

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP BUILDING, OLD ZIONSVILLE, PA 18068
DECEMBER 1, 2016 AT 7:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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, Emily Fair (2868 Chock Road) thanked Asst. Manager, Haas, for his help to the fire departments. She read a letter of concern regarding the proposed Township grant for the fire departments. She stressed that the concerns reflected her opinions and not Citizen's Fire Company. The summary of her concerns are as follows (if the grant is approved as proposed): volunteers will become exhausted, no true incentive benefit, added hoops to jump through, no money provided for equipment, redundancy in service, discouraging and destructive to morale. She desires that the grant awards various special training and not just VRT training. She requested the Board simply increase their donations or distribute the funds into the Major Firefighting Fund. She concluded by requesting more open communication between the Board of Supervisors and the Fire Departments.

Resident, Jason Tapler (2868 Chock Road) addressed his personal concerns that the Township pursued an Open Space tax instead of adjusting the Zoning. He also addressed his concerns regarding the proposed Township grant for the fire departments. He requested that the Board distribute the funds into the Major Firefighting Fund to help them purchase equipment. He concluded by promising that he is intending on filing paperwork with the State Ethics Board regarding the proposed grant.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

November 17, 2016 Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to accept the November 17, 2016 Workshop and 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. **16097** to **16125** in the amount of **\$18,223.15**

PAYROLL FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7015 – Check No. **7343** in the amount of **\$332.44**

MOTION:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1.) Resolution No. 2016-037

a. Township Fire Grant for Fire Companies

Supervisor DeVault expressed that the Township and the Fire Companies are breaking new ground. Though separate, the Township and the fire companies need to work together for the benefit of the Township residents.

Residents, Jason Tapler and Emily Fair (2868 Chock Road) questioned why the Board disbanded the fire company steering committee when it was a proven working outlet for open communication between the fire companies and the Township. They requested the fire company steering committee be reinstated.

Supervisor DeVault clarified that there are alternative ways to communicate with each other without the need of a fire company steering committee.

Discussion ensued between Supervisor Sentner, Jason Tapler, Emily Fair, and Joe Mead regarding past meetings of the fire company steering committee. It was requested of the Board for more frequent communication to the fire companies.

Supervisor DeVault concluded by expressing there is a lot of work still to be done on the proposed grant.

No formal action was taken on Resolution No. 2016-037 (Township Fire Grant for Fire Companies)

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Township Staff unused time carryover

a. Memo from Treasurer, Jessi O'Donald, dated December 1, 2016

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to approve the memo from Treasurer, Jessi O'Donald, dated December 1, 2016, and allow Township Staff to carryover their time. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

2.) Recommendation of bid award for truck No. 9

a. Memo from Manager, Daniel DeLong, dated November 30, 2016

Supervisor Sentner commended the Public Works Department for taking good care of truck No. 9.

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to authorize staff to sell the 2001 F-550 (truck No. 9) for the high Municibid amount of \$17,900 per Manager, DeLong's memo, dated November 30, 2016. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Fisher indicated no report.

PLANNING COMMISSION – NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Time Extension Recommendations

a. Letter from Planning Coordinator, Brian Miller, dated December 1, 2016

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to grant the time extensions per Brian Miller's letter, dated December 1, 2016. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

2.) Kohler Major Subdivision additional SALDO waiver

a. Letter from Planning Coordinator, Brian Miller, dated December 1, 2016

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to grant the SALDO waiver request per Brian Miller's letter, dated December 1, 2016. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1.) Letter from Mr. & Mrs. Paul Lind (6442 Indian Creek Rd), dated 11/29/16

Supervisor DeVault summarized their letter, which detailed an event involving gunfire from a neighboring property and a bullet striking/entering their home.

Residents, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Lind (6442 Indian Creek Road), urged the Township to establish guidelines for recreationally discharging a weapon on a property. They also raised concerns over maintenance issues and a drainage issue occurring along their shared driveway near the intersection with Indian Creek Road.

Supervisor DeVault and Supervisor Mohr commiserated with the Lind's but noted that it is very difficult for the Township to control such weapon discharging activities.

Supervisor Sentner clarified that Pennsylvania Hunting Law supersedes any local ordinances. He urged Mr. & Mrs. Lind to contact the Pennsylvania Game Commission for their assistance.

Resident, James Krippe (5129 Mill Road) shared a similar event where the Pennsylvania Game Commission was contacted and they stepped in and caught the perpetrator.

Solicitor Fisher clarified that the maintenance issues are up to themselves and their neighbor to resolve as it is a private matter between two property owners.

The Board recommended Manager, DeLong, and the Public Works Foreman look into the drainage issue as it may be affecting Indian Creek road.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

REPORTS:

Emmaus Library: None

Fire Companies: Citizen's Fire Company Asst. Chief, Jason Tapler, updated the Board that he has been in contact with Mike Harned of Harned-Durham Company regarding their propane tank installation and he will contact the fire company when the tank is filled and allow the fire company to perform a walk-through of their facility.

1.) Month of November call report

Western District Fire Company had 6 calls and Citizen's Fire Company had 11 calls.

Recreation Commission: None

Supervisors:

George DeVault – Indicated no report.

Daniel Mohr – Indicated no report.

Robert Sentner – Indicated no report.

Township Manager:

Dan DeLong – Indicated no report.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:35 P.M.

George D. DeVault, Chairman

Date

Jessi O'Donald, Treasurer/Asst. Secretary