

MINUTES

Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
Monday, November 24, 2014 – 6:30 P.M.
Township Municipal Building

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

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

None

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Chairman Wagner announced the PA Department of Environmental Protection has sent letters to Township residents concerning high radon levels found within the Township.

- Chairman Wagner announced the death of Police Department K9 Officer Vito. Vito was the Police Department's first police dog and served for seven and a half years with Corporal Michael Fritts.

SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENTS

None

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Regular Meeting of October 13, 2014

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. DeMatos to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 13, 2014.

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

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

MOTIONS

Preliminary 2015 Township Budget

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. DeMatos to adopt the preliminary 2015 Township Budget and to authorize the Township Manager to advertise the Budget so that final consideration of the Budget can be accomplished at the Board of Supervisors meeting on December 22, 2014.

George and Judy Bloeser, 6500 Limeport Pike – Mr. & Mrs. Bloeser asked the Board to consider increasing the amount budgeted for the Limeport Stadium field lighting project from \$5,000 to \$10,000. They thanked the Board for considering their request.

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

Authorization to Purchase New Street Sweeper for Road Department

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize the purchase of a new Street Sweeper through the State's Cooperative Purchasing Program in an amount not to exceed \$189,230.50.

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

Authorization to Purchase New Dump Truck for Road Department

Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Leonard to authorize the purchase of a new Dump Truck through the State's Cooperative Purchasing Program in an amount not to exceed \$77,378.00

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

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION ITEMS

None

DIRECTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Review Agenda for Zoning Hearing Board meeting on December 1, 2014

Mr. Beil reviewed the only appeal on the docket for the December 1, 2014 Zoning Hearing Board meeting. It was determined that the appeal involves a routine matter that can be handled by the Zoning Hearing Board without input from the Board of Supervisors.

Cancellation of Board of Supervisors meeting scheduled for December 8, 2014 due to lack of agenda items

It was the consensus of the Board to cancel the meeting scheduled for December 8, 2014.

Procedure for evaluating applicants seeking appointment/reappointment to Township Boards and Commissions

It was the consensus of the Board to refer this matter to the Appointments Review Committee. The Committee will evaluate the applicants and recommend which applicants should be appointed by the full Board.

Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Schedule for 2015

The Board was in agreement that the current practice of holding regular meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. should be continued for the 2015 calendar year. The Board will take official action on this matter at the Annual Reorganization Meeting scheduled for Monday, January 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

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 #11242014 dated 11/21/2014.

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

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 6:56 p.m., the Board met in executive session to interview candidates for Township Engineer and to discuss the possibility of the Township acquiring an interest in real property.

The Board returned from executive session at approximately 9:53 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:54 p.m.

Secretary