

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP BUILDING, OLD ZIONSVILLE, PA 18068
JUNE 04, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Supervisors; George DeVault, Daniel Mohr, Robert Sentner; Township Manager, Daniel DeLong; Asst. Township Manager, Timothy Haas; Solicitor, Marc Fisher

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This 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 this meeting, please state your name for the record and address the Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Resident, James Krippe summarized that at the last meeting he was against pulling the hedges at the intersection of Allen Street and Chestnut Street, but after seeing the work done he expressed his appreciation and admiration of a job well done by the three (3) Township Public Works' employees responsible for removing the hedges at the intersection.

Resident, Phil Casey echoed Krippe's sentiment regarding the removal of hedges. However, Casey also raised concerns that he has seen motorists "running" through the stop sign at the intersection now that a clear line of sight has been created due to the removal of the hedges.

Resident, James Krippe also expressed his concerns in that he has also seen motorists "rolling" through the same stop sign.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1.) Fire Company Steering Committee update; Assistant Manager Haas.

Assistant Manager Haas briefly updated the Board on the current status of the Steering Committee. The June 3 committee meeting had to be rescheduled to June 8 due to lack of representation from the Western District Fire Co. Haas also summarized the tentative meeting agenda for the Board as well as updated the Board on the status on the pending Citizen at Large position.

Chairman DeVault expressed his excitement of the forming committee and looks forward to hearing about the outcome of the first meeting. DeVault asked about the burn ban discussion item that is on the tentative agenda.

Assistant Manager Haas clarified that the discussion would revolve around general discussion of the possibility of a burn ban in the future.

Supervisor Sentner expressed his desire to have a frank discussion with the Fire Company Steering Committee regarding the pros and cons of a burn ban.

Chairman DeVault expressed his support of having the Fire Company Steering Committee discussing the pros and cons of a burn ban. DeVault also expressed his pride and appreciation towards the UMT firefighters as he summarized a recent house fire in Lower Milford they helped extinguish.

2.) Lower Milford Township Quarry Deal Discussion.

Supervisor Sentner summarized his desires to have Township staff write a letter expressing the Board's disapproval of the proposed quarry due to the proposed environmental impacts.

Chairman DeVault asked if there is an estimate of the number of trucks that would travel to and from the quarry on a daily basis.

Supervisor Sentner answered that the size of the proposed quarry is still unknown, but early estimates range from 400 to 800 trucks per day. Sentner continued in expressing his concerns regarding the remaining operational expectancy of existing local quarries as well as trucks traversing Kings Highway if the proposed quarry would become a reality.

Manager DeLong summarized for the Board the history of his discussions with PennDOT regarding implementing weight restrictions on roads. With the Board's permission he would begin looking into the process of reduce the weight limit on a road, in particular, Kings Highway South, Church View Road, and Fountain Road.

Supervisor Sentner expressed his desire to get moving on everything now before anything is set in place and it's too late to do anything.

Chairman DeVault expressed his desire to have staff write a letter to both the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Lower Milford Township expressing the Board's disapproval of the proposed quarry.

Supervisor Sentner commented that the letter should only include environmental concerns because the letter is being sent to the DEP.

Supervisor Mohr expressed his disapproval of the proposed quarry and would be in favor of directing staff to write a letter.

Solicitor Fisher recommended the Board to make a motion since it is an official recommendation to another municipality.

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made a motion to have staff pen a letter to Lower Milford Township and DEP stating that we (UMT Board of Supervisors) are not in support of the quarry in Lower Milford Township because of the environmental impacts. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Community Development Block Grant Program Discussion.

a. Memo from Manager, DeLong.

Manager, DeLong summarized for the Board that the Township has been participating in the County's organized and sponsored community development block grant program for several years. The particular program has been successful for the Township in the past by providing half a million dollars' worth of subsidies for the residents in various projects. The Township is automatically included in the program unless the Board desires to opt out. If the Board is happy with the way things went in the past there is nothing to be done. The process takes place every three (3) years.

Chairman DeVault expressed that it sounds good to him and the Township will "let it ride."

Supervisor Mohr agreed with Chairman DeVault's sentiment.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board held an executive session from 7:13 P.M. to 7:37 P.M. to discuss personnel and real estate matters.

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to terminate AnnaMarie Zeravsky upon completion of her current leave from the Township. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:38 P.M.

George D. DeVault, Chairman

Date

Timothy Haas, Asst. Twp. Manager/Secretary