

Upper Milford Township
Board of Supervisors
Township Building, Old Zionsville, PA 18068
December 17th, 2020 starting at 7 pm.
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Supervisors: Joyce K. Moore, Daniel J. Mohr, Robert C. Sentner; Manager: Edward Carter; Planning Coordinator Brian Miller; Solicitor Marc Fisher; Secretary Jessi O'Donald

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm. (Delay due to technical difficulties)

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This meeting is being broadcast over Zoom and the recording will aid in the preparation of minutes and for other such purposes as the Board sees fit. All virtual participants of this meeting have been muted except for the Board of Supervisors and Township Staff.

There was an opportunity to submit public input via email or phone prior to 4 pm this afternoon. For those joining us this evening we ask that anyone who would like to speak, state their name and address the Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Approval of December 3rd 2020 Workshop and Regular meeting minutes.

MOTION: Supervisor Sentner made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Hearing no questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS:

GENERAL FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7096 - Check No's. 19914 to 19942 in the amount of \$74371.43

STREET LIGHT FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7125 - Check No 1360 in the amount of \$2,171.70

ESCROW FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7109 - Check No. 155 & 156 in the amount of \$8,300.00

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BANK TRANSFERS:

Transfer No's 2020-075 to 2020-080

MOTION: Supervisor Mohr made a motion to approve the bills as read and acknowledge the bank transfers. Supervisor Sentner seconded the motion. Hearing no questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

1.) Reith – land development

Planning Coordinator Brian Miller discussed the conversation from the last meeting and acknowledged that there has been an agreement made on the wording for the land development plan in relation to the parcel corner in question. Supervisor Sentner asked Frank Reith if he was good with the agreement. Frank Reith spoke his approval of the wording.

The Planning Commissions recommended approval for the Reith Land development based of the information from the Ott Consulting Inc. Letter from November 30th, 2020.

MOTION: Supervisor Sentner made a motion to approve the waivers and land development in conjunction with items set forth in the Planning Commission recommendations and Ott Consulting Inc. letter dated November 30th, 2020. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Hearing no further questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried.

2.) Animal Control Contract – Haafsville/LC Human Society

Secretary O'Donald explained that the Lehigh County Humane Society has offered a contract for Upper Milford Township for a set rate for 2021. They can accommodate all friendly cats and stray dogs that are found within the Township. The Trap/Neuter/Release program is offered at a cap of 20 cats for the year which they feel should be sufficient according to the numbers over the last two years. This contract also gives the Township the availability of their Humane Officer is one should be needed as well can contract rates for our residents at the Vet Care Clinic. The Haafsville Contract was offered at a set rate for turnover stray dogs and friendly cats. They however do not have the vet care clinic or a Humane Officer. They were also limited on the number of Stray Dogs and friendly cats to what the price of the contract was. Dogs were charged at \$110.00 and Friendly cats were charged at \$50.00, along with TNR at \$50.00 per cat with a resident copay of \$15.00. Once our max charge was reached they would not be able to take in any more animals for the year unless we agreed to pay more money.

There was a brief discussion of past practice from the LCHS. It was discussed that the Humane Society is under new management with a new mission and is not the same as it had been years ago. Their mission is more outreach and helping with the Clinic to help keep more animals in their current homes.

MOTION: Supervisor Sentner made a motion to approve the contract with the Lehigh County Humane Society for 2021 as presented. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion. Hearing now questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Resolution 2020-038- Moore Farm Preservation

Preservation of parcels at 5502 and 5551 Geissing Rd. These properties are bordered by already preserved lands and fit into the Township map for preservation. The appraisal was \$1,115.00 over the County limit of \$6,000 per acre. The County is requesting a Resolution from the Township if the Township is interested in adding the additional money per acre to preserve this land.

MOTION: Supervisor Sentner made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-038 allowing the Solicitor or Township Manager to sign any and all paper work to facilitate the easement closure and adding the additional money per acre for preservation. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Hearing no questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried.

2.) Time extension – Omega Homes- Indian Mill Creek Townhouses 180 days from 12/20/2020

There was a brief discussion as to the improvements that remain to be completed. At this point Manager Carter stated that the main item is the storm water basin. There was a site meeting recently to discuss what needed to be completed.

MOTION: Supervisor Mohr made a motion to approve the Time extension for 180 days from December 20th, 2020. Supervisor Sentner seconded the motion. Hearing no further questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried.

3.) Resolution 2020-039 – Weather Emergency for 12/16-12/17/2020

This resolution was just a formality from the issuance of the weather emergency from December 16th through December 17th.

MOTION: Supervisor Sentner made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-039 Emergency Storm Declaration for December 16th through 17th 2020. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Hearing no questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried.

DEP MODULES / SEWAGE PLANNING: - None

PLANNING COMMISSION – OLD BUSINESS: - None

PLANNING COMMISSION – NEW BUSINESS: None

SUBDIVISIONS – IMPROVEMENTS:

- 1.) Credit Release #9 for Stone Ridge Estates – Double D Lehigh L.P.
 - a. Letter from Township Engineer Jeffery Ott

MOTION: Supervisor Sentner made a motion to approve credit release No. 9 for Double D Lehigh LP's Stone Ridge Estates for \$56,225.98 per the letter from Township Engineer Jeffery Ott dated December 8th, 2020. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Hearing no questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OTHER ISSUES: - None

REPORTS:

Emergency Services Committee Report: No Report

Township Emergency Management Coordinator: N/A

Emergency Services Call Report: Report on website

Fire Companies: No Report

Emmaus Library: No Report

Recreation Commission: No Report

Supervisors:

Daniel Mohr – He hoped everyone made it through the snow ok.

Robert Sentner – Agro-tourism Bill veto by Governor Wolfe.-He stated that he was going to talk about this, then understood that there was much more included then he had first thought and hopes that it is introduced as a stand-alone bill in the near future.

Joyce Moore – Be careful in the snow. Wash your hands and take precautions this Holiday Season.

Township Manager:

Bud Carter – Thank you to Public Works. They did a tremendous job of clearing the snow through the storm. They are a good groups of guys and worked hard. Kyle did well his first storm in a truck.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: - Not needed

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Chairperson

01/04/2021

Date

Secretary Jessi O'Donald