

MINUTES

Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
Monday, October 26, 2015 – 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
Charles Unangst, 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

Mr. Wagner made the following announcements:

- Township Trick or Treat will be held on Friday, October 30, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Rain date is Saturday, October 31, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Wagner said Mr. Spaeth recently attended a luncheon at the Annual Conference of the PA Citizens for Better Libraries to accept an award on behalf of the Township. He asked Mr. Spaeth to comment on the award.

Mr. Spaeth said he was honored to accept the Local Officials Award on behalf of the Township at a luncheon sponsored by the PA Citizens for Better Libraries on October 4th. The PA Citizens for Better Libraries selected the Township to receive the award as a way of recognizing the Township's many contributions over the years to the Southern Lehigh Public Library. He showed the Board the plaque the Township received and asked that it be displayed at the Township Building. Mr. Beil said the plaque would be displayed in the vestibule area outside the public meeting room.

SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENTS

Freeh – Worsley Lot Line Adjustment Plan – Resolution No. 2015-30

Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Leonard to adopt Resolution No. 2015-30 conditionally approving the Final Lot Line Adjustment Plan of John J. and Diane S. Freeh and John C. W., Jr., and Judith N. Worsley to adjust the lot line between the properties at 2267 Washington Lane and 5659 Landis Mill Road.

Solicitor Dimmich explained the Lot Line Adjustment Plan arises out of litigation between the Freehs and Worsleys and a subsequent settlement agreement between the parties. It was noted the Subdivision Application was not signed by the Worsleys and it is not entirely clear if the Worsleys will sign-off on the Plan if approved.

John C. Freeh, Jr., 2267 Washington Lane – He said the Worsleys recently signed the Subdivision Application and he expects them to sign off on the Plan.

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

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Regular Meeting of September 14, 2015

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Benner to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 14, 2015.

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

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2015-31 – Amendment to Police Pension Plan

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Benner to amend the Upper Saucon Township Police Pension Plan in order to comply with the Pension Protection Act of 2006 and The Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008 (HEART).

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

MOTIONS

Request for Payment – Mid-State Utility Contractors, Inc. – Certification No. 9 (Final)

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. DeMatos to authorize payment in the amount of \$22,665.10 to Mid-State Utility Contractors, Inc., for work completed on the Gun Club water supply well.

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

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION ITEMS

Letter from John Adams requesting the Township proactively take actions to discourage people who live out of state from visiting the Township Park

Mr. Beil explained that Mr. Adams is concerned about the possibility of out of state visitors causing problems at the Township Park. The letter notes that out of state visitors, primarily from New York and New Jersey, caused problems at Penn Pump Park in Palmer Township and Saucon Park in the City of Bethlehem. Mr. Adams suggests the Township take proactive measures to discourage people who live out of state from visiting the Township Park.

Mr. Beil said the police have been monitoring the Township Park for the past several months and there have not been any incidents involving out of state visitors. He also noted that Penn Pump Park and Saucon Park seem to attract out of state visitors who like to swim in streams running through the parks, a situation which does not exist at the Township Park.

The Board directed Mr. Beil to write a letter to Mr. Adams indicating the Township is monitoring the situation at the Township Park and will take appropriate action if a problem with out of state visitors develops.

Solicitor Dimmich said it is probably illegal to outlaw out of state visitors from Township parks.

Letter from George Bloeser of Limeport Stadium, Inc. requesting contribution for Limeport Stadium field lighting project

The Board discussed Mr. Bloeser's request for the Township to contribute to the Limeport Stadium field lighting project. It was the consensus of the Board to make a \$5,000 contribution towards the field lighting project in calendar year 2015, subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

- The Township's contribution must be used to offset the cost of replacing the field lights at Limeport Stadium and no other purpose. The funds must be segregated for the lights and proof of segregation or payment for the limited purpose of lights shall be provided to the Township.
- The funds will be fully reimbursed to the Township if work on the field lighting project fails to commence on or before December 31, 2018. This date may be extended at the discretion of the Township.

Mr. Wagner said he received a letter from Mr. Bloeser indicating that Limeport Stadium, Inc., has raised almost \$50,000 of the \$275,000 needed for the lighting project.

DIRECTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Review Agenda for Zoning Hearing Board meeting on November 2, 2015

The Board reviewed the three appeals on the docket for the November 2, 2015 Zoning Hearing Board meeting. It was determined that the three appeals involve routine matters that can be handled by the Zoning Hearing Board without input from the Board of Supervisors.

Possible amendment to Non-Uniformed Employees' Pension Plan allowing employees age 65 and older with at least 10 years of service to continue to accrue pension benefits

Mr. Beil said members of the Non-Uniformed Employee Pension Plan who attain age 65 and complete 10 years of service are no longer eligible to accrue benefits under the Plan but are still required to contribute to the Plan. He said an employee questioned whether it is fair to expect Plan participants to continue to contribute to the Plan when their pension benefits are capped.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board directed the Township Manager to prepare an amendment to the Non-Uniformed Employees' Pension Plan that would allow employees age 65 and older with at least 10 years of service to continue to accrue pension benefits. The amendment will be considered for possible adoption at a future Board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

BILLS, PAYROLL, AND COMMISSIONS

Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Leonard to authorize payment of the Prepaid Invoice List and Warrant List #10232015 dated 10/26/2015.

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

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:16 p.m.

Secretary