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UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 @ 7 PM
AT THE COMMUNITY PARK
1535 POTOMAC ST MT. BETHEL PA 18343

*This meeting was live streamed through the Upper Mount Bethel Township Facebook page.

PART I

1. Call to Order-Chairman Bermingham Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll Call-Present were Chairman Bermingham Jr., Supervisor Pinter, Supervisor Teel, Supervisor Due, Supervisor DeFranco, Township Engineer Coyle, Township Manager Nelson, and Township Solicitor Karasek.
4. Approve the Agenda-**MOTION** by Supervisor Pinter to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 5-0.

PART II (Public Comment-Emailed comment will be part of the official record)

PART III (Announcements)

Supervisor DeFranco announced the fundraiser over the weekend, held at Hillside Smokehouse, for Princess Gracie, who is currently going through chemotherapy, unofficially raised \$11,000 and that Lou Pektor will be making a donation of \$7,500.

Chairman Bermingham Jr. announced that a "Reverse" Halloween Parade, to be held on October 31st, is being discussed. Further details will be announced when finalized.

Chairman Bermingham Jr. announced he would like to have Fireworks in honor of Veterans Day.

Chairman Bermingham Jr. announced he will be having office hours on Thursday, September 17, 6:30-7:30 pm at the Township Building.

Chairman Bermingham Jr. announced that today is Stavros Barbounis birthday.

PART IV (Approve the Minutes)

1. Special Meeting Minutes-August 10, 2020-**MOTION** by Supervisor Pinter to approve the August 10, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0.
2. Meeting Minutes-August 10, 2020-**MOTION** by Supervisor Pinter to approve the August 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0.

3. Meeting Minutes-August 26, 2020-**MOTION** by Supervisor Teel to approve the August 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Supervisor Pinter. Vote: 5-0.
4. Public Hearing and Special Meeting Minutes-August 31, 2020-**MOTION** by Supervisor Pinter to approve the Public Hearing and Special Meeting Minutes, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0.
5. Special Meeting Minutes-September 9, 2020-**MOTION** by Supervisor Pinter to approve the Special Meeting Minutes, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0.

PART V (Reports)

1. Financial-Bill List-Manager Nelson read the bill list. **MOTION** by Supervisor Pinter to pay the bills in the amount of \$591,201.43, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 5-0. Supervisor Pinter asked what is happening with the outstanding balance of \$2,320.15 for the Cartwright Cobra. Manager Nelson stated he has called numerous times, but will continue to attempt to collect the balance owed.

PART VI (Action Agenda-matters to be voted on)

1. Refuse Reductions, Application Refunds, and Exonerations-**MOTION** by Supervisor Pinter to approve the Refuse Reductions, Application Refunds, and Exonerations, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 5-0.
2. AMS (Roadway Seal Coat) Approval for Final Payment-Engineer Coyle discussed his recommendation for approval to process the final payment of \$317,070.77 to AMS. Supervisor DeFranco stated this was already approved in the bill list.
3. Kobalt Construction (Replacement of River Rd. Bridge No. 2) Approval for payment #1. Engineer Coyle discussed his recommendation for approval of payment #1 in the amount of \$65,916.90 to Kobalt Construction. **MOTION** by Supervisor DeFranco to approve payment #1 for \$65,916.90 to Kobalt Construction, seconded by Supervisor Pinter. Vote: 5-0.
4. Pro Fence (Basketball Court Fencing) Approval for Payment 2 and 3 (Final)-Engineer Coyle discussed his recommendation of payment #2 in the amount of \$10,667.63 and the final payment (#3) in the amount of \$1,629.60, total \$12,297.23. **MOTION** by Supervisor Pinter to approve payment 2 and 3 (final) in the amount of \$12,297.23 to Pro Fence, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0.
5. Road Crew Contract Negotiations-Supervisor Due stated that he would like the Board to approve of himself and Manager Nelson to negotiate the Road Crew Contract. Supervisor DeFranco stated he would like Supervisor Pinter to also be involved in the negotiations. **MOTION** by Supervisor DeFranco to approve of Supervisor Due, Supervisor Pinter, and Manager Nelson to negotiate the Road Crew Contract, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 4-0-1. Supervisor Pinter abstained.
6. MTF Grant-Manager Nelson discussed the MTF (Multimodal Transportation Fund) grant in the amount of \$325,000.00. It is designed to support certain transportation infrastructure improvements. Manager Nelson stated this will be used for the traffic light and the process is already underway.

