

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP BUILDING, OLD ZIONSVILLE, PA 18068
SEPTEMBER 15, 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

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Open Space Referendum education at polls on voting day (discussion)

Supervisor Sentner asked Solicitor Fisher how education of the open space referendum on voting day can be accomplished.

Solicitor Fisher shared that the Lehigh County Board of Elections approved the referendum question and they prepared a document summarizing the referendum, which will be made available to voters on voting day. It can be distributed by anybody. He also clarified that anybody can hand out the open space referendum informational flyer. He further clarified that anyone who desires to advocate for or against the referendum can do it on an individual basis, and not associate themselves with the Township in any capacity.

Resident, Phil Casey mentioned that the referendum, if passed, would represent the largest tax increase the Township has ever had. He's disappointed that this fact isn't on any informational handouts. He also disagrees with raising taxes to preserve open space since the Township already allocates money in the annual budget for such purposes.

Resident, Philip Vanim (4961 Wendi Drive West) asked if the Township Solicitor was invited to the Special meetings of the Board of Supervisors and the Open Space Committee on 4/13/16 and 5/11/16, where an official motion regarding the pending referendum was taken. He expressed his opinion that the Board has not remained neutral during the process of creating the open space referendum.

Solicitor Fisher clarified that he is invited to all meetings where the Township Board of Supervisors are included.

Resident, Lennart Marten (5001 Doe Circle), expressed his support of the open space referendum and the associated process performed by the Board.

Supervisor Sentner reminded everyone that the Supervisors have the ability to raise certain taxes without the need of a referendum, but they are allowing the residents to decide the outcome of this particular tax levy.

Supervisor DeVault asked Solicitor Fisher if yard signs can be erected in resident's yards and if voting signs are permitted to be erected.

Solicitor Fisher answered that anyone can erect a sign indicating a stance on the referendum, but he urged the Board to not practice such right. He also clarified that parameters for voting signs are contained within local ordinances.

2.) Used truck purchase (discussion)

Manager DeLong summarized the specifications of a used multi-purpose dump truck, currently available on Municibid. If the Township were to move forward and successfully procure the truck, it would replace truck no. 6.

Supervisor Sentner believes that it's a good truck and it would be a great asset to the Public Works Department's fleet.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the bidding procedures.

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to authorize staff to place a bid for the particular truck, not to exceed forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000.00), and conditioned upon the Solicitor's approval. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:39 P.M.

George D. DeVault, Chairman

Date

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