

Upper Milford Township
Board of Supervisors
Township Building, Old Zionsville, PA 18068
July 20th, 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

Meeting called to order at 7:35 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: None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Approval of July 6th, 2023, regular meeting minutes.

MOTION: Supervisor Mohr made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Supervisor Zgura 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. **22311 to 22347** in the amount of **\$107,764.13**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BANK TRANSFERS:

No Transfers

MOTION: Supervisor Zgura made a motion to pay the bills as read. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Hearing no questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

1.) Trash Concerns discussion – continued

After the July 6th meeting the Township sent out a survey regarding the trash hauling concerns. Most responding residents have been able to sign up with another hauler. They have also had their trash and recycling picked up by Blosenski or the new hauler. Little Lehigh Acres has been added to the Reiss Hauling & Recycling Inc area and most have been able to sign up with Reiss or with Randy's Trash. We received 105 responses to that survey. Out of the 105 responses 70 left contact information for follow-up. On Monday, we sent a second survey to those 70 homes asking for updated information. Out of that we received 26 responses with eight leaving contact information for

follow-up. I have spoken with seven out of those eight residents. They are happy the Township is following up on this concern. They also request that the Township gage the desire for a common carrier. Blosenski had finally picked up trash and recycling after many missed weeks for a few residents. Currently, it seems as though everyone's needs are taken care of. Neighbors are helping each other until the new service starts. We are still trying to find another hauling option for Upper Milford Township. I have been told that some of the haulers are waiting to see if they are able to add drivers prior to expanding into Upper Milford Township. I have sent the hauler registration form to a few.

Dan Mohr stated that he saw Blosenski picking up bins and passed two brand new Whitetail trucks on a route. Secretary O'Donald stated that there is a class action investigation into Blosenski's hauling stoppage. Supervisor Moore thanked Staff for all their hard work. Colt Hershinger asked if the Township had to do anything to rectify the Little Lehigh Acres concerns. Manager Carter stated that Blosenski did pick up twice. Secretary O'Donald stated that Reiss Disposal added Little Lehigh Acres to their hauling route and Randy's picked up everything that Blosenski didn't pick up and helped a lot. Jim Krippe stated his neighbor puts her trash out and it ends up all over the road. He asked what could be done. It was suggested that he ask her to put it out in a can.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Discussion on Street Sweeper – The current street sweeper is a 2012 International with a Maxxforce 7 engine that is not rebuildable. The sweeper has 29,907 miles and 4174 hours on the engine. Even though the miles are low there is a lot of slow driving so the hours are what need to be looked at. Lowe & Moyer has given an estimate of \$46,755 to replace the vehicle engine but they couldn't give an estimate on when they could get it fixed. The concern at that point is the hours on it and the second engine that moves the sweeper brushes and the inner hopper that is worn. Is it worth the cost of the engine to then be obligated to replace the second engine and the hopper. Public Works has been welding plates into the hopper to prolong the life, but they can only do so much. The cost of a new Street Sweeper is approximately \$300,000.00. The options are, purchase of a new sweeper, fix the current one, contract out street sweeping.

Colt Hershinger asked if the engine can be replaced with a different engine. Manager Carter stated it can still be driven as it's not torn down yet. Jim Krippe stated that sweepers are abused with the dust. Phil asked about taking it for another estimate. Angela Ashbrooke asked if the Township was using the street sweeping for MS4 credit. Manager Carter stated that we are not, but we don't know what the next MS4 cycle will bring. Phil suggested another way to pressure test the engine. John Zgura and Joyce Moore asked how much street sweeping would cost to contract. Manager Carter stated Asphalt Maintenance estimate would increase our oil and chip road bids would increase by \$5,000 - \$6,000. That also would not sweep any other roads after storm flooding.

Angela Ashbrook stated that if the replacement cost is \$300,000 then a contract for anything less than \$23,000 for the year would save money. Colt Hershinger asked if the sweeper could be taken to 5star international for a second opinion. Jim Krippe asked if there was COVID money left. Stan Cupp asked if it would be a liquid fuels purchase. Treasurer O'Donald stated the ARPA funds remaining at \$790,000.00. Liquid Fuels Fund has one more payment left on the last truck before we could use that for a lease to purchase.

The Board asked staff to get more information for the next meeting.

DEP MODULES / SEWAGE PLANNING: - None

PLANNING COMMISSION – OLD BUSINESS:

- 1.) Approval of revised Indian Mill Creek Plan
 - a. Letter from Planning Coordinator Brian Miller

At their meeting on 7/5/23 the Planning Commission reviewed the revised Record Plan for the Indian Mill Creek Subdivision. The revised plan includes removal of a walking path through the central open space area, a tennis court in place of a basketball court & the removal of an easement for a turnaround area at the end of John Street. The Planning Commission recommended approving the revised Record Plan.

MOTION: Supervisor Zgura made a motion to approve the revised Indian Mill Creek Plan as recommended by the planning commission in Brian Miller’s letter dated July 18th, 2023. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Hearing no questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION – NEW BUSINESS: None

SUBDIVISIONS – IMPROVEMENTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1.) Request for Fire Police from Emmaus PD for Wheels of Time 8/25/2023 at 1800 hours.
 - a. letter from Deputy Chief Bryan Hamscher

The Emmaus Police Department requests permission to use Upper Milford Fire Police for traffic control as mutual aid for the Wheels of Time Caravan at 1800 hours on August 25th, 2023.

MOTION: Supervisor Zgura made a motion to allow Special Fire Police assistance for the Wheels of Time car parade as requested in Bryan Hamscher’ s letter dated July 12th, 2023. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Hearing no questions or 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: Next meeting will be August 21st at Arrowhead Park

Township Manager:

Bud Carter – No Report

Supervisors:

John D. Zgura – John stated that he feels we need to spend more time looking at what the needs will be in 10-15 years.

Joyce K. Moore – Thanked everyone for what they do for the township and having these conversations.

Daniel J. Mohr – Vera Cruz Community Association Homecoming is August 20th. The advertising book is being finalized and they need volunteers for that day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: - Not needed.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm then reopened for Dean Marks to share a concern about a neighbor. The meeting was then adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Chairperson Joyce K. Moore

August 3rd, 2023
Date

Secretary/Treasurer Jessi O'Donald