

Upper Milford Township
Board of Supervisors
Township Building, Old Zionsville, PA 18068
May 4th, 2023, 7pm
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Supervisors, Joyce K. Moore, John D. Zgura, Daniel J. Mohr; Manager Edward Carter, Solicitor Marc Fisher; Planning Coordinator Brian Miller; Secretary/Treasurer Jessi O'Donald

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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:

Jim Krippe: Jim wondered why Manager Carter's statement of the helicopter not landing at the municipal center wasn't in the minutes. Manager Carter explained that his comment was a question. The question asked of Mr. Krippe was, when did the helicopter land at the municipal building other than the two times for Community Day. Jim asked about pre-planning for emergencies.

Lennart Marten: His neighbor is the EMS pilot. His neighbor stated that the requirement is 75 feet by 75 feet and a pilot can land in a small space depending on the circumstances. That the discretion is up to the pilot.

Jim Krippe: Jim commented that space was not NFPA standard.

Phil Casey: Asked about the open end grain on the wooden deck on the Quarry Road bridge. He asked if the open ends would be sealed. He also asked about the cement ends. Manager Carter explained that the concrete ends were what the temp bridge sat on and then put in place after the bridge was completed. The bridge was of the same type of installation as the Yeakel's Mill Rd bridge done several years ago. The standard hasn't changed.

Randy Kraft: Linda Lane – Randy had emailed the Township office about the traffic on the short part of Linda Lane. Since he hadn't received a response, he came to the meeting. He asked for No Outlet signs and barricades at the end of the road prior to the trail for the new development. Manager Carter said a no outlet sign will be installed and he will reach out to the developer about the barricades.

Colt Hershinger: Colt wanted to make a correction on the last meeting. He states it's not a curtesy but a law to allow public input prior to a vote on a motion.

Solicitor Fisher repeated his statement about allowing public input and that Upper Milford has a public input time and that meets the law, however; Upper Milford allows more conversation.

Colt felt that was not correct and public input should be asked for at each motion.

Phil Casey: Phil explained that maybe Colt is feeling that his input wasn't being received and that he should be called on.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Approval of April 20th, 2023, regular meeting minutes.

MOTION: Supervisor Zgura 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. **22120 to 22165** in the amount of **\$50,761.15**

ESCROW FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7109 - Check No's. **178** in the amount of **\$2,248.80**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BANK TRANSFERS:

No Transfers

MOTION: Supervisor Mohr made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Supervisor Zgura seconded the motion. Supervisor Moore asked if there were comments from the audience, Phil Casey spoke about the accident with the kids speeding over the tracks and asked if there was anything the Township can do to stop the speeding, Supervisor Mohr stated that it has been going on a long time and there are already signs and lights at the tracks, hearing no further questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No Report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Resolution 2023-020 – Workers Comp Acknowledgement for Fire Companies

This resolution must be adopted at the beginning of each new policy period, per new insurance regulations. This makes sure volunteer fire company members are covered during their activities. This is the same resolution as last year. Last year started the change in the law that required these resolutions each year.

MOTION: Supervisor Zgura made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-020. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. There were no comments, all were in favor, motion carried.

- 2.) Nikola Enterprises Holding Tank Agreement
 - a. SEO Brian Miller

The holding tank agreement has been vetted by the Solicitor and signed by the property owner and is before you tonight for approval. The property has an existing well and garage. There is no room on the property for a septic system.

MOTION: Supervisor Zgura made a motion to accept the Holding Tank agreement with Nikola Enterprises at 6331 Batman Rd. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. There were no comments, all were in favor, motion carried.

DEP MODULES / SEWAGE PLANNING: - None

PLANNING COMMISSION – OLD BUSINESS: - None

PLANNING COMMISSION – NEW BUSINESS: None

SUBDIVISIONS – IMPROVEMENTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

1.) T. Carl Resignation letter

Thomas Carl wrote, “I would like to thank the Upper Milford Board of Supervisors for the opportunity to serve on the Emergency Services Committee. Please let this letter serve as formal notice of my resignation as a member and the vice chairman of this Committee, as of the date of this letter. At this time my other commitments have become too great for me to be able to effectively fulfill the requirements of my position on the Committee, and I feel it is best for the Township to make room for someone with the time and energy to devote to the position.”

MOTION: Supervisor Mohr made a motion to accept Thomas Carl’s resignation from the ESC and thank him for his time. Supervisor Zgura seconded the motion. There were no comments, all were in favor, motion carried.

OTHER ISSUES: - None

REPORTS:

Emergency Services Committee Report: No Report

Township Emergency Management Coordinator: N/A

Emergency Services Call Report: No Report

Fire Companies: No Report

Emmaus Library: No Report

Recreation Commission: No Report

Township Manager:

Bud Carter – No Report

Supervisors:

John D. Zgura – 2 Sundays ago there was a fire at 4949 Beck Rd. The barn was built in 1835 and was in John’s family since the 1920’s. John took his excavator over to help move things around for the Fire Companies. He was there from 5:30 to 9:00 pm. There were 9 companies responding. John noted that Chief of station #19 #28 Kris Bawden handled things very professionally and

respectfully at the scene. He stated that he has a new appreciation for the sacrifices these volunteers make when a call comes in. He wanted to make sure there was a public thank you expressed for all their hard work.

Daniel J. Mohr – April 24th Dan went out to PSATS Convention. He took a class with Jerry Ozog, who was out here at the Township prior to the ESC to help direct what the companies could do to make things better, he saw that not much has changed and there was much new offered. He feels it's just to find a balance between helping and not trying to control the Fire Companies.

Joyce K. Moore – Today is International Fire Fighters Day and she wanted to note how grateful she was for the response to the barn fire. Thank you to all who responded, and she was glad there were no injuries.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: - Not needed.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Chairperson Joyce K. Moore

05/18/2023
Date

Secretary Jessi O'Donald