

MINUTES

Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 2018 – 6:30 P.M.
Township Municipal Building

Members Present: Dennis E. Benner, Chairman
Brian J/ Farrell, Vice Chairman
Philip W. Spaeth
Kimberly Stehlik

Members
Participating
Via Speakerphone: Stephen Wagner

Staff Attending: Thomas F. Beil, Township Manager
Joseph Geib, Assistant Township Manager
Thomas Dinkelacker, Township Solicitor
Kevin Chimics, P.E., Township Engineer
Patricia Lang, Director of Community Development
Thomas Nicoletti, Chief of Police
Thomas Young, Director of Finance
Daphne Gombosi, Asst. Director of Finance
Chris Cope, Director of Water and Sewer Resources
Donald H. Eck Jr., Director of Roads and Properties
Daniel Guerrero, Asst. Director of Road and Properties
Patrick Leonard, Special Projects Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Benner 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. Benner asked all in attendance to stand and recite the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

NOTIFICATION

Mr. Benner 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

SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENTS

None

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Special Meeting of August 20, 2018

Motion made by Ms. Stehlik and seconded Mr. Spaeth by to approve the minutes of the special meeting of August 20, 2018.

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

Regular Meeting of August 27, 2018

Motion made by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Spaeth to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 27, 2018.

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

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2018-33 – Lehigh Valley 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan

Motion made by Ms. Stehlik and seconded Mr. Spaeth to approve Resolution No. 2018-33 adopting the Lehigh Valley 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the Township.

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

MOTIONS

Request For Payment – Preston Lane Drainage & Roadway Improvements – Certification No. 2

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Farrell to authorize payment in the amount of \$361,405.95 to Horst Excavating for work completed on the Preston Lane Drainage & Roadway Improvements Project.

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

Release of Funds – Blue Ridge Chase Subdivision - Certification No. 2

Motion made by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Ms. Stehlik to authorize the release of construction security in the amount of \$275,303.05 for the Blue Ridge Chase Subdivision in accordance with the Township Engineer's recommendation made by letter dated November 1, 2018.

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

Request For Payment – Preston Lane Drainage & Roadway Improvements – Certification No. 3

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Ms. Stehlik to authorize payment in the amount of \$120,762.33 to Horst Excavating for work completed on the Preston Lane Drainage & Roadway Improvements Project.

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

Request For Payment – 2018 Road Maintenance Project – Certification No. 1 (Final)

Motion made by Mr. Spaeth and seconded by Ms. Stehlik to authorize final payment in the amount of \$199,299.40 to Asphalt Paving Systems for crack sealing and microsurfacing work on various Township roads.

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

Request For Payment – Saucon Country Estates and Sunset Park Sanitary Sewer Project – Certification No. 5

Motion made by Ms. Stehlik and seconded by Mr. Farrell to authorize payment in the amount of \$276,000.32 to RGC Development LP for work completed on the Saucon Country Estates and Sunset Park Sanitary Sewer Project.

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

Request For Payment – Oakhurst Stormwater Outfall Stream Conveyance System – Certification No. 2

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Farrell to authorize payment in the amount of \$38,460.91 to Nimaris Construction LP for work completed on the Oakhurst Stormwater Outfall Stream Conveyance System.

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

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION ITEMS

None

DIRECTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Request by Ken & Linda Redles for the Board to consider a modification to the conditions of approval for the Strawberry Hill Subdivision

Attorney Steven Boell was present on behalf of John Myung. Attorney Boell explained that Mr. Myung was approached by Mr. Redles regarding the potential relocation of proposed Red Oak Drive. He said he would like to hear from Mr. Redles regarding this matter.

Mr. Redles and his attorney, Kristofer Metzger, appeared before the Board.

Attorney Metzger provided a brief overview of the Strawberry Hill and Viceroy Estates Subdivisions. He distributed copies of Resolution No. 2008-16 conditionally approving the Preliminary and Final Plans for the Strawberry Hill Subdivision. He asked the Board to consider eliminating condition 2.j of Resolution No. 2008-16 regarding a small piece of land that was supposed to be conveyed to Lot 3 of the Viceroy Estates Subdivision for a future private drive. In addition, he questioned whether Mr. Myung has standing to oppose the modification of Resolution No. 2008-16.

Mr. Redles mentioned there is a discrepancy regarding a water line easement he granted to the Township in 2000.

Mr. Redles questioned the fairness and legitimacy of conditions 2.i and 2.j of Resolution No. 2008-16.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the Strawberry Hill Subdivision and the future extension of Red Oak Drive where it intersects with Blue Church Road South. Most of the discussion focused on whether the future extension of Red Oak Drive should be aligned with Mountain Laurel Drive.

Chairman Benner referred Mr. Redles to the Planning Commission where his issues and concerns can be discussed in more detail.

Solicitor Dinkelacker suggested Mr. Redles consider making a formal submission to revise the Strawberry Hill Subdivision which then would go through the normal Township review process.

Attorney Boell said that Mr. Myung looks forward to dealing with the Planning Commission and understands what the Board is saying.

PRELIMINARY 2019 TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Mr. Beil provided an overview of the preliminary 2019 Township budget. He noted the proposed budget does not call for a tax increase and utility rates remain unchanged from 2018 levels.

Mr. Bloeser asked when Saint Joseph's Road would be re-paved. Mr. Beil said it is not in the 2019 budget but would be considered for the 2020 budget.

Mr. Beil suggested budgeting \$25,000 in 2019 for the design and permitting of the new dog park. Additional funds could be budgeted in 2020 for construction of the dog park. The Board was in agreement with Mr. Beil's suggestion.

Judy and George Bloeser thanked the Board for their continued financial support of the field lighting project at the Limeport Stadium. Mr. and Mrs. Bloeser updated the Board on the status of the lighting project.

Lynnette Saeger of the Southern Lehigh Public Library thanked the Board for fully funding the Library's budget requests.

Chairman Benner thanked the staff and Finance Committee for all their work on the budget.

Chairman Benner noted the preliminary 2019 Township Budget will be considered for possible adoption at the Board's next regular meeting which is scheduled for Monday, November 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

BILLS, PAYROLL, AND COMMISSIONS

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Farrell to authorize payment of the Prepaid Invoice List and Warrant List dated 11/9/2018.

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

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Ms. Stehlik to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:28 p.m.

Secretary