

Upper Milford Township
Board of Supervisors
Township Building, Old Zionsville, PA 18068
June 15, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Supervisors: George DeVault, Robert Sentner; Manager, Daniel DeLong; Assistant Manager, Bud Carter; Planning Coordinator, Brian Miller; Secretary/Treasurer, Jessi O'Donald; Solicitor Marc Fisher; Supervisor Mohr was absent

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM

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:

Joyce Moore asked George DeVault if he was going to speak about the Paris Climate Agreement.

George DeVault spoke a few words about Climate change, items residents can choose to do and items Upper Milford has already done to work for the environment.

Robert Sentner spoke about how the Township did a lot of items because we follow the regulations and they are just the right things to do.

MOTION: Supervisor DeVault made a motion to uphold the Paris Accord.
Motion Dies For lack of a second.

Supervisor Sentner commented that a lot of the items Supervisor DeVault mentioned are things that were just the right things to do. That we should strive to do as much as we can to be good stewards of the Earth. The Paris agreement is a good in Theory but we are so far removed from it. The Paris agreement is a national thing and there isn't much we can do to impact it from a local stand point.

Manager Daniel DeLong spoke about a burn ban. The Board has often discussed an open burning ban. Open burning is a large Carbon Dioxide producer. If the Board is going to support the Paris Accord the Board should authorize the solicitor to put together and ordinance to ban open burning. Upper Milford Zoning Officer has to react to burning complaints and maybe we should stop that as our part of supporting the Paris Climate Agreement.

Supervisor Sentner acknowledged that when he brought up an open bringing ban he was "crucified".

Phil Casey asked the Board to stop taking national agenda items and stop trying to put it at a local level. He comment that open burning is small compared to what we drive and how

we heat our houses. He stated that he felt the Paris Agreement was solely political and that we do a good job at a local level.

Margaret Smith spoke in favor of supporting the climate accords. The spirit of the accord is that every country set their own goals and she felt that fit in at the local level well. As we can set our own goals.

Aidan Levinson felt that other local governments have already put their names in support of the Climate Accord and that he felt Upper Milford Township should add their name to the growing list.

Jim Moreno felt that Climate change is not a political issue. The Climate accord is designed to lower the temperature and emissions. All that supporting the climate accord is doing, is putting your communities name in support of the idea of stopping climate change and encouraging residents to take their own steps to help the environment. Supporting the Paris Accords is just putting your communities support behind the idea that climate change is real.

Supervisor Sentner believes this is 100% political and he is in agreement that climate change is real and he encourages everyone to do their part but he is against supporting the political part of the agreement.

MOTION: Supervisor DeVault made a motion that Upper Milford Township will remain committed to doing better than the Paris Climate Accords mandate. Supervisor Sentner seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, Supervisor DeVault, Supervisor Sentner were in favor, Supervisor Mohr was absent, motion carried.

Manager DeLong polled the audience to see how many have attended the Emmaus Earth Day Events. Manager DeLong asked people interested in the environment to come out and help our local committees.

John Datz questioned the time frame of the Earth Day Event. Commenting that the volunteer time should extend into the afternoon.

Secretary/Treasurer Jessi O'Donald suggested that anyone who cannot attend in the morning to contact her and she will be able to arrange volunteer projects and timing to accommodate anyone willing to volunteer in the Township. The Township has projects that can be done but they cannot find enough volunteers to complete the projects.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Acceptance of June 1, 2017 workshop and regular meeting minutes.

MOTION: Supervisor Sentner made a motion to approve the June 1st Workshop and Regular meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor DeVault seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, Supervisor DeVault, Supervisor Sentner were in favor, Supervisor Mohr was absent, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS:

GENERAL FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7096 - Check No's. 16601 to 16642 in the amount of \$39,708.94

STREET LIGHT FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7125 – Check No. 1299 and 1300 in the amount of \$2,290.88

ESCROW FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7109 – Check No. 138 in the amount of \$2,000.00

PAYROLL FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7015 – Check No. 7350 in the amount of \$144.84

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BANK TRANSFERS:

No.'s 2017-036 to 2017-038

MOTION: Supervisor Sentner made a motion to pay the bills as listed and acknowledge the bank transfers. Supervisor DeVault seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, Supervisor DeVault, Supervisor Sentner were in favor, Supervisor Mohr was absent, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: - None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Authorization for Staff and Solicitor to move forward on Plan SWL
 - a. Memo from Manager Daniel DeLong

Memo from Manager DeLong asks the Board of Supervisors for authorization to proceed with advertising of the LVPC Plan SWL.

