

## MINUTES

Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors  
Special Meeting  
Monday, August 20, 2018 – 1:00 P.M.  
Township Municipal Building

Members Present: Dennis E. Benner, Chairman  
Brian J. Farrell, Vice Chairman  
Kimberly Stehlik  
Stephen Wagner

Participating  
By Speakerphone: Philip W. Spaeth

Staff Attending: Thomas F. Beil, Township Manager  
Joseph Geib, Assistant Township Manager  
Thomas Dinkelacker, Township Solicitor  
Charles Unangst, P.E., Township Engineer

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Benner called the meeting to order at 1:00 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

**PRESTON LANE DRAINAGE AND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

Mr. Unangst reviewed the current status of the Preston Lane Drainage and Road Improvements Project. The project involves essentially two phases. The first phase of construction is currently underway and includes drainage improvements along Preston Lane. The second phase is scheduled to start in the near future and involves the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Preston Lane and the westernmost driveways to the High School and Middle School.

A discussion ensued about possibly postponing construction of the roundabout portion of the project until the summer of 2019 in order to minimize disruptions to the High School and Middle School as Preston Lane is the primary route buses and other vehicles take to access both schools. It was mentioned that the contractor would have to close Preston Lane during construction of the roundabout and the closure would last for several weeks.

Brian Kane and Joseph Heiser were present on behalf of Horst Excavating Company.

Messrs. Kane and Heiser responded to questions from Board members concerning the construction schedule for the project.

A discussion ensued concerning the need to increase the contract price of the project in order to accommodate the Township's request to delay construction of the roundabout until 2019.

Mr. Kane said the price of the project would increase by \$62,960.72 to compensate for the additional costs imposed by the delay. He explained how the price increase was calculated.

Chairman Benner asked if Horst Excavating could do anything to reduce the price increase imposed by the delay.

Mr. Kane said the best he could do was to reduce the price increase by 10%.

Kathleen Evison, Superintendent, and Todd Bergey, Director of Support Services, were present on behalf of the Southern Lehigh School District.

Ms. Evison and Mr. Bergey said the closure of Preston Lane would have a significant impact on the operations of the High School and Middle School. They asked the Board to consider delaying the roundabout portion of the project until the summer of 2019 when school is not in session.

Samantha Falcone, 3515 Sunnyside Road, asked several questions about the closure of Preston Lane. Mr. Heiser responded to Ms. Falcone's questions.

Motion by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Farrell to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Preston Lane Roadway and Drainage Improvements Project and to delay construction of the roundabout portion of the project until the summer of 2019, subject to the proposed price increase attributable to the delay being reduced by 10% as agreed to by Mr. Kane and any other reasonable conditions deemed appropriate by the Township Solicitor.

**MOTIONS**

**Request for Payment – RGC Development LP – Certification No. 2**

Motion by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Wagner to authorize payment in the amount of \$262,300.50 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 – RGC Development LP – Certification No. 3**

Motion by Ms. Stehlik and seconded by Mr. Farrell to authorize payment in the amount of \$352,916.55 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.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

None

**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 1:59 p.m.

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Secretary