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UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

\*Due to Covid-19 and the Stay-At-Home Order issued by Governor Wolf of Pennsylvania, this Board of Supervisors' Meeting was a Virtual Meeting held online.

### PART I

1. Call to Order-Chairman Bermingham Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll Call-Virtually present in addition to Chairman Bermingham Jr. were Supervisor Due, Supervisor Teel, Supervisor DeFranco, Supervisor Pinter, Township Manager Nelson, Township Engineer Coyle, and Township Solicitor Karasek.
4. Approve the Agenda-**MOTION** by Supervisor Due, to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Teel. VOTE: 5-0.

### PART II (Public Comment received by emails prior to this Meeting)-None

PART III (Announcements)-Chairman Bermingham Jr. stated the free meal deliveries this week will take place on Tuesday and Thursday at the Township Building. Chairman Bermingham Jr, stated this has been an overwhelming success thanks in part to the many donations received and all those that have been volunteering their time handing out meals and directing traffic.

Chairman Bermingham Jr. stated he will be having virtual office hours on Saturday, May 2, 2020 from 2pm-4pm.

Chairman Bermingham Jr. encouraged residents to sign up for the Emergency Notification System to stay informed of any alerts or advisories.

Chairman Bermingham Jr. announced that there is a new Facebook page and encouraged residents to check it out.

Supervisor Teel stated he received a message from the Board of Directors of the North Bangor Fire Company that Chief Todd Pinto has been replaced by acting Chief Scott Meixsell.

### PART IV (Subdivisions)

1. Komunale Lot Line Adjustment-SALDO Waiver Request-Solicitor Karasek gave a brief summary of the Komunale Minor Subdivision/Lot Line Adjustment Plan. Solicitor Karasek stated the Board approved the Conditional Preliminary Final Approval at the April 13, 2020 meeting but stated the SALDO Waiver had been overlooked. SALDO Section 200.D recites that resulting lots that are reduced in size shall be required to pursue secondary or reserve sewage testing. Solicitor Karasek stated that since the resulting lot in this case is over 100 acres, the Planning Commission recommends the waiver to be granted as it is very likely that such a secondary and/or reserve site would be able to be located on a 100 acre parcel. **MOTION** by Supervisor Teel, to approve the SALDO Waiver Request, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 5-0.

PART V (Official Action-matters to be voted on)

1. New Window in Vestibule-Manager Nelson discussed the estimate that was received to replace the lobby window and wall in the vestibule was over \$14,000 and recommends only to replace the lobby window at this time for \$3,247.00. **MOTION** by Supervisor Teel, to approve the installation of a new lobby window, seconded by Supervisor Pinter. Vote: 5-0.
2. Planning Commission (2) Open Seats-**MOTION** by Supervisor Teel to appoint Randy Crane as Planning Commission Member, seconded by Supervisor Pinter. Vote: 5-0. Letters of interests received were, Supervisor Anthony DeFranco, Terry Abramson, Scott Cole, Dave Friedman and Faith Sarisky. **MOTION** by Supervisor Teel, to appoint Faith Sarisky as Planning Commission Member, seconded by Supervisor Due. Supervisor Pinter recommended Scott Cole due to his background and financial education. Supervisor Teel stated he would like to see someone appointed that is currently not involved with the Township and stated Faith is very involved with the community. Supervisor DeFranco stated that Terry Abramson was not considered at the last meeting because she was a realtor and why is Faith now recommended when she too is a realtor? Supervisor Teel stated that the discussion was to see if any more letters of interest get submitted. Vote: 3-2. Supervisor DeFranco and Supervisor Pinter voting no.
3. Request for Environmental Impact Study Resolution-NJDOT I-80 Rockfall Mitigation Project- Chairman Bermingham Jr. discussed the purpose of this Resolution is one that Mayor Starrs, of Knowlton Township, has been working on and would like for Upper Mount Bethel Township to consider adopting one as well asking for an Economic Impact Study to be conducted, as the Township will be impacted. Supervisor Pinter asked how this Resolution will impact the Township due to the project being out of state. Solicitor Karasek stated that we can support adjoining Townships, whether by Resolution or a letter of support. Supervisor Teel stated this project will greatly impact our Township. Supervisor Pinter stated that his company may possibly be involved with the bidding of this project, therefore he will abstain from anything that has to do with this project. **MOTION** by Supervisor Teel, for Solicitor Karasek to draft Resolution objecting to this project and then forwarding it to Susan Wilde, Pat Toomey and Bob Casey, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 4-0-1. Supervisor Pinter abstained.
4. Letter of Support-Zeigafuse Land Preservation/Open Space-Manager Nelson stated Northampton County is looking for a letter of support from the Board of Supervisors stating the Township's share of \$50,000 for the Preservation of the Zeigafuse property. **MOTION** by Supervisor Pinter, to send a letter of support stating the Township's share of \$50,000 for the Preservation of the Zeigafuse property, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0.

PART VI (Public Comment by call in)

- 1) Supervisor DeFranco in attendance and not by call in commented on the appointment of Faith Sarisky on the Planning Commission, stating that two weeks ago when Terry Abramson was nominated, Supervisor Teel stated it was a conflict of interest because she worked with Supervisor DeFranco and now feels that it is not good because Supervisor Teel's wife works for Faith Sarisky.

- 2) Chairman Bermingham Jr. commented on the overwhelming support and donations received from individuals and local and surrounding businesses, for the meals that the Township has been providing to the residents and once the program is over, everyone who donated will be recognized unless anonymity was requested.
- 3) Marie Stoutland commented that since Terry and Faith are both considered a conflict of interest, why not have both on the Planning Commission?

PART VII (Adjournment)-**MOTION** by Supervisor Teel to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 5-0.

\*All Public Comments submitted by email prior to the Meeting will be available as part of these Meeting Minutes and are available for the Public to view.

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary

# APPENDIX

Facebook Comments received during the Live stream of the meeting on 4/27/2020

[Richard B Klingle Jr](#) · 1:14:42 Terry you're wright

[Terry Abramson](#) · 1:13:55 The biggest conflict is that Bob is both on planning and a supervisor. No one else

[Lorraine Titlow](#) · 1:14:05 Nothing sloved

[Richard B Klingle Jr](#) · 1:12:46 More back room deals

[Jim Potter](#) · 1:08:13 who is randy Crane

[Randy Crane](#) · 23:11 I have the Insurance Agency on 611 by Allegheny. Stop by anytime...when we are back open.

[Terry Abramson](#) · 1:09:41 Technical difficulty, I can't get throught for public comment

[Richard B Klingle Jr](#) · 1:09:11 We should have some one that has no ties to no board members and that salves problem

[Jim Potter](#) · 1:09:09 Thanks

[Terry Abramson](#) · 1:07:50 Faith and just spoke and agree that we could work great together

[Robert England](#) · 1:07:34 Agree

[Terry Abramson](#) · 1:07:06 Why is there no conflict on Bob Teels wife working for Faith Sarisky. Why not have both Faith and I on the board? We get along great! I have a lot of experience!

[Renee Marie](#) · 1:03:53 What is done for one, should be done for all.... where is the fairness and transparency across the board here?

[Richard B Klingle Jr](#) · 1:06:42 Not

[Richard B Klingle Jr](#) · 1:06:21 There's no

[Faith Sarisky](#) · 1:06:06 back on

[Richard B Klingle Jr](#) · 59:51 You're Wright Anthony

[Lois Lapekas](#) · 51:48 Lois Lapekas watching!

[Harry Winelander](#) · 42:19 Yes let's try to stop it

[Russell Horn](#) · 38:51 This will come off as biased, But in no means is it, simply a matter of principle. So no Terry Abramson because she represents Anthony Defranco as his agent; because its a conflict of interest. Per Bob, Now Bob suggests faith because she's bobs wife's broker/realtor & helps represent them? So thats not a

[Jim Potter](#) · 33:06 whos Randy Crain Crane ??

[Terry Abramson](#) · 38:02 owns Statewide insurance. Faith Sarisky owns a real estate company across the street. Maybe Bob Teel should learn how to actually say her name. Its [Faith Sarisky](#) not Swarishy

[Scott Mousley](#) · 32:57 Here!

[Tom Farrell](#) · 22:02 present.

[Terry Teel](#) · 21:57 Not loading

[Russell Horn](#) · 21:46 Great donation [Richmond Farm & Brewery!](#) Fantastic new local business!

[John Graham](#) · 17:49 Not loading

[Lynn Robin Strouse Martocci](#) · 16:46 Present

[Terry Teel](#) · 16:13 Hi

[Lee McDonald](#) · 14:50 Hi

[Lori McDonald](#) · 14:41 Lori McDonald is watching

[David Harte](#) · 13:30 David Harte

[Faith Sarisky](#) · 13:13 hi

[Gary Harman](#) · 12:55 Present

[Dawn Clarisse](#) · 12:47 Hi

[Anthony M Pacchioli](#) · 2:50 Tony PACCHIOLI is listening!" The SHERIFF'S Boy"!