MOTION: Supervisor Sentner made a motion to authorize Staff and Solicitor to proceed with advertising as needed to move forward toward adoption of Plan SWL. Supervisor DeVault seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, Supervisor DeVault, Supervisor Sentner were in favor, Supervisor Mohr was absent, motion carried.

DEP MODULES / SEWAGE PLANNING: - None

PLANNING COMMISSION – OLD BUSINESS: -

- 1.) Septic Agreement for Salem Bible Church Land Development-Resolution 2017-033
 - a. Memo from Planning Coordinator Brian Miller

MOTION: Supervisor Sentner made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-033 Septic agreement with Salem Bible Church. Supervisor DeVault seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, Supervisor DeVault, Supervisor Sentner were in favor, Supervisor Mohr was absent, motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION – NEW BUSINESS: - None

SUBDIVISIONS – IMPROVEMENTS: -

- 1.) Fields at Indian Creek Phase 1 Time Extension Request
 - a. Letter from Kay Builders

Kay Builders requested a 365 day time extension for the improvements for the Fields at Indian Creek Phase 1. Agreement expires June 15, 2017.

MOTION: Supervisor Sentner made a motion to approve the improvements time extension for Fields at Indian Creek Phase 1 to expire June 15, 2018 providing all fees are paid and the security bond is extended. Supervisor DeVault seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, Supervisor DeVault, Supervisor Sentner were in favor, Supervisor Mohr was absent, motion carried.

- 2.) Acceptance of the improvements agreement with Stone Ridge Estates.
 - a. Agreement from Stone Ridge Estates

MOTION: Supervisor Sentner made a motion to approve the improvements agreement with Stone Ridge Estates. Supervisor DeVault seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, Supervisor DeVault, Supervisor Sentner were in favor, Supervisor Mohr was absent, motion carried.

- 3.) Crossings at Indian Creek Time Extension Request
 - a. Letter from Omega Homes

Omega Homes Indian Mill Creek Subdivision improvements agreement expires on August 10, 2017. They are requesting a 365 day extension.

MOTION: Supervisor Sentner made a motion to approve the improvements agreement time extension for Omega Homes Indian Mill Creek Subdivision to expire August 10, 2018 providing all fees are paid and the security bond is extended. Supervisor DeVault seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, Supervisor DeVault, Supervisor Sentner were in favor, Supervisor Mohr was absent, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Not Needed

OTHER ISSUES: - None

REPORTS:

Emergency Services Report: Report is posted on the website

FIRE COMPANIES:

Emmaus Library: Summer reading program began June 12th and will complete August 19th. There are programs gear toward all ages.

Township Emergency Management Coordinator:

Bill Stahler – Not Present
James Krippe-Deputy- Not Present

Recreation Commission: Not Present

Supervisors:

Daniel Mohr – Not Present

Robert Sentner – None

George DeVault – DEP has issued PennDOT the permit to fix the culvert on Vera Cruz Road. However; we do not know when those repairs will be completed.

Township Manager:

Dan DeLong – State Police Tax Nothing new. Service Electric TV Cable contract has been received by the Township and directed to Solicitor Fisher. The franchise fee is at the maximum commission allowed for cable Franchises and includes the senior citizen discount. The fee is around \$118,000.00 for this year. The Solicitor did extend an offer to RCN to contact the township to bring RCN through the Township. As of this date we have not heard from them. PennDOT also repaired that washout on St Peter's Rd between Bachman and Lazor Road.

MOTION: Supervisor Sentner made a motion to authorize staff and solicitor to take necessary steps to bring the agreement before the Board. Supervisor DeVault seconded the motion. Both were in favor motion carried.

Assistant Manager:

Bud Carter – The Township took delivery of the new tractor June 14, 2017.

We are still looking for resident volunteers for the Emergency Services Committee.

Francis Caputo stated he had brought concerns about the site distance at Tank Farm and Buckeye Road. This has been fixed. He would also like to express thanks for the light at Mill Rd and Chestnut St. He also said PennDOT is going to put a sign up traveling toward Emmaus at the Trapdoor Restaurant noting the traffic light ahead.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM

Chairman George DeVault

July 6, 2017
Date

Secretary/Treasurer Jessi O'Donald