

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TOWNSHIP BUILDING, OLD ZIONSVILLE, PA 18068  
JUNE 16, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.  
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

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

**ABSENT:** Supervisor, Daniel Mohr

**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, Jessamy Killingsworth (4170 Salem Drive) asked where the funds came from for the Township to purchase the Fulmer Tract.

Manager DeLong clarified the funds were taken from the Capital Reserve Fund.

Solicitor Fisher clarified that the sale has not occurred yet, it is still pending.

Phillip Casey asked how much money is reserved in the Capital Reserve Fund. He inquired why there is an interest to raise taxes when the Township already has funds available to purchase property, Open Space, etc. He asked if it makes sense to purchase property, restrict their deeds, and then resell them. He also summarized his opinion that limited amounts of Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs) could be used to limit development. He asked how the Danner Farm could be developed if there is limited amount of available EDUs in Vera Cruz. He feels like he is receiving mixed signals unless the whole Fulmer Tract couldn't be developed. He believes that once the residents learn that the Township has money available in a Capital Reserve Fund they will not vote to pass the proposed referendum.

Manager DeLong answered that there is about half a million dollars (\$500,000) in the Capital Reserve Fund. In order to do the buy and sell program the Township needs to have a specified program with specified funds as established by law. Regarding the EDUs, development can take place with on-site septic systems. There's no potential for development along Main Road due to the FEMA flood plain limitations.

Supervisor Sentner clarified that the referendum will allow the residents to decide the tax increase, not the Board of Supervisors.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1.) Township mailing (discussion)

a. Open Space pamphlet, Fire Department pamphlet, Newsletter

Assistant Manager, Haas requested clarification from the Board regarding information for a Fire Department mailer. He also clarified that the Open Space Committee recommended to highlight the Open Space program in the upcoming Fall 2016 Newsletter.

Supervisor Sentner would like the collected information the Township has on the fire departments to be joined with the Fire Departments' fund raising mailers.

Supervisor DeVault agreed with Supervisor Sentner's request.

Phillip Casey recommended the Township simply uploads all of the discussed information on the Township's website. He also asked if the Township has considered webcasting the Board's meeting as well as allowing residents to call in during the meeting.

Supervisor Sentner answered that he has no objection to webcasting, but he believes it's more of a logistical difficulty.

Resident, Joyce Moore (4296 Glenwood Drive) stressed that not everyone has the internet. It is very important for information to be sent out in the mail.

Resident, Francis Caputo (4516 Stole Road) also stressed that the information discussed at the Township level needs to be printed as well as posted on the website.

2.) Open Space Committee Recommendations

a. Memo from Asst. Manager, Tim Haas, dated June 15, 2016.

Assistant Manager, Haas summarized the recommendations from the Open Space Committee: 1. If money is available from the Township to fund the education effort it is recommended for the Board to allot the money; 2. Recommend highlighting the Open Space Program in the upcoming Newsletter. He also asked Solicitor Fisher if the Open Space Committee must remain neutral while educating the public.

Solicitor Fisher clarified that they should remain neutral as they are an appointed committee of the Township. He stressed that all mailings pertaining to the open space program should be reviewed by him prior to being mailed.

Resident, Joyce Moore asked for clarification on verbal neutrality for the Open Space Committee members.

Solicitor Fisher clarified that as a citizen of the Township one doesn't have to remain neutral, but in the capacity of representing the Township, one must remain neutral.

3.) Fire Department(s) Grant Proposal (discussion)

Supervisor Sentner summarized the proposed grant. The proposed grant would not affect the money currently given to the Fire Departments from the Township, rather it would incentivize the current members of both departments. He believes that it is for the betterment of the fire departments and the residents. He always desires to give more money to the fire departments. If each department met the requirements it would equal an additional \$25,000 dollars given to each department. He would like to continue the conversations throughout the rest of the year. He would like input from both fire departments and the rest of the Board of Supervisors.

Citizen's Fire Company Chief, Joseph Sherman briefly summarized his feedback on the proposed grant. He still needs to review it with his station.

Supervisor DeVault agreed with Supervisor Sentner. He believes it's a great place to start. He is encouraged to see both fire departments and the Township discussing these topics.

Resident, James Krippe (5129 Mill Road) commended the Board of Supervisors for being proactive on the topic. He summarized an incident which occurred in Lower Milford Township where there was a lack of response from a fire company. He clarified that response numbers can vary on the time of day, and the need for volunteers is very real.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Board held an executive session from 7:38 to 7:44 P.M. to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:45 P.M.

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George D. DeVault, Chairman

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