

MINUTES

Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
Monday, November 10, 2014 – 6:30 P.M.
Township Municipal Building

Members Present: Stephen Wagner, Chairman
Dennis E. Benner
Patrick M. Leonard
Philip W. Spaeth

Members Absent: Joaquim "Jack" DeMatos, Vice Chairman

Staff Attending: Thomas F. Beil, Township Manager
Robert E. Kassel, Jr., Assistant Township Manager
Jeffrey Dimmich, Township Solicitor
Charles Castetter, Fire Chief
Chris Cope, Director of Water/Sewer Resources
Robert Coyle, Chief of Police
Donald Eck, Director of Roads & Properties
Joseph Geib, Communications/Special Projects Coordinator
Joanna Slagle, Director of Community Development
Thomas Young, Finance Director
Dennis Harman, P.E., Township Engineer

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:30 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."

NOTIFICATION

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

JoAnn Kelly, 3360 Flint Hill Road – Ms. Kelly said there is a problem with cars speeding along a blind curve on Flint Hill Road between Taylor Drive and Walnut Lane. While crossing the road to get to their mailboxes, Ms. Kelly and some of her neighbors have almost been hit by cars speeding on the blind curve. Ms. Kelly's car was almost hit when backing out of her driveway.

Mr. Beil said the Road Department trimmed the high grass and weeds along the curve which should improve site distance. He also said the Police Department was asked to step up speed enforcement along this stretch of Flint Hill Road. In addition, Mr. Beil indicated the Township will investigate the possibility of removing or cutting back a bank along the curve to improve the line of site for drivers negotiating the curve.

A discussion ensued concerning the possibility of moving the mailboxes to the other side of the road so residents would not have to cross the road to get their mail. Mr. Beil said the Post Office is unwilling to allow residents to relocate their mailboxes to the other side of the road. Mr. Beil will find out if residents can appeal the determination of the Post Office with respect to mailbox placement.

Sue Kelly (address not provided) – Ms. Kelly also expressed concern with cars speeding on Flint Hill Road between Taylor Drive and Walnut Lane. She asked the Board to consider and all-way stop at the intersection of Flint Hill Road and Taylor Drive. Mr. Beil said the Township Engineer studied the intersection and determined an all way stop was not warranted at this location. She supported the idea of cutting back the bank to improve the line of site along the curve and suggested creating a flat area near the mailboxes so residents can safely get off the road if an approaching car fails to spot them.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

PRELIMINARY 2015 TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Presentation of preliminary Township budget by Staff

Messrs. Beil and Kassel gave a PowerPoint presentation on the preliminary 2015 Township budget. A copy of the presentation is attached hereto, made a part hereof, and identified as Attachment A.

Police Chief Robert Coyle asked the Board to consider budgeting additional funds to hire two new police officers in 2015. He explained the justification and rationale for hiring the two new officers.

Detective Thomas Nicoletti said the Police Department's workload is increasing and additional officers are needed.

Supervisors Leonard and Benner spoke in favor of hiring additional police officers.

Donald Eck, Director of Roads and Properties, asked the Board to consider budgeting additional funds to hire a new laborer for the Road Department. Mr. Eck explained the need for an additional employee in his Department.

Supervisor Spaeth expressed concern with the ongoing costs associated with hiring additional staff and the potential impact this will have on current and future Township budgets. He asked the other Board members to identify items that can be cut from the budget in order to offset the cost of hiring additional personnel in the Police Department and Road Department.

Chairman Wagner said the Police Chief and Road Department Director seem justified in their requests for additional employees, however, adding more staff has long term budget implications that need to be carefully considered.

It was the consensus of the Board to schedule a special meeting on Monday, November 17, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. to continue discussions on the preliminary 2015 Township budget.

Chairman Wagner asked if anyone from the public wished to comment on the preliminary budget.

George and Judy Bloeser, 6500 Limeport Pike – Mr. and Mrs. Bloeser asked the Board to budget \$10,000 in 2015 to help fund the field lighting project at the Limeport Stadium. Mr. Bloeser said the current stadium lights are failing and need to be replaced soon.

SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENTS

None

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Regular Meeting of September 22, 2014

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Benner to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 22, 2014.

The motion was approved by a vote of 3 to 0 with Chairman Wagner abstaining because he was not in attendance at the meeting on September 22, 2014.

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2014-29 – Accept Sanitary Sewer Facilities, Storm Sewer Lines and Water Lines – Curly Horse Subdivision

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Benner to adopt Resolution No. 2014-29 accepting Bills of Sale for certain sanitary sewer facilities, storm sewer lines and water lines in the Curly Horse Subdivision.

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

MOTIONS

Request For Payment – Recon Construction Services, Inc. – Certification No. 2

Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Leonard to authorize payment in the amount of \$39,218.55 to Recon Construction Services, Inc., for work completed on Phase 3 of the Afton Village Roadway Rehabilitation Project.

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

Request For Payment – James D. Morrissey, Inc. – Certification No. 1

Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Leonard to authorize payment in the amount of \$41,211.39 to James D. Morrissey, Inc., for work completed on the Station Avenue Roadway Rehabilitation Project.

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

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION ITEMS

None

DIRECTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

BILLS, PAYROLL, AND COMMISSIONS

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize payment of the Warrant List and Prepaid Invoice List #11102014 dated 11/07/2014.

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

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:47 p.m.

Secretary

