

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP BUILDING, OLD ZIONSVILLE, PA 18068
SEPTEMBER 17, 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 raised concerns regarding the pending installation of a utility pole at the intersection of Tank Farm Road and Buckeye Road, which he believes will be a safety hazard as it may obstruct the sight line triangle of the intersection.

Chairman DeVault assured that the Township would look into it.

Resident, Phil Casey praised both the Township Public Works Department and the Acorn Drive resurfacing project. He summarized questionable activities he saw from motorists as they passed through the Acorn Drive work zone, specifically, one who verbally berated Public Works Foreman, Brent Fegley. He praised Brent and the other Public Works employees for keeping their professional composure through the adversity of motorists giving them a "hard time."

Chairman DeVault and Brent Fegley thanked Casey for his kind words.

OLD BUSINESS:

1.) Key Lock Box Ordinance (Discussion).

Supervisor Sentner summarized the status of the draft ordinance to the rest of the Board. The draft ordinance has been reviewed and commented on by both fire departments of the Township.

Manager, DeLong further summarized the draft ordinance for the Board.

Chairman DeVault shared his experience with key lock boxes during his experience as a firefighter in Emmaus. He further expressed his support of the ordinance.

Resident, James Krippe asked if there will be a permit fee for installation of a key lock box, which could aid in registration purposes as well as help fund the fire departments.

Chairman DeVault mentioned that the Township will look into that possibility.

2.) False Fire Alarm Ordinance (Discussion).

Assistant Manager, Haas summarized the draft ordinance for the Board.

Chairman DeVault is encouraged to see the draft ordinance move forward

3.) Burn Ban (Discussion).

Supervisor Sentner expressed his strong belief in instituting a permanent burn ban (omitting agricultural burning, bonfires, and camp fires). He wants the residents to better utilize the Township's yard waste recycling facility.

Supervisor Mohr strongly disagreed and prefers to let things the way they are, with possibly implementing a seasonal burn ban during the spring months, if any.

Chairman DeVault was in agreement with Supervisor Sentner to entertain the idea of researching the possibility of banning specific burning activities.

Resident, Francis Caputo shared that the Township should better educate the residents of the Township yard waste recycling facility.

Discussions ensued regarding yard waste recycling facility hours, burning, and environmental impacts.

Resident, Phil Casey believes that it is unnecessary for the Board to pass a burning ban affecting all of the residents due to a few residents breaking the existing rules.

Chairman DeVault thanked the audience for their comments and believes that the topic of banning specific burning activities deserves further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Single Township Solid Waste & Recycling Hauler (Discussion).

Supervisor Sentner expressed his frustration over the reality that there is at least 11 different solid waste haulers servicing the residents of the Township. The local Township roads are not designed to “take such a beating.”

Supervisor Mohr expressed his disagreements. He fears that if the Township moves to a single hauler it would become a victim of high pricing.

Discussions ensued regarding past considerations of a single Township solid waste hauler, as well as hauler pricing and customer/hauler loyalty.

Chairman DeVault and Supervisor Sentner want to discuss the topic further upon Township staff providing additional information.

2.) Purchasing Recreation/Open Space Property (Discussion).

Manager, DeLong summarized that, due to a plan submission, the Board has until April 13, 2016 to render a decision to purchase a portion of, or all of the Kohler Tract. The Kohler Tract presently exists on the Township’s Official Map as Conservation/Public Recreational Open Space. Other decision items include future vehicle turn arounds or a through-street, and stormwater management.

3.) Zoning Hearing Board Membership (Discussion).

Manager, DeLong summarized that the Zoning Hearing Board currently has a vacancy for one (1) regular member and vacancies for three (3) alternate members. The Township should look to fill these vacancies as soon as possible.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: 7:39 P.M.

George D. DeVault, Chairman

Date

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