

Upper Milford Township
Board of Supervisors
Township Building, Old Zionsville, PA 18068
December 19th, 2024, 7pm
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Supervisors: John Zgura, Daniel Mohr & Angela Ashbrook, Manager Bud Carter, Solicitor Marc Fisher, Secretary/Treasurer Jessi O'Donald

Meeting 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.

There is no Supervisors meeting on Thursday January 2nd. The Re-organizational meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday January 6th at 7pm. Auditors meeting s Tuesday, January 7th at 4 pm.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Approval of December 5th, 2024, regular meeting minutes.

MOTION: Supervisor Mohr made a motion to accept the December 5th, 2024, minutes as presented. Supervisor Ashbrook 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. **23489 to 23525** in the amount of **\$118,315.50**

STREET LIGHT FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7125 - Check No. **1412** in the amount of **\$2,987.38**

OPEN SPACE REFERENDUM FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7146 – Check No.'s **1030 & 1031** in the amount of **\$3,290.80**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BANK TRANSFERS:

No Transfers

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No Report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Citizens Fire Truck Proposal – Refer to ESC

Chief Kris Bawden, Assistant Chief Lucas Andrews and Deputy Chief Kyle Reiss explained the proposed fire truck. This truck is a Freightliner chassis with engine tanker body through Rosenbauer. The truck is specified with a 2500-gallon tank, 1500 gpm pump and a 20-gallon foam cell, with 500 horse power engine and an Allison transmission. The truck is 10' 3" tall and 36'4" long which is a fraction smaller than the current vehicle. The truck is needed as the 2001 truck it will replace is costing money regularly on repairs and even more than the 1990's truck that is older yet.

Supervisor Zgura asked if this truck will fit in the driveways needed to. Chief Bawden expressed that it will fit as it is similar in size as the current truck. Supervisor Zgura ask about winter chains. Lucas stated the truck is equipped with instant chains as it is on the spec, but they have discussed a deal with the manufacture for wheel chain as well. There was also a question about the truck cab set up. Kris explained that the set up as shown in the diagram is two in front and four across the back. Two of those seats are on the wall and can drop down when needed. This allowed the truck to be the correct size to fit in their fire house.

Kris explained that while waiting on the grant awards they understand their will be a price increase. The sales represented said the increase will be around 4% after the beginning of the year. Lucas explained they can also save around \$23,000.00 if they can pay the truck chassis in full at order. The total cost of the truck is 1.3 million dollars.

Phil Casey asked if this truck was a higher capacity than the current truck. Lucas stated it was.

MOTION: Supervisor Mohr made a motion to acknowledge the receipt of request for future funds from the Fire Company Reserve account, to copy Western District Fire Company with the specification information and refer the Fire Truck request to purchase to the Emergency Services Committee for review and recommendation. Supervisor Ashbrook seconded the motion. Hearing no further 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: None

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: Both Companies reminded everyone that their Santa runs will be Saturday 12/20. See their Facebook pages and websites for the details.

Emmaus Library: Lisa Marten reported that the library has hired Allison Floray as the new Library Director. Her tentative start date is January 6th, 2025.

Recreation Commission: Next meeting is January 20th, 2025, at 7pm here in the meeting room.

Township Manager:

Bud Carter – Bud reported that the current Tax Collector will not be seeking re-election for 2026

Supervisors:

Daniel J. Mohr – The Vera Cruz Community Association held their holiday party at the Citizen's Fire Company Social Hall. Some of the Fire Fighters attended. A nice time was had by all.

Angela Ashbrook – No Report

John D. Zgura – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: - The Board of Supervisors will hold an executive session after the adjournment of the regular meeting to discuss a legal matter. No decision will be made.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Chairman

January 6th, 2025

Date

Secretary/Treasurer Jessi O'Donald