

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP BUILDING, OLD ZIONSVILLE, PA 18068
OCTOBER 1, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Supervisors; George DeVault, Daniel Mohr, Robert Sentner; Asst. Township Manager, Timothy Haas; Treasurer, Jessi O'Donald; 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: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1.) Emergency Operations Plan Update.

- a. Updated information was sent out to all plan holders for their use to update their plans.

Assistant Manager, Haas summarized for the Board that all Emergency Operations Plan books were updated with the most updated information for all plan holders.

2.) Burn Ban.

- a. Report from Assistant Manager, Haas.

Assistant Manager, Haas summarized for the Board a map depicting the surrounding Townships/Boroughs of Upper Milford Township and which of them presently permit or prohibit open burning.

Supervisor Sentner believes open burning should be prohibited, regardless of what the surrounding Townships/Boroughs are doing. He also wants to make greater use of the Township's yard waste facility.

Supervisor Mohr believes open burning should be permitted. He doesn't want to take away the right to burn from the residents. He probably uses less gas to burn yard waste than he uses to drive it up to the yard waste recycling site.

Resident, Houstin Lichtenwalner believes open burning should be prohibited in densely populated developments, but permitted in larger open areas, including agricultural areas. He also brought up information regarding Spotted Lantern Flies.

Resident, Gail Lichtenwalner stated that the Township shouldn't be adding more nuisance ordinances when the Township doesn't have the present means to enforce the ordinances that are currently set in place.

Resident, Phil Casey asked how many people are open burning.

Resident, Donna Reitnauer expressed her frustrations to the Board regarding her neighbor and how they burn everything, including their household waste.

Resident, James Krippe expressed his opinion that before the Board would enact more ordinances they should first look at a better way to enforce the current ordinances or maybe look at appointing a Fire Marshal.

Discussions ensued regarding the topic of open burning, refuse hauling, evasive species of plants, and the Spotted Lantern Fly.

Chairman DeVault expressed that open burning is a good topic, one which needs further discussion.

Supervisor Sentner requested that the open burning topic go back to the Fire Company Steering Committee for further discussion.

3.) Single Solid Waste & Recycling Hauler.

a. Report from Assistant Manager, Haas.

Assistant Manager, Haas summarized for the Board a map depicting the surrounding Townships/Boroughs of Upper Milford Township and which of them presently have a single hauler or allow for the residents to openly choose a hauler.

Supervisor Sentner requested Township staff to look into the rates of the surrounding Townships/Boroughs that have a single solid waste and recycling hauler to provide a ballpark figure for what it may cost UMT residents.

Supervisor Mohr disagrees and prefers free enterprise for the residents.

Discussions ensued regarding the existing number of garbage trucks and the negative impacts they have on Township roads.

Chairman DeVault mentioned that the increasing volumes of traffic on Township roads is an important concern.

Supervisor Mohr cautioned the Board of where they would stop in looking at downsizing to single entities? For example, would they pursue looking at a single parcel delivery company?

Resident, Phil Casey mentioned that the number of trash trucks don't add a whole lot to the existing high volumes of traffic currently on the roads.

Resident, Lisa McCord expressed her concerns over the volumes of other vehicles on the local roads, such as tractor trailers and tanker trucks.

Chairman DeVault expressed his appreciation for everyone's thoughts and opinions and mentioned that looking into the pricing for single trash haulers isn't a bad place to start.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board of Supervisors held an executive session from 7:20 to 7:34 P.M. to discuss real estate matters.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:34 P.M.

George D. DeVault, Chairman

Date

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