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UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
HELD AT THE MT. BETHEL FIRE HOUSE
2341 N. DELAWARE DR. MT. BETHEL PA 18343
THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 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 Teel, Township Manager Nelson, Township Solicitor Karasek, and Township Engineer Coyle. Supervisor Bermingham was absent.

II.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Chairman Pinter amended the agenda, to have Public Comment after the RPL Presentation. **MOTION** by Supervisor Friedman to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 4-0.

Solicitor Karasek gave a few housekeeping rules of this Special Meeting. This is just an informational meeting, not a public hearing. Solicitor Karasek asked everyone to be respectful and mannerly and if it gets out of hand, he will recommend to the Supervisors that the meeting stops.

III.

PRESENTATION by RPL on Sewer and Water.

Attorney Marc Kaplan, representing River Pointe Logistics Center (RPL), gave a summary of the development plan. The master plan submitted has 13 lots on it and a road network systems, which depicts water and sewer lines and facilities. The intention is to create, design, construct, (at their cost) and initially operate a sewage treatment facility on their property. It will be 400,000 gallons of capacity ultimately and 100,000 gallons of that capacity will be reserved for the Township. Permits have been obtained

for four wells that have been drilled, two are being converted to production wells. Permits will be obtained from DEP for a water system that will supply water to the park, which they expect the Township to contribute to the system, a piece of ground that is presently a piece of the park that has been tested by soil engineers and determined to be able to absorb about 18,000 gallons of a day of treated effluent. The LVPC stated the water and sewer be owned by a public entity. RPL has proposed to the Township to create a water and sewer authority. Once the system reaches nine of the thirteen buildings, the system will be dedicated to the authority, and will be debt free. A construction and dedication agreement has been submitted to the Township. Fred Ebert, Ebert Engineering, described the sanitary sewer system, drip zone layout and the conceptual water system. Fully treated and filtered wastewater will be stored in a large covered concrete tank, then hauled way to a larger treatment plant. No sludge will be disposed of on the property, it is all trucked out. The drip zone layout, A (Angle Farm) and B. The conceptual water system, domestic water demand is 96,705, they will have to provide fire protection. The source of water will be from wells. There was a discussion on why have an authority, to have the control. If they sell it to a third-party PUC, the Township has no control.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Onufrak, Summerfield Dr., commented on putting an industrial treatment plant where it is not permitted.

Fred Eyer, Potomac St., commented on the cost of forming a sewer authority. Fred Ebert stated that there is no cost to the taxpayers. The developer pays for it until the actual customers of the authority are set up.

Frances Visicaro, Delaware Dr., commented on a part of the park that will be used for this sewer authority, what part did we give it to RPL, concerns of what kind of chemicals will be used to purify the water, concerns of wells being okay and sludge disposal.

Mary Kiernan, Heiden Rd., commented on the water authority, how is the group appointed/elected.

Judy O'Brien, Corey Circle, commented on potable water, filtering water, and putting it back into the ground.

Mark Mezger, Scenic Court, commented on a water and sewer authority and will there be benefits to residents. There was a discussion on the Act 537 Plan.

Sheryl Mims, Potomac St., commented on the location of the drip irrigation fields.

Judy Henckel, Robin Hood Rd., commented on the location of wells.

Charles Cole, Riverton Rd., commented on putting industrial waste into a drip irrigation facility and into the ground, wells that are being drilled. Fred Ebert stated that four wells were drilled, four permits were pulled. Two of those four were taken from a 6 inch test well to a 10 inch production well. There are monitoring wells for the drip irrigation which

are shallow and there's well more than a dozen of those wells, but as far as domestic water wells, deep wells, four wells.

Cori Eckman, Potomac St., commented on the number of wells that she has found and the concerns of the proposed wastewater and sewage treatment plant.

Richard Wilford-Hunt, Shady Lane, commented on the agreement, the reviewing of the agreement, the time-frame of knowing the best location for drip irrigation and how to get the wastewater over to the farm field.

Fred Eyer, Potomac St., commented on perspective tenants and if there are any.

Supervisor Teel stated that he has been working with RPL on perspective businesses.

Nick Pugliese, Scenic Ct., commented on a drip irrigation field being acceptable for residential or municipal use and not industrial.

Charles Cole, Riverton Rd., commented on on-site disposal treating wastewater.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Chairman Teel to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary