

MINUTES

Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
Monday, July 11, 2016 – 6:30 P.M.
Township Municipal Building

Members Present: Stephen Wagner, Chairman
Patrick M. Leonard, Vice Chairman
Dennis E. Benner
Brian J. Farrell

Members Absent: 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
Patricia Lang, Director of Community Development

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

Ty Somers, 1745 Taylor Drive - Mr. Somers expressed concern about vehicles speeding on Taylor Drive. He asked the Board to consider making the intersection of Taylor Drive and Franklin Lane a 3-way stop as a means of slowing down traffic. He also suggested prohibiting trucks on Taylor Drive.

Attorney Dimmich said stop signs cannot be used for speed control. He went on to explain that stop signs should only be used where warranted by an engineering traffic study. He also mentioned that a truck prohibition would have to be supported by an engineering study.

Mr. Beil said he is fairly certain that an engineering study would reveal that a 3-way stop is not warranted at the intersection of Taylor Drive and Franklin Lane.

Mr. Beil said he would ask the Police Department to be more aggressive with speed enforcement on Taylor Drive. Mr. Leonard suggested utilizing the speed board.

Karen Moskowitz, 6705 Chestnut Hill Road - Ms. Moskowitz asked the Board to consider making the ATV ordinance more restrictive by prohibiting ATV riding between the hours of 7 p.m. and 9 a.m. The current ordinance prohibits ATV riding between the hours of 8 p.m. and 9 a.m. She said the loud noise from the ATVs makes it very difficult for her to sit outside and enjoy a summer evening. She recently contacted the police to complain about the ATVs and the officer who responded seemed to be unaware of the ATV ordinance.

Mr. Beil said he would make sure the police are aware that the current ATV ordinance prohibits ATV riding between the hours of 8 p.m. and 9 a.m.

Attorney Dimmich said he believes the current ordinance is legally enforceable. He suggested the Board tread very lightly in this area because he doubts a more restrictive ordinance would pass legal muster.

David Moskowitz, 6705 Chestnut Hill Road - Mr. Moskowitz said part of the problem is that the ATVs are being driven night after night and he probably would not be complaining if the ATV riding only occurred once in a while. He mentioned the ATVs seem inordinately loud and may not have mufflers.

Attorney Dimmich said mufflers are required per the ordinance.

Ms. Moskowitz said the noise from the ATVs is very offensive.

Christian Hutter, 5481 Scholar Circle - Mr. Hutter asked the Board to consider adopting an ordinance prohibiting travel trailers and campers from parking on the street for extended periods of time. He explained his neighbor's travel trailer was parked on the street for six weeks straight earlier this year. He said large trailers and campers create a safety hazard when parked on the street.

It was the consensus of the Board to refer the matter to the Emergency Services Committee.

Mr. Beil said Mr. Hutter and any other interested parties would be invited to attend the Emergency Services Committee meeting when this issue is discussed.

Mike Dougherty, 6453 Maple Hill Lane - Mr. Dougherty spoke in support of prohibiting travel trailers from parking on the street. He added that trailers and campers parked in the street negatively affect quality of life and hurt property values.

Mike Pavis, 6461 Maple Hill Lane - Mr. Pavis stressed the safety concerns created by large trailers and campers parking in the street.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Wagner made the following announcements:

- The Summer Concert Series continues at the Township Park with three more concerts:
 - July 14 at 7:00 p.m. - Chelsea Meyer
 - July 28 at 7:00 p.m. - Lizanne Knott
 - August 11 at 7:00 p.m. - The Ultra Kings
- The Environmental Advisory Council will hold more Backyard Natural Habitat programs in the coming weeks:
 - “Vegetable Diseases” on Monday, July 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Southern Lehigh Public Library.
 - “Shady Secrets – Planting for Shady Areas” on Monday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Southern Lehigh Public Library.

SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENTS

None

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Special Meeting of June 6, 2016

Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Leonard to approve the minutes of the special meeting of June 6, 2016.

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

Regular Meeting of June 13, 2016

Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Leonard to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 13, 2016.

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

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

MOTIONS

Sale of Used Township Vehicles

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize the sale of a 2000 Ford Explorer (VIN#1FMZU83P6YUB82239) to Nicholas Vlahos of Pottstown, PA for \$575.00.

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 1999 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor (VIN#2FAFP71W5XX189859) to Eric Linse of Philadelphia, PA for \$925.00.

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 2006 Ford Explorer (VIN#1FMEU72E76UB53919) to Breck Dean of Quakertown, PA for \$2,713.00.

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 1995 Ford 56,000 GVW Dump Truck (VIN#1FDZW82E6SVA78474) to Christian Calehuff of Montoursville, PA for \$15,900.00.

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 1965 Ingram Rubber-Tire Roller (Serial No. 6548P9) to Peter LeGros (d/b/a Kent Farm Equipment) of Blenheim, Ontario, Canada for \$835.00.

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

Appointments to Southern Lehigh Public Library Board of Directors

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Benner to reappoint Allen Cassaday to the Southern Lehigh Public Library Board of Directors for a three year term expiring on June 30, 2019.

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

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Benner to reappoint Kristen Bruck to the Southern Lehigh Public Library Board of Directors for a three year term expiring on June 30, 2019.

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

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Benner to reappoint Leslie Staffeld to the Southern Lehigh Public Library Board of Directors for a three year term expiring on June 30, 2019.

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

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION ITEMS

None

DIRECTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Resident request for Township to impose stricter regulations on ATV riding

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting during the Public Comment portion of the agenda.

Review proposals to perform comprehensive water system study

Mr. Beil said Hanover Engineering and Dewberry Associates submitted proposals to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the Township's water system. Mr. Beil briefly reviewed both proposals.

Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Leonard to accept the proposal from Hanover Engineering to perform a comprehensive analysis of the Township water system for total cost not to exceed \$50,000.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

BILLS, PAYROLL, AND COMMISSIONS

Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Farrell to authorize payment of the Prepaid Invoice List and Warrant List #07112016 dated 07/08/2016.

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

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 7:17 p.m., the Board met in executive session to discuss potential litigation with the City of Bethlehem.

The Board returned from executive session at approximately 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:31 p.m.

Secretary