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UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021 – 7:00 PM

*This meeting was held in person and live streamed through the Upper Mount Bethel Township Facebook page.

I.

Chairman Pinter called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present were Chairman Pinter, Supervisor Due, Supervisor Teel, Supervisor DeFranco, Supervisor Birmingham, Township Manager Nelson, Township Engineer Coyle, and Township Solicitor Karasek.

Public Comments:

Larry Reagle, Sunrise Blvd., stated he has complaint on the recent shoulder work that was done by the road crew, which took out his blacktopped curve that he paid for. Manager Nelson stated that he and Lindsey will come take a look to see what can be done.

Richard Wilford-Hunt, Shady Lane, read his public comment, commenting on the NID documents and contradictory statements within them.

II.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Birmingham announced that there will be a Halloween Party held at the Mt. Bethel FH on Sunday, October 31st from 12-2 and Trick or Treat will be 2:30-dusk. Donations and volunteers would be greatly appreciated. Also, there will be a Veterans Day Celebration on November 6th, with Fireworks, at the Community Park.

Supervisor Teel announced he will be attending the PSATS Business Meeting in Hershey on Friday.

Secretary Cindy Beck announced Upper Mount Bethel Township will be hosting an Electronics Recycling Event on November 20, from 9-12, which will take place at the Eastern Industries Property.

Supervisor DeFranco announced that he will be scheduling a meeting with CBRE, where the public will be invited to ask questions.

III.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the September 13, 2021, Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of the September 27, 2021, Meeting Minutes.
3. Refuse Reductions, Application Refunds and Exonerations.

MOTION by Supervisor Teel to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 5-0.

IV.

FINANCIALS

1. Bill List-Manager Nelson read the bill list. **MOTION** by Supervisor Teel to pay the bills in the amount of \$244,386.82, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 5-0.

V.

SUBDIVISIONS

1. Steve B. Ott-905-907 Sunset Dr. Conditional Final Plan Approval-Solicitor Karasek stated the Planning Commission has recommended Preliminary Final Plan Approval based on Engineer Coyle's review letter of August 17, 2021, grant easement for right-of-way along Sunset Dr., approval of subdivision by County of Northampton Farmland Preservation, SALDO waiver for Section 400.4.5 and Mr. Ott's request to waive the fees-in-lieu for one lot, since there will be no new development. **MOTION** by Supervisor Teel to approve the Conditional Final Plan, seconded by Supervisor Bermingham. Vote: 5-0.
2. Roanoke Subdivision #2-Scott Policelli discussed the subdivision which was approved by the Township in 1998 and at the time never follow through with recording the deeds. The purpose of the plan was to create one new building lot with other lots that are intended to be adjoined to other family members' existing parcels, unfortunately the unification and merger steps were never taken. Solicitor Karasek stated this has been done before and does not see any issues with the Township approving this. Scott will prepare a consolidation deed and Solicitor Karasek will a prepare a letter for the County as notice of the Township's approval. **MOTION** by Supervisor Teel to approve the Roanoke Subdivision #2, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 5-0.

VI.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Planning Commission Meetings-Manager Nelson stated with the workload that has been coming into the Planning Commission, he is asking that additional PC meetings be added, 10/27, 11/10, 11/24, 12/8, and 12/22. These will be advertised and posted on the website. **MOTION** by Supervisor Teel to approve of the additional Planning Commission Meetings, 10/27, 11/10, 11/24, 12/8, 12/22, seconded by Supervisor DeFranco. Vote: 5-0.

Manager Nelson briefly discussed a repository matter in East Bangor. Chairman Pinter asked for this to be on the October 25th meeting agenda for further discussion and possible action.

VII.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Recess to Executive Session at 7:35 pm to discuss Legal Matter, Double T Tree Service. The Meeting reconvened at 7:42 pm.

1. Legal-Chairman Pinter stated that discussed in Executive Session was a legal issue regarding Double T Tree Service, where a conversation will have to take place between Solicitor Karasek and our Zoning Officer, Matt Wojaczyk. **MOTION** by Supervisor Due to approve of the meeting between Solicitor Karasek and Matt Wojaczyk for further steps to be taken, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0.

VIII.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Supervisor DeFranco to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 4-0.

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I have three documents in my hand; the NID Ordinance, the NID Plan and the NID-MA By-Laws. All three documents were most likely written by the developer. Just like the Text Amendment.

In these documents there seems to be contradictory statements.

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In the proposed NID Plan in Section XIV Limitations on Expansion of RP-NID. Note the word limitation, it does NOT say they “will” or “can not” expand the boundaries of the NID yet in the proposed NID-MA By-Laws in Article Three it clearly states, in legal language, something very very different. It says “any request to the township to amend the ordinance, which shall include, WITHOUT limitation, any request to expand the boundaries of the RP-NID”. This “major change” can happen if 80% of the 5 directors approve. (That is 4 votes, 3 of which belong to the developer) It seems pretty clear the developer is not only going to apply this to the I-2 Zone he will use his “Management Authority” to make sure it applies to the I-3 Zone as well. He is not going to allow his hands to be tied and he is using our township to further his development and profits.

What can you do to protect our township? Before you vote on the NID Ordinance, you need to demand another seat on the Management Authority. ⁽²⁾ You need to delete the provision for expansion in the By-Laws. And you need to clarify the timeline. All MUST be done before you vote on the NID Ordinance because the approval of the NID Plan and the NID-MA become automatic at that point.

Especially important now that ^{there is talk} rumors are circulating that you are looking at expanding ~~the~~ LERTA zone(s).

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