PART VII (Old Business)

1. Ambulance-Chairman Bermingham Jr. stated he would like the Board to start thinking about getting an ambulance. Chairman Bermingham Jr. stated he will reach out to Suburban and try to get a quote from them.

2. Freedom Systems-Manager Nelson discussed the accounting package from Freedom Systems, which will replace Quick Books. Manager Nelson stated they are going to send a contract and agreement for the Board to review.

PART VIII (New Business)

1. Fireworks-Chairman Bermingham Jr. stated that since we did not have a 4th of July Fireworks celebration, he would like to consider having something for Veterans Day, it would be great way to celebrate our Veterans. Chairman Bermingham Jr. stated he will provide updates when he has more information.

PART IX (Public Comment)

Solicitor Karasek Report-Solicitor Karasek stated he spoke with the attorney for Mr. Pektor and discussed amendments to the Text Amendment for the Board to consider. The following were discussed:

- 1) 25' + the height of the building, not to exceed 125'.
- 2) A loop road completely around the buildings, to act as an emergency fire lane.
- 3) There should be no more than 6 (six) 100' buildings and there should no more than 2 (two) million sq. ft. buildings.
- 4) A map that will depict where the 100' buildings will be constructed.

Solicitor Karasek stated that any changes made will have to be reviewed by the LVPC, the Township Planning Commission and a Public Hearing will have to be held.

Supervisor Due stated the concerns of the Dark Skies (light pollution).

MOTION by Supervisor Pinter to move forward with the amendment to the amendment, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Chairman Bermingham Jr. stated he is at a loss, why didn't we wait the 30 days, and a week later changes are being made. Vote: 4-1. Chairman Bermingham Jr. voting no.

Charlie Kull asked who is going to pay for the fire trucks to cover the buildings. Solicitor Karasek stated that what he hopes will happen is a certain percentage per foot per building will be collected and those funds be used for emergency services.

Ron Angle commended the Board for doing an excellent job with the negotiations.

Supervisor DeFranco asked Chief Potter how they would have handled an emergency at the Met-Ed towers. Chief Potter responded they would have used whatever fire truck was available.

George Walley asked how Request for Actions are handled. Mr. Walley discussed his concerns of the operation of Hardball Cider. Manager Nelson stated there is process that is being followed but will follow up with the zoning officer. Solicitor Karasek stated that it is the zoning officer's decision how to proceed.

PART X (Executive Session) Adjourn to Executive Session at 8:15 pm to discuss personnel. The meeting reconvened at 8:29 pm. Chairman Bermingham Jr. stated discussed in Executive Session were personnel matters and at this time, no action will be taken.

PART XI (Adjournment) **MOTION** by Supervisor Teel to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary

Cynthia Beck

From: Robert England <robert.england@robertcengland.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 5:43 PM
To: Cynthia Beck
Subject: STOP Don't Ruin UMBT

I moved from Upper Macungie were the townships absolutely ruined a wonderful Township by allowing businesses, warehouses, trucks to overwhelm the roads and everywhere.

The trucks not only overwhelm the roads the trucks ruin the roads constantly having potholes and bumps. Take a page out of Upper Macungie book and research how they messed up a perfectly good township.

Don't do the same to Upper Mount Bethel. The people who live here will pay for it long after the township supervisors leave their seat and leave the office.

Robert England

Sent from my iPhone