

Upper Milford Township
Board of Supervisors
Township Building, Old Zionsville, PA 18068
March 21st, 2019 at 7:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Supervisors; Robert Sentner, Joyce Moore, and Daniel Mohr: Township Manager Edward Carter: Planning Coordinator Brian Miller; Solicitor Marc Fisher; Office Assistant Kyle Walbert

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

A Moment of silence was taken to acknowledge the passing of former Township Manager Linden Miller.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

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.

The Joint EAC is holding their annual Earth Day Event, Saturday April 13th, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Emmaus Community Park. There will be electronics recycling and paper shredding along with the community clean-up portion. Please consider joining them to help clean up our community. Information is listed on the website.

Information for the April 15th Miller Keystone Blood Drive is listed on our website. Please schedule your appointment and help us reach our donation goal of 16 pints.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Public in the audience attending the meeting on behalf of the Allen Street complaint: Gerald Reinbold Jr, Dennis Reinbold, Sean Reinbold of 4350 Winfield St., Robert Miller and Robert Miller Jr. 3720 John St., Dennis Bednarski of Lower Macungie Township (frequent traveler of Allen St.), Craig Chubirka of 3719 John St., Timothy Skeath of 3830 Chestnut St., and William Ginder or 3690 John St., 4371 Winfield St, and 3674 John St.

Gerald Reinbold Jr. stated that there has been an issue at Mike Krauss's property of 3720 Allen St. for years. He stated all of the people in the neighborhood refer to it as the junkyard. He said he spoke with Alan Brokate on multiple occasions about this issue. He gave Alan 6 months to do something about the issue and he then asked Alan again. He was told there never was a notice sent to Mr. Krauss. Mr. Reinbold listed all of the vehicles, equipment, and other things located in visible sight line on a 1/3 acre property. He also mentioned the vehicles parked on Public Street and in the public right of way that are both unlicensed and unregistered. Mr. Reinbold submitted photos of the property and the things in Mr. Krauss's yard along with the vehicles on the street. Mr. Reinbold continued to discuss the issues with Allen St. property and the illegally parked cars on the street. Mr. Reinbold said because of the safety issues of these vehicles blocking sight distances on the already narrow street, if his grandson gets hurt we can

guarantee that we will come back with an attorney and will be suing the Township, Mr. Krauss and the State Police. Mr. Reinbold requests that the township take action on this property because not only is it illegal to have a junkyard going on at his property but it is also a safety hazard to all of the people living in this neighborhood.

Supervisor Robert Sentner asked if anyone else had anything to add.

Robert Miller Jr. stated Mr. Reinbold pretty much addressed the issues. He also added that the kids that play along these houses have no sight distance and are dealing with blind spots because of all of the illegal cars parked along the street. It is dangerous for them to play outside. He also mentions that because of the junk and vehicles there you cannot get any emergency vehicles down the street because everything is blocking the right of way.

Gerald Reinbold added more about the vehicles on the street, parked illegally.

Supervisor Robert Sentner recommended that Township Manager Bud Carter and Zoning Officer Alan Brokate to have a meeting on this issue and figure out the next to step to getting the concerns addressed properly.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Approval of the March 7th, 2019 Workshop and Regular meeting minutes.

MOTION: Supervisor Moore made motion to accept the Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS:

GENERAL FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7096 - Check No's. **18272 to 18300** in the amount of **\$85,167.38**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BANK TRANSFERS:

Transfer No. 2019-18 & 2019-19

MOTION: Supervisor Moore made a motion pay the March 7th 2019 bills as read and acknowledge the bank transfers. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Approval of Recreation Committee recommendation for Jasper Park Playground.
 - a. Memo from Office Assistant, Kyle Walbert

Kyle read the memo to the board of supervisors. Stating that the playground equipment at Jasper Park is outdated and rotting. It has been there for 24 years and is time to replace it. The new equipment is slated to last 50 years or more. The price for the new equipment is \$49,999.00 from Boyce Associates on the Costars-14 contract.

MOTION: Supervisor Moore made a motion to approve the purchase of new playground equipment from recommendation from the Recreation Committee in the amount of \$49,999.00 as per Kyle's memo. Supervisor Sentner seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried.

- 2.) Appraisal approval request regarding Natural Resources Conversation Easement.
 - a. Memo from Planning Coordinator, Brian Miller

Brian explained that he is working on a Natural Resource Conservation Easement for a 42 acre wooded property within the Township. He is at the part of the process where the Township must get an appraisal done of the property to see what the Easement value is. The appraisal will cost \$1,700.00 per Agrarian Associates. We have used Agrarian Associates for several other agricultural appraisals and is more than capable of providing us with a similar easement appraisal for this project.

MOTION: Supervisor Moore made a motion to approve the appraisal as requested at \$1,700. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: - No Report

DEP MODULES / SEWAGE PLANNING: - None

PLANNING COMMISSION – OLD BUSINESS: - None

PLANNING COMMISSION – NEW BUSINESS: - None

SUBDIVISIONS – IMPROVEMENTS: - None

CORRESPONDENCE: - None

OTHER ISSUES: - None

REPORTS:

Emergency Services Committee Report: Reviewed by laws at last meeting on March 20, 2019.

Township Emergency Management Coordinator:

James Krippe: Attending training through the county and quarterly meeting is on 3/28/2019

Emergency Services Call Report: February Report Posted to Website

Fire Companies: Jason Tapler reported for Citizen's that they have installed the rescue equipment that was approved for purchase. Supervisor Sentner requested that a receipt be submitted to the township for records.

Emmaus Library: No Report

Recreation Commission: No Report

Supervisors:

Daniel Mohr – No Report
Joyce Moore – No Report
Robert Sentner – No Report

Township Manager:

Bud Carter – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: - Needed for Real Estate and legal matters. Session began at 8:00 PM. Session ended at 8:11 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Chairman Robert Sentner

04/04/2019
Date

Secretary/Treasurer Jessi O'Donald