

MINUTES

Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 8, 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
Joseph Geib, Special Projects Coordinator
Thomas Dinkelacker, Township Solicitor
Charles Unangst, P.E., Township Engineer
Karl E. Schreiter, Jr. P.E., 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

None

SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENTS

None

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Regular Meeting of July 25, 2016

This item was tabled until the September 12, 2016 meeting because there were only two Supervisors in attendance tonight who attended the July 25, 2016 meeting.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 67-TT – No Parking – Saucon Creek Road

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Benner to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 67-TT establishing No Parking Zones on both sides of Saucon Creek Road between Center Valley Parkway and Route 378.

Mr. Wagner asked if any members of the public wished to comment on the proposed Ordinance. There was no response.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2016-27 – Application to Modify Existing Traffic Signal at the Intersection of Center Valley Parkway (S.R. 2044) and West Saucon Valley Circle

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Benner to adopt Resolution No. 2016-27 authorizing the Township Manager to submit all necessary documentation to PennDOT in order to secure the required approvals to modify the existing traffic signal at the intersection of Center Valley Parkway (S.R. 2044) and West Saucon Valley Circle.

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

MOTIONS

Request For Payment – Semmel Excavating Company, Inc. – Certification No. 1

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize payment in the amount of \$72,470.34 to Semmel Excavating, Inc., for work completed on the Camp Meeting Road Intersection Improvements Project.

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

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION ITEMS

None

DIRECTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Cancellation of Board of Supervisors meeting scheduled for August 22, 2016 due to lack of agenda items

It was the consensus of the Board to cancel the meeting scheduled for August 22, 2016.

Proposal from VFIS Consulting to develop stipend incentive system and fire service staffing plan for Upper Saucon Volunteer Fire Department

Mr. Beil reviewed VFIS Consulting's proposal to develop a stipend incentive system and fire service staffing plan for the Upper Saucon Volunteer Fire Department. He said the Fire Department is experiencing a shortage of volunteer firefighters and the study will identify ways to address this problem.

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Benner to accept the proposal from VFIS Consulting to develop a stipend incentive system and fire service staffing plan for the Upper Saucon Volunteer Fire Department for a total cost not to exceed \$11,000.

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

Doris Clegg of 4137 Bunker Hill Drive wanted to know how the State and insurance companies look at the Township when it comes to having volunteer firefighters available. Attorney Dinkelacker responded to Ms. Clegg's question.

Agreement to sell additional sewer capacity to Coopersburg Borough

Messrs. Beil and Schreiter reviewed this matter with the Board. Mr. Beil explained that Coopersburg Borough is interested in purchasing additional sewer capacity from the Township. The additional capacity is needed in order for the Borough to provide sewer service to the proposed Oxford Ridge Subdivision, a 26 lot subdivision located entirely within the Borough. Mr. Schreiter said the Township has available sewer capacity to sell to the Borough.

Attorney Dinkelacker said he prepared a written agreement for the Board's consideration. The agreement would formalize the terms under which the Borough would be allowed to purchase additional sewer capacity from the Township. Attorney Dinkelacker reviewed the agreement with the Board.

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Benner to approve the agreement prepared by the Township Solicitor which would allow Coopersburg Borough to purchase additional sewer capacity from the Township in order to accommodate new development in the Borough.

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 #08082016 dated 08/05/2016.

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

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 7:20 p.m. the Board met in Executive Session to discuss two issues concerning possible litigation.

At approximately 7:51 p.m., the Board returned from Executive Session.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Agreement to Resolve Dispute Concerning Sewer Tapping Fee Charges in Connection with Former Peppercorn Pub Property

Motion by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Leonard to approve the agreement with ALARA Investments, LLC, resolving a dispute concerning sewer tapping fee charges in connection with the conversion of the former Peppercorn Pub property at 6660 Route 309 to an eight unit apartment.

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

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 7:56 p.m.

Secretary