Engineering design a bridge for us at the fix price of \$18,000 Supervisor DeVault seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

2. Traffic Issues in the township

Township Manager, DeLong stated that we need to address the issues with Route 100/29 traffic. Chairman, Sentner stated that Lower Macungie did a traffic study simulation is there any chance that we can get a copy of that study for the Jandal /Costco development. It showed that it's 4 times over what the 222 bypass could handle. It's already met its expectations at this point. He stated that we cannot continue like this with these traffic conditions especially for emergency service vehicles. Penn Dot needs to do something about this. James Krippe, stated that the High School is placing an Officer at the cross walk for the kids because of traffic. Chairman, Sentner stated that it will make traffic worse. Churchview looks like a highway. Township Manager, DeLong said that Chestnut Street/ Shimmerville Road intersection has been a problem and that a lot of the problem is that there are 5 timing sequences in the light. The more that traffic gets backed up the longer the time sequences goes for Chestnut Street and the more the traffic gets backed up. Chairman, Sentner stated that perhaps we should request a no left turn. Township Manager, DeLong said that he has already requested a no right turn and it was denied perhaps a no left turn won't be. There is more traffic on Chestnut Street/29 then there is on the new Route 100 bypass. Brian Miller, has been attending the LVPC TIP meetings. Chairman Sentner, stated that we need to have a meeting with LVPC and Penn Dot in a public Forum. James Krippe, stated that we need to come up with an alternate solution to the traffic before having a meeting. Solicitor, Marc Fisher said to advertise a public meeting. Township Manager, DeLong stated that he will set up a meeting and also invite Senator Brown.

3. Tar & Chipping in the township

Phil Casey, questioned if the chip and oil was paid by Liquid Fuels and is it a use it or lose it scenario. Township Manager, DeLong stated that some of it is and the rest is paid with General Fund monies. The seal coat is billed by the square yard which is less than the process of ultra-thin friction course. Phil Casey, asked how much money has been spent on tar-chipping of Quarry Drive. Township Manager, DeLong stated it was approximately \$12,000. James Krippe, stated a road shouldn't be sealed for after a year or so plus to allow of curing of the road surface.

NEW BUSINESS: - None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: -

EXECUTIVE SESSION: - None

ADJOURNMENT: 7:41 P.M.

Robert C. Sentner, Chairman

Date

Daniel A. DeLong, Manager