

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP BUILDING, OLD ZIONSVILLE, PA 18068
SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 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: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1.) Township Fire Grant (discussion)

Supervisor Sentner summarized the importance of the fire company reporting and generally discussed them with the Board. He expressed his gratitude to both fire companies for their hard work in preparing the reports. He would like to see the following on a fire company monthly call report: personnel incident report, incident count by weekday & hour for zone and date range, mutual aid count, total number of man hours per month and year to date, location of the incident, individuals who responded, total time spent on the call, and incident type.

A conversation ensued between Supervisor Sentner and members of Citizens Fire Company regarding clarification points on the requested reporting information. The topic will be discussed at the upcoming Steering Committee Meeting (9/19).

2.) Route 29/Norfolk Southern bridge & roadway reconstruction sidewalk

Manager, DeLong summarized PennDOT's plans to reconstruct the Norfolk/Southern railroad bridge along Route 29. PennDOT has asked the Township if it desires curb and sidewalk along Chestnut Street leading up to either end of the bridge. If so, the Township would be responsible procuring any additional right of way, and be responsible for the construction costs and maintenance, as well as develop a sidewalk ordinance. Currently, the Township does not have a curb and sidewalk ordinance, which would be required to implement additional curb and sidewalk. The current plan of the reconstructed bridge includes ample area (4' – 11') to include a sidewalk to span the bridge. The

Township will have to decide if they insist that PennDOT designs curb and sidewalk on this project and be willing to cover the costs.

Resident, Phil Casey recommended that the Township does not make any moves regarding the sidewalk because of ongoing litigation. The decision to request a sidewalk may not be the responsibility of the Township. He later suggested the possibility of a separate pedestrian crossway.

Resident, Francis Caputo (4516 Stole Road) raised concerns that the sidewalk, if installed, would be a sidewalk to nowhere.

Resident, James Krippe (5129 Mill Road) is concerned that traversing along a sidewalk could be dangerous unless there was some form of a protective barrier next to the sidewalk. He suggested the possibility of installing rumble strips.

Solicitor Fisher summarized that the curb and sidewalk question at hand is PennDOT's decision. It is PennDOT's responsibility to decide whether a sidewalk facility is necessary there or not.

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to decline PennDOT's invitation to have the Township incur the costs of any additional sidewalk and the Township will yield to PennDOT's decision as to whether or not there should be sidewalk. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion not to implement a sidewalk ordinance in Upper Milford Township. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:37 P.M.

George D. DeVault, Chairman

Date

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