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UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023 – 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.

In attendance were Chairman Pinter, Supervisor Due, Supervisor Friedman, Supervisor Birmingham, Supervisor Teel, Township Manager Nelson, Township Solicitor Karasek, and Township Engineer Coyle.

**II.**

**APPROVE THE AGENDA**

Chairman Pinter stated he would like to move Section IX, New Business to be discussed before Section VIII, Old Business.

**MOTION** by Supervisor Teel to approve agenda, seconded by Supervisor Friedman.  
Vote: 5-0.

**III.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Richard Klingle, Totts Gap, Rd, commented on his property being on the property maintenance officer's report each month and he would like to know why. Nick Graziano stated he has never spoken to Mr. Klingle and has never been on Mr. Klingle's property. Nick commends Mr. Klingle for his efforts in cleaning up his property.

Judith Henckel, Robin Hood Rd., gave a brief environmental history of the area, monitoring the nesting of eagles and ospreys.

Chris Finan, Apache Dr., commented on the safety issues of trees down on the roads and why the road crew is only dispatched to put road closed signs up and not to cut up the tree and remove it from the road. Manager Nelson stated that it is a safety issue.

Eleanor Sheldon, Heiden Rd., commented on the issue of traffic in the Township, have another town hall meeting to let the residents know how they are being addressed.

Frances Visicaro, N. Delaware Dr., commented on the jobs that the development will be creating and that only if they are residents of the township will they pay into the EIT fund.

David Philips, Crystal Terr., commented on the trash contract, bidding/advertising process, deductions for violations, dumpsters at the Township at no cost.

Cori Eckman, Potomac St., commented on relying on the Townships' professionals' comments.

Mike Onufrak, Summerfield Dr., commented on using their own toter for trash pickup. Manager Nelson stated that no, WM will only pick up Township toter. Mr. Onufrak commented on the bidding process.

#### **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Due announced that the North Bangor Fire Company has someone manning the station 24/7.

Supervisor Friedman asked what the status of the bids for the paving situation.

Supervisor Due stated one bid has been received.

Supervisor Bermingham asked about summer camp. Stavros stated that it was decided at a Parks/Rec meeting that there will be no summer camp this year, since there is no funding for it. Supervisor Bermingham asked about the park being a smoke free park. Stavros stated it is still under discussion. Supervisor Bermingham stated he is stepping down as the EDC Liaison, effective immediately. The clean-up program is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>. There was a discussion about Kim Gambale's request for years of overpaying her garbage bill. **MOTION** by Supervisor Bermingham to have Manager Nelson research the years of paying to garbage bills, provide that information to Solicitor Karasek, and report back to the Board, seconded by Chairman Pinter. Vote: 5-0. Manager Nelson stated he would also like to look into those that have not been billed for several years.

Chairman Pinter announced to be on the lookout for Spring/Summer Newsletter, as Parks/Rec will have a listing of their events for the year.

Secretary Cindy Beck read a letter from Joe Torre, commending Lindsey Manzi and Dave Constable for their fine workmanship that has been done on Institute Rd.

#### **V. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of the February 13, 2023, Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the February 27, 2023, WS Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of the March 2, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes
4. Refuse Reductions, Application Refunds and Exonerations

**MOTION** by Supervisor Teel to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Supervisor Friedman. 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 \$322,255.21, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 5-0.

## **VII. TABLED ITEMS**

1. Resolution No. 2023-08 Portland to Minsi Trail-Manager Nelson read the Resolution which states this is a Feasibility Study Grant Application, whereas, the Upper Mount Bethel Township BOS wishes to participate in the Livable Landscapes Grant Program. **MOTION** by Supervisor Due to adopt Resolution No. 2023-05, seconded by Supervisor Bermingham. Vote: 5-0.
2. Nordstrom Property Re-Appraisal-Manager Nelson stated that Heritage Conservancy submitted an application to NC Livable Landscapes Grant program for the Nordstrom property in the fall of 2022. Included in the application was an appraisal from Indian Valley Appraisal Company dated October 2021. An updated appraisal is required to validate the grant application to provide the most accurate value of the property. **MOTION** by Supervisor Bermingham to approve the Re-Appraisal of the Nordstrom property, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0.
3. Trucks-Supervisor Due stated that there are currently two (2) trucks on order, expected delivery date is fall of 2024. Supervisor Due stated we should look at ordering two (2) more trucks, a tandem truck, with fit out, \$311,186.10 and a tri-axle, with fit out, \$333,423.44. Supervisor Due stated with the increase that has occurred just in the past two years, he recommends ordering the trucks. Road Crew Chief Lindsey Manzi stated that the trucks we have now required a lot of maintenance and sometimes it's difficult to get parts. Chairman Pinter recommends getting three (3) tandems and one (1) tri-axle. **MOTION** by Supervisor Due to purchase three (3) tandems and one (1) tri-axle, totaling \$1,266,981.74, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0. Supervisor Due stated that our 2006 Emergency Management vehicle will not pass inspection. There is one on Municibid, a 2013, fully outfitted and would like to bid on it, with a maximum bid of \$35,000. **MOTION** by Supervisor Friedman to approve of a maximum bid of \$35,000 on the Emergency Management vehicle listed on Municibid, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 5-0.
4. Road Crew Personnel-Supervisor Due stated he'd like to bring Jim Potter Jr. up to between \$27 and \$29 an hour, due to his excellent skill set. He maintains all vehicles and would not like to lose him. **MOTION** by Supervisor Bermingham to bring Jim Potter Jr. wage up to between \$27 and \$29 an hour, seconded by Supervisor Friedman. Vote: 5-0.
5. Joinder Deed Shepherds Hill Lots 22-23-Solicitor Karasek stated this a request to join two lots together. Lot 22 has 1.89 acres and Lot 23 has 1.95 acres, lots are located in the A-1 zoning district and joining the lots together will create one

single lot of 3.85 acres. A letter from the zoning officer will not create any zoning issues and a letter from the alternate SEO, Robert Collura, stating this will not create any sewage issues. **MOTION** by Supervisor Teel to approve the Joinder Deed, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 5-0.

6. Advertise for Material Bids-Supervisor Due would like the approval of the Board to advertise for Material Bids. **MOTION** by Supervisor Friedman to allow the Township to advertise for Material Bids, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0.
7. Letter of Support for the Slate Belt Veterans Association-Chairman Pinter stated this is a letter of support from the Board, supporting the Slate Belt Veterans' Association's plan to develop and build a housing facility for Veterans in Bangor. **MOTION** by Supervisor Teel to approve the Letter of Support, seconded by Supervisor Bermingham. Vote: 5-0.

## VIII.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Well Water Testing-Supervisor Bermingham discussed the concerns of the neighboring properties around the drip irrigation system, if it goes in. Supervisor Bermingham would like to start a well testing program and have the Township support it and pay for it. Testing should start now to have a baseline, which may be required by DEP. Chairman Pinter stated this will be discussed more on the Sewer and Water agenda item.
2. Alternate Engineer-Chairman Pinter stated he would like to have an Alternate Engineer on the schedule that they can pick up where they may be some overflow or deficiencies. This is not to replace Engineer Coyle. **MOTION** by Chairman Pinter to appoint Barry Isett and Associates as an Alternate Engineer, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 3-2. Supervisor Bermingham and Supervisor Friedman voting no.

Chairman Pinter called for a 5-minute recess.

## IX.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Sewer and Water-Chairman Pinter stated he would like to have a discussion on the possibility of having a Sewer and Water Authority. Chairman Pinter stated that a Water Authority would be able to manage the water testing, testing of truck loads. If it was a privately owned plant, the Township would not be able to control that. Chairman Pinter stated he would make the request an agreement between the Township and RPL, at the time of turnover, that the well testing be inducted and put into the legal document. With the Township having an Authority, we have the control. Charlie Cole stated the Authority is years out, the baseline testing has to start now. There was a discussion about setting a program for the whole Township for well water testing. Engineer Coyle stated it could be done but will be costly. **MOTION** by Chairman Pinter to have Solicitor Karasek prepare the paperwork, to include by-laws and articles of incorporation, for a Sewer and Water Authority, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 4-1. Supervisor Bermingham voting no.

2. East Bangor Sportsman's Club-Manager Nelson stated a plan was submitted for a lot line adjustment and they are asking for relief on their bill. Jerry Gueke gave a summary of what the plan was for. The bills seem to be redundant. Manager Nelson stated he met with Engineer Coyle to discuss the bill and some of the bills were adjusted. Jerry is asking the Board and Engineer Coyle to review the bill. Engineer Coyle stated he will meet with Manager Nelson to review the bill.
3. Ordinance 2023-01 Tree Ordinance-Solicitor Karasek stated he was asked by the Township Manager to develop an Ordinance whereby as trees fall on Township roads and they are the result of improper care by the homeowner, the Township would have the ability to charge the homeowner, to recover the cost that the Township incurred by removing said trees. Supervisor Friedman stated the intentions are good but there seems to be too many variables. Supervisor Teel stated he does not feel it is necessary at this time. Chairman Pinter asked for this item be removed as an agenda item.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Supervisor Teel to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm, seconded by Supervisor Bermingham. Vote: 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary