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UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022 – 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 Friedman, Supervisor Birmingham, Supervisor Teel, Township Manager Nelson, and Township Solicitor Karasek. Engineer Coyle was absent.

II.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

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

III.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Wilford-Hunt, Shady Lane, stated his son's annual clean-up was a success and thanked the road crew for picking up the garbage. Richard commented on the traffic impact study.

Francis Visicaro, N. Delaware Drive, read her public comment, which will be part of the official record. Francis commented on the letters that RPL sent out requesting SALDO waivers.

Jeff Brown, Sandy Shore, commented on the zoning requirements needed to repair a set of stairs located in the Flood Plain and would like clarification on the Flood Plain Ordinance. Supervisor Teel stated the Planning Commission is meeting next Wednesday and suggested he try to attend the meeting to get more information from the Engineer on the Flood Plain Ordinance.

Gary Hilliard, Slateford Road, commented on the flooding and stated the work that the road crew completed is working. Manager Nelson stated we are just waiting for the Railroad.

Catherine Buehler, Mill Creek Road, asked for an update on the mitigation efforts on the Riverton Road closure.

Supervisor Friedman stated the Township should have a policy that if anyone from the Administration attends any meetings, there should be a disclaimer.

IV.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Friedman announced he attended the Plan Slate Belt meeting where they discussed traffic.

Supervisor Bermingham stated the Jim Comunale-Celebration of Life will be held on May 1st 1-6 at the Chelsea Sun. Supervisor Bermingham asked about a zoning permit for an ice cream truck in the Township, Manager Nelson stated he needs to contact the zoning officer. The Resolution was presented to Lukas Davis. Supervisor Bermingham asked if there was an update on the bathrooms at the park, Manager Nelson stated no bids have been received. There was a discussion on the Johnsonville Inn getting permits. Supervisor Bermingham would like to have another Resolution drafted for Connor Robert Condel, Eagle Scout.

Supervisor Teel announced the Planning Commission will be meeting on Wednesday, April 20th and encourages anyone with questions to please attend. There was a discussion on the Park Foundation. Mark Mezger stated the Foundation is in good standing and they are looking to expand their mission, accommodate new projects. Supervisor Teel asked about the Foundation's funds. Mark stated that should not concern him. Chairman Pinter stated a Right-to-Know will be submitted for that information.

Manager Nelson announced the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are having an Earth Day tree seedling fundraiser at the Community Park on April 23rd.

Supervisor Friedman stated there will be a temporary 4-way stop at Richmond Hotel.

Chairman Pinter gave an update on Rt. 611 North and at this time is closed indefinitely due to road erosion. Chairman Pinter asked Manager Nelson to reach out to State Representatives and express how this will cause a significant inconvenience for many, including medical emergencies. **MOTION** by Supervisor Bermingham to pass a Resolution to Monroe County, State Officials and PennDOT, urging them to work quickly to resolve the issues on Rt. 611 and getting the road open as soon as possible, due to implications in Emergency responses, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 5-0.

V.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the March 14, 2022, Meeting Minutes

2. Approval of the March 28, 2022, WS 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.

VI. FINANCIALS

1. Bill List-Manager Nelson read the bill list. **MOTION** by Supervisor Teel to pay the bills in the amount of \$263,835.55, seconded by Supervisor Friedman. Vote: 5-0.

VII. ACTION AGENDA

1. Bid Awards-Engineer Coyle was not present to discuss the bid awards. Manager Nelson stated that one bid was received, Midlantic Marking, Inc. for the 2022 Roadway Line Painting. Manager Nelson stated that Carroll Engineering recommends awarding the contract to Midlantic Marking, Inc., in the amount of \$110,658.24. **MOTION** by Supervisor Due to award the 2022 Line Painting contract to Midlantic Marking, Inc for \$110,685.24, seconded by Supervisor Bermingham. Vote: 5-0. Manager Nelson stated that one bid was received, Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC, for the 2022 Roadway Seal Coat. Manager Nelson stated that Carroll Engineering recommends awarding the contract to Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC for \$440,786.70. **MOTION** by Supervisor Bermingham to award the 2022 Seal Coat contract to Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC for \$440,786.70, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0.
2. Resolution No. 2022-08 Fire Tax Allocation-Solicitor Karasek stated Resolution 2022-08 is for the Fire Tax Fund be a 50/50 allocation between the MBFC and the NBFC. There was a discussion on the allocation of funds. Chairman Pinter stated these funds are not to be used to purchase fire trucks, they are for their operating costs. **MOTION** by Supervisor Teel to adopt Resolution 2022-08 with the changes Solicitor Karasek will be making, seconded by Supervisor Friedman. Vote: 5-0.
3. Resolution No. 2022-09 APRP Funds Allocation-Solicitor Karasek stated Resolution 2022-09 has been prepared and states that the funds will be a 50/50 allocation between the MBFC and NBFC and will be used for the purchase of fire trucks. **MOTION** by Supervisor Bermingham to adopt Resolution 2022-09, seconded by Supervisor Friedman. Vote: 5-0.
4. Resolution No. 2022-10 Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) Grant-Manager Nelson states UMBT is requesting for a grant in the amount of \$25,000 to be used for the Portland to Minsi Lake Trail Feasibility Study and that he is designated as the official to execute all documents and agreements between UMBT and the Commonwealth Financing Authority. **MOTION** by Supervisor Due to adopt Resolution 2022-10, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0.

VIII.

NEW BUSINESS

1. NIDMA-There was a discussion on the letter of interests received for the open seats on the NIDMA. Chairman Pinter stated the two that stand out to him would be Scott Cole and Judge Zito. Chairman Pinter stated he would like to vote on this tonight. Supervisor Bermingham stated he has not reviewed the applicants. Supervisor Teel would also like to vote on this tonight. **MOTION** by Supervisor Bermingham to table this to the April 25th meeting, seconded by Supervisor Friedman Vote: 4-1.
2. Permit Fees-Manager Nelson stated he is looking into the permitting fee schedule. Chairman Pinter stated he recalls that this subject came up a few years ago and recalls spending time looking at other Township fee schedules. **MOTION** by Supervisor Friedman to table to the May 9th meeting, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 5-0.

Recess to Executive Session at 8:22 pm to discuss personnel matters.

IX.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Personnel-The meeting reconvened at 8:48 pm. Chairman Pinter stated personnel matters were discussed in Executive Session and at this time no action is to be taken.

X.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Supervisor Teel to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 5-0.

April 11, 2022

At the last board meeting I informed the board that a letter was mailed to property owners that are two hundred feet or less from RPL's property. This letter was to inform the property owners that RPL is requesting modification to the saldo requirements. This letter did not inform the property owners of the date when the planning commission meeting would be held. Regulation require that the property must be notified 21 days before the meeting.

Have the property owners received a second letter?

Time line

Letter dated February 21, with no date in the letter for the planning commission meeting.

Board members did not know about the notification letter until I presented it at the last board meeting March 28.

Planning commission will be held April 20th

Original date on letter was February 21. Date was 30 days before planning commission meeting.

Board said property owner will be notified again of the date for the planning commission meeting.

From March 29 to April 20th equals 23 days.

I spoke with my friend, she said she did not receive any notice in the mail about the planning commission meeting.

why is it that the citizens who live in Upper Mount Bethel have better knowledge of what going on in our town than the board does?

Thank you

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