

MINUTES

Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 16, 2011 – 6:00 P.M.
Township Municipal Building

Members Present: Miro A. Gutzmirtl, Chairman
Stephen Wagner, Vice Chairman
Joseph M. Horvath
Joaquim “Jack” DeMatos
John E. Gilda, Jr.

Staff Attending: Thomas F. Beil, Township Manager
Robert E. Kassel, Jr., Asst. Township Manager
Dennis Harman, P.E., Township Engineer
Thomas Dinkelacker, Township Solicitor

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gutzmirtl called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., in the Public Meeting Room of the Upper Saucon Township Municipal Building, 5500 Camp Meeting Road, Upper Saucon Township, Lehigh County, PA.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Gutzmirtl asked all in attendance to rise and recite the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Bloeser, 6500 Limeport Pike – Mr. Bloeser wanted to know the status of the project that will extend public sewer to St. Joseph’s Road. Mr. Beil said the 2011 Township budget includes funds for the initial engineering and design of the project. Mr. Beil stated that repairing leaks in existing sewer lines is a higher priority than extending a new sewer line out to St. Joseph’s Road.

CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS

Chairman Gutzmirtl announced that a formal Rails To Trails ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at the Township Park near the entrance to the Saucon Rail Trail on June 11th at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENTATION BY THOMAS GETTINGS AND PETER STAFFELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL – ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2010

Tom Gettings, Chairman of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) and Peter Staffeld, Vice Chairman of the EAC, presented the Annual Report of the council's activities for calendar year 2010. The presentation highlighted the year's accomplishments and outlined its goals for 2011.

PRESENTATION BY KARL SCHREITER – PROPOSED ACT 537 SEWAGE FACILITIES PLAN REVISION TO PROVIDE SEWAGE FACILITIES FOR THE PROPOSED OLD SAUCON SUBDIVISION

Karl Schreiter, Township Sewer Engineer, made a formal presentation of the Act 537 Plan Special Study to provide sewer service to the Old Saucon Subdivision. The study analyzes two sewage facilities alternatives relating to the provision of public sewer service to the Old Saucon Subdivision. The two alternatives are: (a) no action and (b) provide sewer service via Old Bethlehem Pike pump station and industrial park interceptor. The study recommends the adoption of alternative (b) to provide public sewer service to the project. The Board will consider approving the study to provide sewer service to the Old Saucon Subdivision at a public meeting to be held on June 6, 2011 at 6:00 pm.

SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENTS

Johnson Lot Consolidation Plan – Resolution No. 2011-18

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Gilda to adopt Resolution No. 2011-18 conditionally approving the Preliminary/Final Lot Consolidation Plan of Craig and Jennifer Johnson for the consolidation of two lots known as 5720 Mountain Laurel Drive and 5775 Woodcrest Drive into a single lot.

The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

ORDINANCES

None

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Regular Meeting of April 25, 2011

Motion made by Mr. DeMatos and seconded by Mr. Wagner to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 25, 2011.

The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

MOTIONS

Request For Payment – Barry J. Hoffman, Inc. – Certification No. 3

Motion made by Mr. DeMatos and seconded by Mr. Horvath to authorize payment in the amount of \$19,620.00 to Barry J. Hoffman, Inc., for work completed on the grit handling system at the Sewage Treatment Plant.

The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Request For Payment – QC Laboratories, Inc. – Certification No. 1 (1st Quarter)

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Gilda to authorize payment in the amount of \$5,499.75 to QC Laboratories, Inc., for annual laboratory testing services for the wastewater treatment and water distribution systems.

The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Request For Payment – Eastern Environmental Contractors, Inc. – Certification No. 4

Motion made by Mr. Gilda and seconded by Mr. DeMatos to authorize payment in the amount of \$16,830.00 to Eastern Environmental Contractors, Inc., for work on the grit handling system at the Sewage Treatment Plant.

The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Environmental Advisory Council – Resignation of current member and appointment of new member:

Motion made by Mr. Horvath and seconded by Mr. DeMatos to accept the resignation of Erin Frederick from the Environmental Advisory Council effective immediately.

Chairman Gutzmirtl thanked Ms. Frederick for all her efforts as an EAC member.

The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Motion made by Mr. DeMatos and seconded by Mr. Wagner to appoint Doris A. Clegg to the Upper Saucon Township Environmental Advisory Council for a partial term expiring on December 31, 2011.

The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Park & Recreation Commission – Resignation of current member and appointment of new member:

Motion made by Mr. Gilda and seconded by Mr. DeMatos to accept the resignation of Tyrone Hollie from the Park & Recreation Commission effective immediately.

Chairman Gutzmirtl thanked Mr. Hollie for his efforts on the Park & Recreation Commission.

The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Motion made by Mr. DeMatos and seconded by Mr. Horvath to appoint John G. Inglis III to the Upper Saucon Township Park & Recreation Commission for a partial term expiring on December 31, 2012.

The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Park & Recreation Commission – Resignation of current member and appointment of new member:

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Gilda to accept the resignation of Susan Hendricks from the Park & Recreation Commission effective immediately.

Chairman Gutzmirtl thanked Ms. Hendricks for her efforts on the Park & Recreation Commission.

The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Motion made by Mr. Horvath and seconded by Mr. Wagner to appoint Steve Steirer to the Upper Saucon Township Park & Recreation Commission for a partial term expiring on December 31, 2013.

The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Zoning Hearing Board Alternate

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Horvath to appoint Dennis J. Aranyos as an Alternate to the Upper Saucon Township Zoning Hearing Board for a partial term expiring on December 31, 2013.

The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Request For Payment – Vari-Tech, LLC – Certification No. 1

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. DeMatos to authorize payment in the amount of \$26,620.68 to Vari-Tech, LLC for supplying the Township with sewer pipe and appurtenances used for slip lining sanitary sewer lines.

The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Orleans At Upper Saucon, L.P. – Request for Exemption From Ordinance No. 93

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Horvath to approve the request of Orleans At Upper Saucon, L.P., exempting the private roads in the Liberty Village Development from the 180 day trench settlement requirements of Ordinance No. 93, conditioned upon the developer complying with the recommendations contained in the Township Engineer's letter dated January 31, 2011.

Mr. Wagner noted that repairs recommended by the Township Engineer were made to the roads within the development. The roads will remain private and not be turned over to the Township.

The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

None

DIRECTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Request by Storm Youth Football to create a football field in the outfield of the large baseball field (Field #7) at Township Park

The Board reviewed the proposed layout for a football field in the outfield of the large baseball field at the Park. Chairman Gutzmirtl said the northern end zone was too close to a steep drop off and a row of trees. He also noted that the southern end zone was too close to a chain link fence. Mr. Gutzmirtl emphasized the Township's support for the football program and the use of the field. It was agreed that Storm Youth Football would return to the Board with a proposal for a re-configured and/or shortened field that is no closer than 12 feet to any obstructions.

Request by Storm Youth Football to hold nighttime practices at the Township Park

The Board reviewed Storm Youth Football's request to hold nighttime football practices at the Park. It was the consensus of the Board to approve the request of Storm Youth Football to hold nighttime practices on both the large and small baseball fields at the Township Park, subject to Storm Youth Football undertaking the following measures to ensure the safety of park-goers:

- Provide temporary lighting for the practice fields and immediate parking areas.
- Make sure practices end no later than 8:30 pm.
- Put up signs alerting park-goers that the Park is closed at nighttime except for football practices.
- Attempt to keep people out of those areas of the Park not being used for football practice during nighttime hours.

BILLS, PAYROLL, AND COMMISSIONS

Prepaid Invoice List #05162011 dated 05/13/2011 for \$204,147.74

Warrant List #05162011 dated 05/13/2011 for \$572,732.83

Motion made by Mr. Horvath and seconded by Mr. Gilda to authorize the payment of the Prepaid Invoice List and the Warrant List.

The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in executive session to discuss labor contract negotiations.

The Board returned from executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. DeMatos to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0.

Secretary

