

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP BUILDING, OLD ZIONSVILLE, PA 18068
JULY 16, 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, Mr. Steven Grube of 5808 Sun Valley Run expressed concerns regarding his neighbor's plans to construct a garage. The proposed garage may infringe upon an easement.

Manager, DeLong advised Steven Grube to notify the Township Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer, Alan Brokate.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1.) Traffic Counts for Dillingersville Road (discussion).
 - a. Report from Planning Coordinator, Brian Miller.

Chairman DeVault read a report from Brian Miller summarizing the vehicle count information. From 7/7/15 to 7/11/15 total vehicle count was 6,150 vehicles (avg. daily count: 1,407 vehicles). The recorded top speed was 76 MPH.

Manager, DeLong recommended that the bump in Dillingersville Road by the railroad crossing be left alone. If the Township leaves the bump there vehicles will have to continue to slow down.

Discussion ensued regarding traffic speeds, signage, and site conditions at the railroad crossing on Dillingersville Road.

Manager DeLong recommended that the Township leave things the way they are unless the Public Utility Commission requires the Township to improve the crossing.

The Board was in agreement to leave the railway crossing area on Dillingersville Road alone.

2.) Discussion on Supervisors' view on entering into a winter maintenance contract with PennDOT for some roads in UMT.

Manager DeLong summarized PennDOT's request for the Township to takeover winter maintenance on certain State roads within the Township. The PennDOT contract is for the Township to maintain approximately 38 miles of State owned roads. The Manager is considering only 10 to 13 miles (Brunner Rd, Main Road East, Main Road West, portion of Shimerville Road, St. Peters Road, Vera Cruz Road North and South) to be maintained by the Township during winter storm events. In exchange, PennDOT would give the Township 16-19 thousand dollars a year with a clause for additional money based on certain criteria. The Township Public Works Department is already running very thin during winter maintenance, as it maintains approximately 57 miles of road. Even the Fire Police feel the crunch when they have to redirect traffic for hours due to a stuck vehicle on State roads. If the Township loses a truck in a storm it adds that much more time to complete the plowing. He recommended that the Township look at maintaining ten (10) miles of road of the 38 that has been offered.

Supervisor Sentner expressed that taking over at least ten (10) miles of State roads could be a good solution in an attempt to provide better winter maintenance to Township residents, which PennDOT has struggled to provide in recent winters.

Manager DeLong would like to look at more details of the PennDOT offer to see if it is realistic to entertain the idea.

Supervisor Sentner believes that it would also be beneficial for the Township Public Works Department to provide their input during the consideration to maintain more mileage of road.

The Board was in agreement to allow Manager DeLong to explore the offer more fully, including gathering feedback from the Township's Public Works Department.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: 7:20 P.M.

George D. DeVault, Chairman

Date

Timothy A. Haas, Asst. Twp. Manager/Secretary