

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP BUILDING, OLD ZIONSVILLE, PA 18068
SEPTEMBER 18, 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. UMT Traffic: BOS request for PC to provide input or insight into possible way(s) to improve traffic flows in & through UMT (Discussion)
 - a. Improvements to existing roads
 - b. New Roads? By-pass?

Township Manager DeLong stated that Penn DOT is unlikely to address the improvements any time soon, however noted that improvements to the roads were on Penn DOT's 12 year plan, 20 years ago, priorities have shifted. DeLong also stated that he has looked into alternatives for the Township. He stated that without spending millions of dollars at the intersection of Shimerville and Chestnut that there are few alternatives to resolving the traffic issue at this intersection alone without taking into consideration how traffic flows effect other surrounding Towns or Boroughs. He also stated that although it's a Penn DOT road that we collectively have to do something. Supervisor DeVault asked, "Who do we have to speak to about banning left turns". Township Manager DeLong said that it's Penn DOT's authority. He also mentioned that in the past he had asked for traffic light timing changes that have not been approved. Resident James Krippe suggested a jug handle and stated that we should create a turnaround across the historical properties. Supervisor Daniel Mohr stated that this option was researched several years ago but it would involve condemning properties and dealing with the historical sites in place at the intersection. Resident Phil Casey questioned why we are discussing improvements to a Penn DOT road and that they should bear the expense of any improvements. Township Manager DeLong stated that we do not have millions in funds available to undertake such a project at the intersection as our

Residents have suggested. Supervisor Sentner stated that we need to think outside the box in regards to effectively managing the traffic in and out of the Township and that waiting for Penn DOT to improve this intersection would be unproductive.

NEW BUSINESS: -

1. School –to – Career program request
 - a. Memo from Township Manager, DeLong

Supervisor Sentner read the memo stating the Township's willingness to participate in the Emmaus High School/ Lehigh Career & Technical Institute School - to - Career program. Which places a student into the real world work place as part of their daily education requirement and experience. The student would attend High School for a portion of the day then go to their assigned place of work. The Student is assigned a mentor and supervisor and is still under guidance of the school counselor. The student will be paid minimum wage and Township is not under any obligation to employ student after graduation. The Township's every day activities would provide valuable learning experience in his goal to obtain a meaningful employment in the construction or maintenance field.

MOTION:

Supervisor DeVault made the motion to approve the participation in the program and pay the student minimum wage as so read Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion.
Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: -

EXECUTIVE SESSION: - None

ADJOURNMENT: 7:19 P.M.

Robert C. Sentner, Chairman

Date

Daniel A. DeLong, Manager