

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TOWNSHIP BUILDING, OLD ZIONSVILLE, PA 18068  
JANUARY 21, 2016 AT 7:30 P.M.  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Meeting called to order at 7:40 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

This meeting is being recorded 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, Phil Casey asked if the litigation discussed during the executive session of the Workshop meeting involved real estate or if the two were separate issues.

Solicitor Fisher answered that they were separate issues.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

January 4, 2016 Reorganization & Regular Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION:**

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to accept the January 4, 2016 Reorganization & Regular meeting minutes. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

**GENERAL FUND:**

PLGIT XXXX7096 – Check No.'s. **15287** to **15329** in the amount of **\$104,577.78** and Check No. **15244** in the amount of **\$169.06**

**STATE LIQUID FUELS FUND:**

PLGIT XXXX7112-Check No. **2618** in the amount of **\$26,127.69**

**STREETLIGHT FUND:**

PLGIT XXXX7125-Check No.'s **1265** to **1266** in the amount of **\$2,414.36**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BANK TRANSFER(S):**

Transfer #2016-003 to #2016-011

**MOTION:**

Supervisor Mohr made the motion to pay the bills as read and acknowledge the bank transfers. Supervisor Sentner seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1.) Addition to Kohler Tract Petition.

a. Memo from Assistant Manager, Timothy Haas, dated January 14, 2016. The Board acknowledged the additional petition information.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1.) Resolution 2016-017.

a. Kohler Tract Predevelopment Agreement.

Supervisor Sentner thanked all of those for signing the petition. Regardless of the outcome he is happy to see people getting involved.

Solicitor Fisher summarized the agreement.

Resident, Tracy Hausknecht asked if parking area would be counted within the proposed park area.

Resident, Barbara Ebner asked about the specific location of the park. She also asked what happened for the Board to come to this decision regarding the Kohler Tract.

Resident, Jessamy Killingsworth asked if there will be bathroom facilities at the proposed park.

Resident, Lynn Sallash asked if the park will be split up in multiple locations or will it be contiguous. She also asked about the proposed park location. She cautioned the Supervisors that the developer can't be trusted. She also asked about the condemnation process as it relates to Agricultural Security Areas.

Resident, Francis Caputo believes that Board should not agree to anything until they see a whole layout and urged the audience to attend the Planning Commission meetings.

Resident, James Underwood asked what can the residents do at the Planning Commission meeting.

Resident, Joseph Filipovits mentioned that the Board should set aside area for the future location of Citizen's Fire Company.

Resident, Phil Casey appreciates the Boards tough decision. He didn't want to see them make a mistake like the Lehigh Valley airport.

The Board and Solicitor Fisher answered the questions asked by the audience and Supervisors Sentner reminded the residents in attendance that it was not an easy decision for the Board.

**MOTION:**

Supervisor Sentner unhappily made the motion to approve Resolution 2016-017. Supervisor Mohr unhappily seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were unhappily in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Solicitor Fisher indicated no report.

**DEP MODULES / SEWAGE PLANNING:** None

**PLANNING COMMISSION – OLD BUSINESS:** None

**PLANNING COMMISSION – NEW BUSINESS:** None

**SUBDIVISIONS – IMPROVEMENTS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1.) Recommendation Letter for Western District Fire Company 2016 Grant Submission.
  - a. Approval of draft letter requesting favorable action, prepared by Asst. Township Manager, Timothy Haas.

The Board authorized the draft letter and also authorized the preparation of a similar letter for Citizen's Fire Company.

Supervisor Sentner also thanked State Senator Pat Browne and State Representative Justin Simmons for submitting similar letters on the fire company's behalf.

Supervisor DeVault was very happy to see the grant submission finalized and thanked the hard-working firefighters who prepared the grant submissions.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**OTHER ISSUES:**

1.) Resolution 2016-018.

- a. Acknowledging participating with the Lehigh County Agricultural Conservation Purchase Program for the amount of \$50,000.00.

**MOTION:**

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to approve Resolution 2016-018. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS:**

Emmaus Library: None

Township Emergency Management Coordinator, Bill Stahler: None

Fire Departments: None

Recreation Commission: Chairman, Phil Vanim thanked Supervisor Sentner for attending their most recent meeting. He also thanked the Board for hosting the Recreation Commission at their upcoming Workshop meeting.

Fire Company Steering Committee:

1.) Report from Assistant Manager, Timothy Haas.

Assistant Manager, Haas announced the upcoming meeting of the Fire Company Steering Committee, which will be February 8 at 7 PM.

Supervisors:

**Robert Sentner** – Make sure the snow blowers start!

**Daniel Mohr** – Indicated no report.

**George DeVault** – Indicated no report.

Township Manager:

**Dan DeLong** – With the pending snow storm, the Township will most likely declare a snow emergency effective from midnight, Friday (1/22) through 10 AM, Sunday (1/24) morning. This will allow the Public Works Department to plow without the possibility of numerous parked and

stuck vehicles in the way. He also urged people to stay safe and don't go out unless they have to.

Resident, Tracy Hausknecht shared a letter with the Board and thanked them for taking the growth of the area seriously.

Resident, Lynn Sallash asked if the Township has considered creating a Facebook page. She thanked the Board for doing all that they did with involving the community in regards to the Kohler Tract decision. She also urged the community to stay involved with the Township.

Resident, James Underwood asked what residents and Townships can do to force developers to provide more time for the Township to make a sound decision.

Resident, Francis Caputo expressed his desire to see the Township get more involved with advertising through the newspaper.

Supervisor DeVault and Supervisor Sentner stressed that community involvement is so important.

Resident, James Krippe asked if there is an Ordinance against people advertising on utility poles.

Supervisor Sentner mentioned that he will discuss with the Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer.

Resident, Terry Schmeltzle advertised a current opening on the Recreation Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:25 P.M.

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George D. DeVault, Chairman

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