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UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021 – 7:00 PM

*This meeting was held virtually 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.

Virtually present were Chairman Pinter, Supervisor Teel, Supervisor DeFranco, Supervisor Due, Supervisor Bermingham, Township Manager Nelson, Township Solicitor Karasek, and Township Engineer Coyle.

There was no public comment.

II.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Bermingham announced he will be having virtual office hours on Monday, February 15th, 7-8 pm.

Manager Nelson discussed the recent snowstorms. Manager Nelson is asking the residents to not push snow onto the roads, do not park cars on the roads, and to not put your trash can/bags on the roads. Manager Nelson explained how the roads get plowed and that the speed and location of the plow trucks are monitored. The Township will not repair or replace a mailbox that is damaged by the snow, only if they are hit by a truck. The Snow Emergency Ordinance is located on the Township Website. The Township is not responsible for plowing Rt. 611, Rt. 512, or Rt. 191.

III.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the January 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the January 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of the January 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes
4. Refuse Reductions, Application Refunds and Exonerations

MOTION by Supervisor Teel to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Supervisor DeFranco. 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 \$186,338.27, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 5-0.

V.

TABLED ITEMS

1. Heritage Conservancy-Solicitor Karasek discussed his conversation with Susan Caughlan, the attorney for the Heritage Conservancy, regarding the Agreement, who stated she reviewed the memo he sent to her. Ms. Caughlan stated they are preparing a conservation easement on the Zeigafuse property and would like to know if she should start the survey or wait for the signed agreement of sale. Supervisor Due stated the Zeigafuse property is a good project, he has no issue with the contract. Supervisor Bermingham stated he would like to see us move forward and that the OSAB is in favor. Solicitor Karasek stated if the Township is getting what we are paying for, he does not see a problem with the Agreement. **MOTION** by Supervisor Bermingham to move forward with signing the Agreement, contingent upon Solicitor Karasek adding a clause "the handling of unforeseen circumstances" to the Agreement, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0.
2. Overlook Pub and Restaurant-Manager Nelson stated he has been in contact with Senator Scavello's office and the PA Liquor Control Board. Manager Nelson stated he is working on exemption clause. Solicitor Karasek stated he has been in contact with Attorney Piperato, who is awaiting the packet to review the matter. Manager Nelson stated he has made a couple calls to Attorney Piperato and has not received a call back but is willing to work with him if the Board elects him to. Manager Nelson stated this is going to require some time to complete. Chairman Pinter stated he would like for Attorney Piperato to review the matter. Solicitor Karasek will send him the packet. **MOTION** by Supervisor Bermingham to table to the February 22nd meeting, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0.
3. Open Positions-Chairman Pinter discussed the open positions, Zoning Official, Alternate BCO and Alternate Solicitor, which has been advertised in the local

paper and is also on the Township website. Secretary Cindy Beck stated there have been no letters of interest submitted. Chairman Pinter stated he would like these advertised again, maybe in the PSATS news and another newspaper. **MOTION** by Supervisor Teel to re-advertise the open positions, seconded by Supervisor DeFranco. Vote: 5-0. Chairman Pinter asked for this to be placed on the March 8th meeting for an update.

VI.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mt. Bethel Fire Company Fire Truck-Chief Finan gave a summary of why they are looking to replace their primary, most used fire truck. Chief Finan stated Engine 3711 is going to be 25 years old and at this point, has been requiring more maintenance. Chief Finan stated he has concerns of the safety of the engine. Chief Finan provided the Board with three (3) proposals, Sutphen \$718,961.13, Pierce \$735,885.00 and Smeal \$769,353.00. Chairman Pinter asked Chief Finan to have a breakdown of options on the proposals, maintenance costs incurred on Engine 3711, and to also look into the cost of having Engine 3711 completely rebuilt. **MOTION** by Supervisor Due to table to March 22nd Work Session Meeting, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0.

VII.

PUBLIC COMMENT-None

VIII.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Supervisor Teel to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary

