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UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
END OF YEAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2025 – 7:00 PM

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

I.

Supervisor Bermingham called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

In attendance were Supervisor Bermingham, Supervisor Friedman, Supervisor Albert, Supervisor Eckman and Township Manager Graziano. Supervisor Erler was absent.

II.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

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

III.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stavros Barbounis, Potomac St. stated that Parks/Recreation had a surplus of food items that were perishable, all was all donated to PUMP. If anyone would like to donate to PUMP, they are happy to receive donations.

IV.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Albert gave a shout out to the road crew for doing a great job on the roads with all the weather that has been hitting us.

Supervisor Friedman wanted to remind everyone to be extremely cautious when the road crew is directing traffic while they are cutting down trees.

Supervisor Bermingham wanted to thank the MB Ladies Auxiliary for giving out Christmas dinners. They are also planning on doing Easter dinners. Thank you to the Chelsea Sun for hosting pictures with Santa. Thank you to Amy, Signature Scenes, a new business in Portland, for supplying a balloon display Thank you to the MBFD and the NBFD for making the Santa gift deliveries.

Manager Graziano announced that Republic is ready to start on Friday, which will be Thursday's route, due to Holiday. Pickup days remain the same. For those who will be receiving the 35-gal toters, Republic will notify us as to when they will be doing the exchange. All the messages he has received about the roads and the road crew he conveys to them and do appreciate being appreciated. We will be scheduling a meeting with MetEd's operational manager and Engineer to speak specifically about River Rd's infrastructure. We will be having a meeting in February to discuss the police feasibility study.

V.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of the 2026 Budget-Manager Graziano stated that the budget has to be approved by December 31st. There have been numerous conversations in regard to budget. The current budget is \$5,488,075.00. There has been a lot of questions regarding the budgeted item for a police department. Public comment-Ron Angle commented on the subject of a police department. Why would we be moving ahead with a police department unless we were absolutely positive we are going to have one. Having a police department will cost a lot of money. Manager Graziano stated that we are only looking into a part-time police department, not a full-time police department. Ron asked what are the benefits of having a police department, we have the State Police. Supervisor Bermingham stated that is why we are having a town hall meeting, to hear from the residents. Public comment-Rich Klinge commented on having a police department, what about paying back pay to ex police officers, pension plans, liability insurance, expenses, etc. Manager Graziano stated that right now \$59 an hour is what is being negotiated, there is no contract, it hasn't been brought to East Bangor Council yet. **MOTION** by Supervisor Friedman to approve the 2026 Budget, it is a balanced budget, no tax increase, and a slight surplus, seconded by Supervisor Albert. Vote: Vote: 4-0.
2. Final 2025 Bill List-Manager Graziano read the final 2025 bill list totaling \$75,181.55. No discussion. **MOTION** by Supervisor Friedman to pay the bills in the amount of \$75,181.55, seconded by Supervisor Eckman. Vote: 4-0.

VI.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VII.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Supervisor Friedman to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm, seconded by Supervisor Albert. Vote: 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary