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UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MAY 8, 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 Friedman, Supervisor Bermingham, Township Manager Nelson, Township Solicitor Karasek, and Township Engineer Coyle. Supervisor Due and Supervisor Teel were absent.

Chairman Pinter stated that anything that needs to be voted on will need a 3-0 vote to move forward.

**II.**

**APPROVE THE AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Supervisor Friedman to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Bermingham. Vote: 3-0.

**III.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Charles Cole, Riverton Rd., commented on all things environmental. The number one problem is traffic, then the price of garbage, and then water, quality/quantity. LVPC has been working on establishing air quality monitoring and will provide updates. Charles commented on the creation of a municipal authority, the risks, expenses, and an avenue to loans and bonds.

Judith Henckel, Robin Hood Rd., commented on the Township website, she is happy to see the information on dirty dirt. Judith asked when the garbage bill will be sent out. Manger Nelson stated they should be coming in a couple of weeks, the bill is \$485 and there will be no penalties.

David Philips, Crystal Ter., commented on the garbage advertising/bidding process and asked Solicitor Karasek for his comment. Solicitor Karasek stated that there might be an issue or a break because of COSTARS, however, he does not see any enforcement provisions under the bidding act. Manager Nelson stated that Waste Management was associated with COSTARS but that ended in 2016. Chairman Pinter stated additional protocols are in place to make certain all advertisements are done properly.

Mark Mezger, Scenic Ct., asked Chairman Pinter what the benefit is of having an Authority. Chairman Pinter stated this will come out when they discuss the Authority. Mark stated that feasibility studies should be done in order to make decisions. Mark asked Chairman Pinter if he knew what this was going to cost the Township. Chairman Pinter stated it is not going to cost the Township a dime. Mark commented on Mr. Pektor's finances. Chairman Pinter stated he does not want to go there with him on this tonight.

Supervisor Friedman stated that he wanted to discuss the paving project issue but due to the absence of two of the Supervisors, he'll wait until the next meeting. Chairman Pinter asked for this to be on the May 22, WS meeting.

#### **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Birmingham announced he will be holding office hours on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30 pm at TK's. Donations for his book, Fire Fighters, is gladly accepted, all donations go to the Fire Departments. His next book will be on the Road Crew. Clean-up day will be rescheduled. Is there an update on the garbage pick-up on Price Lane. Manager Nelson will follow up.

Supervisor Friedman announced that he Chairman Pinter have discussed getting consultants for Authorities.

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

1. Approval of the April 10, 2023, Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the April 24, 2023, WS Meeting Minutes
3. Refuse Reductions, Application Refunds and Exonerations
4. Approval to send letter to PennDOT/Million Dollar Bridge

Supervisor Friedman requested that the April 24, 2023, WS Meeting Minutes be moved to the next meeting,

Supervisor Birmingham asked about the letter to PennDOT. Chairman Pinter stated the State would like to demolish the historic bridge on Million Dollar Highway and put in a two-lane bridge. Chairman Pinter stated that the Township would like to take the bridge over, which would give us the ability to put in weight restrictions. Supervisor Birmingham asked what the benefit of that doing would be for the taxpayers. Chairman Pinter stated it will save an historic piece of the Township. Manager Nelson stated that with the proposed master plan of the Preserve, it will be beneficial to help keep the

speed of traffic down. Manager Nelson stated the letter is just requesting a plan, a vote for any action will be needed.

**MOTION** by Supervisor Friedman to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Supervisor Bermingham. Vote: 3-0.

## **VI. FINANCIALS**

1. Bill List-Manager Nelson read the bill list. **MOTION** by Supervisor Friedman to pay the bills in the amount of \$402,403.47, seconded by Supervisor Bermingham. Vote: 3-0.

## **VII. TABLED ITEM**

1. Material Bid-Chairman Pinter asked that COSTARS amounts be added to the material bid list. **MOTION** by Supervisor Bermingham to table to the next meeting, seconded by Supervisor Friedman. Vote: 3-0.

## **VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Line Painting Bids-Manager Nelson stated that three (3) bids were received for Line Painting. Alpha Space Control-\$129,771.84, Midlantic Marking, Inc.-\$130,732.80, and DeAngelo Contracting Services LLC-\$154,651.20. Manager Nelson stated all bids were reviewed and although Alpha Space Control was the lowest bid, all documents were not received, therefore their bid is considered incomplete. Engineer Coyle discussed the required documents that are to be submitted. Midlantic Marking Inc. provided all required documents and recommends awarding the 2023 Line Painting Contract to Midlantic Marking, Inc for \$130,732.80. **MOTION** by Supervisor Friedman to award Midlantic Marking Inc. the 2023 Line Painting contract for \$130,732.80, seconded by Supervisor Bermingham. Vote: 3-0.
2. Hemlock Rd. Project Mini Bid-Manager Nelson stated this project was granted by the Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road Maintenance Program. Manager Nelson stated that two (2) bids were received for materials, 2A stone and surge rock, one from H&K Group and one from Eureka Stone Quarry. Both bids included a bid for delivery to the project site. Chairman Pinter would like to see what the total cost would be for our road crew to pick up at the plant. Manager Nelson will provide that. **MOTION** by Supervisor Friedman to table, until the burden cost is factored in, seconded by Supervisor Bermingham. Vote: 3-0.
3. Fee Schedule/Sketch Plan for Minor Subdivision-Scott Policelli is asking the Board to consider approving a sketch plan fee for a Minor Subdivision of \$350.00. Manager Nelson stated that the costs to review a sketch plan could exceed \$350.00. Manager Nelson and Engineer Coyle recommend the fee of \$500. **MOTION** by Supervisor Bermingham for Solicitor Karasek to draft a Resolution stating that a \$500 fee will be in place for a sketch plan for a minor subdivision, seconded by Supervisor Friedman. Vote: 3-0.

**IX.**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION-No Need**

**X.**  
**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Supervisor Friedman to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm, seconded by Supervisor Bermingham. Vote: 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary