

MINUTES

Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 14, 2014 – 6:30 P.M.
Township Municipal Building

Members Present: Stephen Wagner, Chairman
Joaquim "Jack" DeMatos, Vice Chairman
Dennis E. Benner
Patrick M. Leonard

Members Absent: Philip W. Spaeth

Staff Attending: Thomas F. Beil, Township Manager
Robert E. Kassel, Jr., Assistant Township Manager
Jeffrey Dimmich, Township Solicitor
Dennis Harman, P.E., Township Engineer
Sharyn Heater, Director of Community Development

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:33 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

Mr. Wagner asked all in attendance to stand and recite the "Pledge of Allegiance."

Mr. Wagner announced that all public sessions of the Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors are electronically recorded. The recordings are maintained as part of the record of the meeting until the minutes are transcribed and approved by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Wagner announced three upcoming Township events:

- Kiwanis Egg Hunt on April 19, 2014
- Drug Take Back Day on April 26, 2014
- Electronics Recycling on June 7 and 21, 2014

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-20 – RECOGNITION OF ALEXANDER E. MARTIN FOR ATTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. DeMatos to adopt Resolution No. 2014-20 recognizing Alexander E. Martin for the tremendous honor he has brought to his family, Boy Scout Troop and community by attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENTS

None

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None

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 152 – All-Terrain and Off-Road Vehicles

Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Leonard to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 152 regulating the operation of all-terrain and off-road vehicles within the municipal boundaries of Upper Saucon Township.

Chairman Wagner invited the public to comment on the proposed Ordinance.

Public comment is summarized as follows:

Attorney Michael Shafer, Zator Law Offices - Attorney Shafer was present on behalf of his clients, Shannon and Tom Nicoletti, who reside at 4700 Rolling Ridge Drive. He spoke in support of the proposed Ordinance.

Julie Oldman, Rolling Ridge Drive – Ms. Oldman said her home is located more than 150 feet from the property where ATVs are being operated and she can still hear loud noise from the ATVs from inside her home. She supports the ordinance.

Patrick Price, 4660 Rolling Ridge Drive – Mr. Price said the Ordinance is not a novel concept and many neighboring municipalities have ordinances similar to the one being considered by the Board. Mr. Price presented the Board with a petition containing the signatures of over 100 residents who are in favor of the Ordinance. He said the Ordinance presents a good compromise.

Annette Tantillo, 4990 Hycliff Chase – Ms. Tantillo said she lives 30 feet from the field where ATVs are being driven and she is unable to keep her windows open or enjoy her yard due to the noise. She encouraged the Board to adopt the proposed Ordinance.

Elaine Davis, 4680 Rolling Ridge Drive – Ms. Davis spoke in support of the proposed Ordinance. She noted the Ordinance does not prohibit ATV riding, but only sets common sense guidelines that every responsible ATV owner should already be following. She said several neighboring municipalities already have ATV ordinances in place.

Steve Sosnowsky, 5013 West Hopewell Road – Mr. Sosnowsky said the residents of Curly Horse are disrespectful and encroach onto his property. He is upset with the Township for allowing the Curly Horse Development to be built too close to his property without requiring a landscaped buffer. He said the Board should adopt some version of the Ordinance, but he is not in favor of the 150 foot setback provision because it unreasonably restricts his use of his property.

Peg Sharrer, 5051 West Hopewell Road – Ms. Sharrer said she is disappointed with the Ordinance but thanked the Board for taking the time to listen. She spoke in opposition to the proposed Ordinance.

Debbie Miller, 6281 Hall Court – Ms. Miller said she agrees with some of the Ordinance but not with the 150 foot setback.

Mr. Benner encouraged residents on both sides of the issue to get along as neighbors.

Mr. DeMatos said the Ordinance is a good compromise.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2014-18 – Proposed Traffic Signal at Main Street and Mill Road

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Benner to adopt Resolution No. 2014-18 authorizing the Township Manager to submit all necessary documentation to PennDOT in order to secure the required approvals for a traffic signal at the intersection of Main Street (SR 2045) and Mill Road (SR 2024).

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

MOTIONS

Request For Payment – Barry J. Hoffman, Inc. – Certification No. 5

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. DeMatos to authorize payment in the amount of \$1,826.00 to Barry J. Hoffman, Inc., for work completed on the electrical system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

Request For Payment – Barry J. Hoffman, Inc. – Certification No. 6

Motion made by Mr. DeMatos and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize payment in the amount of \$3,385.75 to Barry J. Hoffman, Inc., for work completed on the electrical system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

Request For Payment – Blooming Glen Contractors – Certification No. 5

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize payment in the amount of \$7,676.73 to Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc., for work completed on the Bar Screen Enclosure at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

Sale of Used Township Vehicles

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize the sale of a 2008 Ford Expedition (VIN#IFMFUI6578LA79325) to Chicago Motors for \$4,407.00.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

Motion made by Mr. DeMatos and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize the sale of a 2003 Ford Explorer (VIN#IFMZU73W83UB99828) to Chicago Motors for \$2,607.00.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. DeMatos to authorize the sale of a 2005 Ford Crown Victoria (VIN#2FAHP71W85X171197) to Ted Covington Sales for \$1,667.00.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

Motion made by Mr. DeMatos and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize the sale of a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria (VIN#2FAFP71WX3X204642) to Ted Covington Sales for \$1,567.00.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize the sale of a 1994 Ford LN800 Single Axle Dump Truck (VIN#1FDYR82E9RVA25930) to E. Simon Contracting for \$5,500.00.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

Request to Install Mailbox Structure Within Township Right-Of-Way - 2355 Spyglass Hill

Motion made by Mr. DeMatos and seconded by Mr. Leonard to approve the request of Dawn D. Rogers to install a masonry mailbox structure within the Township right-of-way of Spyglass Hill, subject to Ms. Rogers entering into an encroachment agreement with the Township in a form acceptable to the Township Solicitor.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

Agreement with DeSales University – Crosswalks and Flashing Warning Devices on Station Avenue

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. DeMatos to approve an indemnification and maintenance agreement with DeSales University for the installation and ongoing maintenance of crosswalks and flashing warning devices on Station Avenue in the vicinity of DeSales Drive and DeSales University Driveway.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

Resolution No. 2014-19 – Application for Flashing Warning Devices on Station Avenue

Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. DeMatos to adopt Resolution No. 2014-19 authorizing the Township Manager to submit all necessary documentation to PennDOT in order to secure the required approvals for multiple crosswalk flashing warning devices on Station Avenue in the vicinity of DeSales Drive and DeSales University Driveway.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

PRESENTATION BY DENNIS HARMAN OF THE PIDCOCK COMPANY – WATER SYSTEM STATUS REPORT – APRIL, 2014

Mr. Harman gave a brief presentation concerning recent improvements to the Township water system.

DIRECTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Impact of severe winter on Township budget

Mr. Kassel reviewed a report he prepared outlining the Township's snow removal costs for the first four months of 2014. He estimated the Township's snow removal expenses will be roughly \$80,000 over budget by the end of 2014.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

BILLS, PAYROLL, AND COMMISSIONS

Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Leonard to authorize the payment of the Prepaid Invoice List and the Warrant List 04142014 dated 4/11/2014.

Warrant List.....	\$521,806.79
Prepaid Invoice List	\$323,460.95

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mr. Benner asked the Board to clarify if any action is being taken on the matter of the Township's interest in the Locust Valley Golf Course and its preservation.

Mr. Wager explained that he told Robert Ashford, owner of Locust Valley Golf Course, the Board of Supervisors was not interested in pursuing this matter. He suggested Mr. Ashford come to a Board of Supervisors meeting to voice his opinion.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 7:58 pm, the Board met in executive session to discuss personnel matters.

The Board returned from executive session at approximately 8:50 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m.

Secretary