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UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022 – 7:00 PM

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

**I.**

Vice-Chairman Teel called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present were Vice-Chairman Teel, Supervisor Due, Supervisor Friedman, Supervisor Birmingham, Township Manager Nelson, Township Engineer Coyle, and Township Solicitor Karasek. Chairman Pinter was absent.

**II.**

**APPROVE THE AGENDA**

Vice-Chairman Teel would like to amend the agenda, moving Executive Session Announcement before Public Comment. Manager Nelson stated he would like to add the Trash Contract to the agenda to Action Item #2.

**MOTION** by Supervisor Friedman to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 4-0.

**III.**

**Executive Session Announcement**-Vice-Chairman Teel stated an Executive Session was held after the meeting of November 14<sup>th</sup> adjourned. Solicitor Karasek stated that a personnel matter was discussed, and no action will be taken.

**IV.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Andy Mahan, Kovar Lane, commented on getting respect from the Manager and would like the Board to terminate Engineer Coyle. Andy discussed zoning (fences) and enforcement (neighbor's camper) issues. Andy also commented on wells on the RPL property.

Charles Cole, Riverton Rd., stated the Well Committee meeting will be held on December 1<sup>st</sup>, in which they will be reviewing the well ordinance. Charles commented on the radar speed sign not working, all you need is a warning sign. Manager Nelson stated that as soon as the rock wall project has been completed, the sign will be moved back onto Rt. 611 in Stone Church.

Judith Henckel, Robin Hood Rd., commented on the newspaper article on economic impact from the national recreation area. Judy stated that we should slow down and work together.

Catherine Buehler, Mill Creek Rd., asked for update on the meeting that was held at the site of Riverton Rd. rock wall project. Manager Nelson stated he will give an update in announcements.

## V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Manager Nelson announced that the rockfall mitigation has begun. No timeframe has been stated but they will move along as quickly as possible. Engineer Coyle will be monitoring their work. Manager Nelson stated the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will be selling Christmas Trees at the park. The Veteran's Day Celebration at the Park was successful with a great fireworks display sponsored by the Post Foundation.

Vice-Chairman Teel announced the passing of Clarence "Duke" Bloodworth. VC Teel stated he will be having a benefit auction of everything that is in Duke's Sporting Goods Store on December 17<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will be for the Bloodworth family.

## VI. ACTION ITEM

1. Resolution No. 2022-19 Component 2 Sewage Facilities Planning Module-Air Liquide Advanced Materials-Manager Nelson stated this Resolution is for a Plan Revision for New Land Development, whereas Air Liquide is proposing to increase the sanitary wastewater discharge to on lot disposal system from 799 gallons per day to 1,720 into the existing sand mounds that were previously permitted to 7,000 gallons per day. **MOTION** by Supervisor Birmingham to adopt Resolution 2022-19, seconded by Vice-Chairman Teel. Vote: 4-0.
2. Trash Contract-Manager Nelson stated that our garbage contract is up this year. We advertised and we received one bid. Waste Management was the sole bidder. Manager Nelson that our current contract is \$225 per unit, per year, and the new proposed contract is \$485 per unit, per year. Waste Management only submitted a bid for toters, one 96 gallon for garbage and one 96 gallon for recycle. Ron Carlson, WM representative, spoke briefly about the reasons behind the increase. Recycling costs, fuel costs have triples, and getting employees. VC Teel asked about senior discounts. Manager Nelson stated that is a decision the Board of Supervisors make. Chris Finan asked if the toter gets damaged, will it be the responsibility of the resident to pay for a

new one? Ron Carlson responded saying that if the toter is damaged by WM, they will replace it. Chris stated that he is concerned that this will increase garbage dumped throughout the Township. Solicitor Karasek will review the submitted proposal. Judith Henckel and Charles Cole expressed their concerns with using the toters. **MOTION** by Vice Chairman Teel to table to the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 4-0.

## VII.

### TABLED ITEMS

1. Parks/Recreation Rental Agreement & Rules/Regulations-Solicitor Karasek stated the Rental Agreement & the Rules/Regulations is acceptable. Supervisor Bermingham asked Solicitor Karasek that if the Parks/Recreation Board decides to change a rule or regulation, how would that work? Solicitor Karasek stated he can add a line to reflect that concern. Solicitor Karasek will forward the Board the most current copy of the Rules/Regulations to make certain it is acceptable. **MOTION** by Supervisor Bermingham to table to December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, with Solicitor Karasek including the language, pertaining to the Rules/Regulations, that they may be amended from time to time, as needed seconded by Supervisor Friedman. Vote: 4-0.
2. DePalma Covenant-Solicitor Karasek stated this was table from the last meeting and at this point, it is not that Township's matter. **MOTION** by Supervisor Bermingham to remove from the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Friedman. Vote: 4-0.
3. LVPC Traffic Monitoring-Supervisor Friedman stated that the LVPC is willing to monitor the traffic for the development. There is no cost to the Township for this service. There was a discussion on what kind of traffic monitoring did the LVPC do for the traffic coming out of Tatamy. Engineer Coyle questions what the overall objective to the traffic monitoring. Manager Nelson stated he has already been in contact with LV traffic engineer, and they have already been putting out monitoring devices, which they do annually for the state. Supervisor Friedman will contact the LVPC and invite them a meeting to explain what they mean by traffic monitoring. **MOTION** by Supervisor Bermingham to have Supervisor Friedman reach out to LVPC and invite them to a BOS meeting for a presentation with a question-and-answer session, seconded by Supervisor Friedman. Supervisor Due commented on the Industrial Park, which has been an Industrial Park for more than 50 years and his understanding is LVPC's main objective is infrastructure, so where is the infrastructure, they should have been working on this 50 years ago. The Slate Belt has been left out of everything. Vice Chairman Teel feels as though they should attend a Planning Commission meeting first. Supervisor Bermingham rescinds his motion. **MOTION** by Supervisor Bermingham to have Supervisor Friedman reach out to the LVPC and schedule meetings in 2023 with the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors, seconded by Supervisor Friedman. Vote: 4-0.

## VIII.

### LAND DEVELOPMENT

1. Frank's Deli and Market Final Plan Approval-Solicitor Karasek stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the 2008 SALDO waiver

Section 400.5.1, perimeter easement and Conditional Preliminary Final Plan Approval. Solicitor Karasek stated this plan has not changed in any way. **MOTION** by Supervisor Birmingham to grant the 2008 waiver, seconded by Vice Chairman Teel. Vote: 4-0. Solicitor Karasek discussed and reviewed the agreement for conditional plan approval with Engineer Coyle. **MOTION** by Supervisor Birmingham to approve the Conditional Preliminary and Final Plan Approval of the Land Development for Frank's Deli and Market, seconded by Supervisor Friedman. Vote: 4-0.

## IX. REPORTS

1. SEO-Scott Policelli was not present to discuss his monthly report, which included permits issued, inspections completed, and complaints addressed.
2. Zoning-Tina Serfass was not present to discuss her monthly report, which included applications received, reviewed, and issued. Nick Graziano, the property maintenance officer stated his report is included.
3. Accounting/Bookkeeper-Diann Eden was not present to discuss her monthly report, which included daily activities.
4. Open Space Advisory Board-Supervisor Friedman stated that the OSAB would like a waiver for the social media policy for Simone Collins to manage a website for the Master Site Plan at the Preserve, cost of \$19.00 a month. Supervisor Friedman stated the Chairperson of the OSAB should have a financial report each month for their meeting. **MOTION** by Supervisor Friedman for a waiver of the social media policy, seconded by Supervisor Birmingham. Material to meet approval of the BOS.
5. Economic Development Committee-no report.
6. Manager-Manager Nelson stated he did not prepare a written report but did report the meetings he attended, meetings with residents, repair of the used oil tank, which will now be kept locked, and now will be charged a \$5.00 fee.
7. Engineer-Engineer Coyle discussed his monthly report, which included with coordinating with contractor of the Riverton Rd. project, meetings attended, and assisted with stormwater/drainage issue at Frutchey Court and Hartzell's Ferry Rd.
8. Solicitor-Solicitor Karasek discussed his monthly report, which included meetings attended, subdivision/land development/zoning matters, and miscellaneous office matters.
9. Secretary-Cindy Beck discussed her monthly report, website maintenance, daily activities, worked on garbage bid, worked with Tina for ZHB, finalized the 2019 CIPP Grant, and prepared letters of interest for open seats for 2023.
10. Park/Rec-Stavros Barbounis discussed his monthly report, working capital campaign projects, 2023 budget, upcoming events, and the need for volunteers.
11. IT/Telecom-Stavros Barbounis discussed his monthly report, routine maintenance, website re-build/maintenance, live streaming meetings.
12. Planning Commission-Supervisor Teel stated Planning Commission will have a special meeting on water/sewer in the New Year.
13. Supervisors

- Supervisor Due announced he located the 2008 conceptual drawing of the Eastern Industries property, which will be given to Simone Collins. Supervisor Due stated he checks in with the office staff and road crew on a regular basis.
- Supervisor Friedman announced that the Well Ordinance Committee will be meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup>. They are looking to have guest speakers attend. Supervisor Friedman and Supervisor Bermingham meet with Representative Ann Flood regarding the funding for the North Bangor Fire Company.
- Supervisor Bermingham stated he has been talking with the residents in Stone Church regarding the speed radar signs. Supervisor Bermingham stated he is not making this request solely for Charlie Cole, it is for the families that live along Rt. 611. Charlie Cole stated the speed limit is 35 mph. **MOTION** by Supervisor Bermingham to have the speed radar sign that is currently on Mill Creek Rd moved back out to Rt. 611 in Stone Church, seconded by Supervisor Friedman. Vote: 4-0. Supervisor Bermingham announced the showing of My Ascension at the BASD on November 30<sup>th</sup>. There was a discussion of advertising events on the Township's Facebook. Stavros stated he pushed for the social media policy. There is a community events page where events can be posted. Maybe the Township and School district can work together on cross posting events. All Aspects is having an event on Saturday. The retirement dinner for Senator Scavello has been rescheduled for Monday December 19<sup>th</sup>. The Fire Companies will be having Santa deliveries via the Fire trucks on 12/17 4-7 and 12/18 1-4. Pots holes on Shady Lane/River Rd.
- Manager Nelson announced he will be collecting blankets for homeless Veterans.

**X.  
ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Vice Chairman Teel to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm, seconded by Supervisor Friedman. Vote: 4-0.

