

MINUTES

Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
Monday, October 28, 2019 – 6:30 P.M.
Township Municipal Building

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

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

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

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY-HIRED POLICE OFFICER

Chairman Benner administered the oath of office to newly-hired police officer Matthew Faherty.

SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENTS

None

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Special Meeting of August 12, 2019 (Kay Lehigh, LLC – Curative Amendment Hearing)
Motion made by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Spaeth to approve the minutes of the special meeting of August 12, 2019.

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

Regular Meeting of August 26, 2019

Motion made by Ms. Stehlik and seconded by Mr. Farrell to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 26, 2019.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 in favor, none against and 1 abstention. Mr. Benner abstained from voting because he was not present at the meeting on August 26, 2019.

Regular Meeting of September 9, 2019

Motion made by Ms. Stehlik and seconded by Mr. Farrell to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 9, 2019.

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

Special Meeting of September 9, 2019 (Kay Lehigh, LLC – Curative Amendment Hearing)

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Farrell to approve the minutes of the special meeting of September 9, 2019.

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

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

MOTIONS

Release of Funds – Old Saucon Subdivision Certification No. S-1 (Sanitary Sewer Improvements)

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Farrell to authorize the release of construction security in the amount of \$57,465.10 for the Old Saucon subdivision in accordance with the Township Engineer's recommendation made by letter dated October 21, 2019.

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

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION ITEMS

None

DIRECTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Resident Request To Lower Speed Limit On Glen Road From 40 mph to 35 mph

Mr. Beil explained the Township received several requests to lower the speed limit on Glen Road. He said if the Board members are interested in lowering the speed limit then they should authorize the Township Engineer to do a study to determine if the current 40 mph speed limit is appropriate. He noted the current speed limit was based on an engineering study done in 1994.

Chairman Benner asked if members of the public wished to comment on this issue.

Fred Colosimo of 5450 Glen Road said vehicles speeding on Glen Road pose a serious safety concern. He asked the Board to consider reducing the speed limit to 30 mph. He said he talked to his neighbor who is a police officer about the possibility of getting speed traps on Glen Road.

John Dobos of 5430 Glen Road said speeding cars on Glen Road present a safety concern to students getting on and off school buses. He described two instances where he observed cars blowing by school buses when their red lights were blinking. He was in favor of lowering the speed limit on Glen Road.

Anastasia Sturm of 5430 Glen Road said speeding vehicles are making it increasingly dangerous for people walking on Glen Road. She said she noticed an increase in both the number and speed of vehicles traveling on Glen Road. She spoke in favor of reducing the speed limit on Glen Road, noting there have been numerous speed-related accidents.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board asked the Police Chief to deploy speed awareness monitors on Glen Road and to gather data on the extent of the speeding problem. The Board agreed to revisit this issue at its meeting on December 16, 2019.

Procedure For Evaluating Applicants Seeking Appointment To Township Boards and Commissions

It was the consensus of the Board of Supervisors to refer this matter to the Appointments Review Committee. The Committee will evaluate all applicants and make recommendations to the full Board concerning possible appointments to the various Township boards and commissions.

Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Schedule For 2020

Mr. Beil reviewed the proposed 2020 regular meeting schedule with the Board. The proposed 2020 meeting schedule calls for the Board to meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. which follows the same pattern as 2019.

Mr. Spaeth mentioned the possibility of changing meeting nights so Supervisor meetings don't conflict with School Board meetings. After a brief discussion, the Board decided it was not in favor of changing its meeting nights for 2020.

The Board will consider formally approving the proposed 2020 meeting schedule at its Reorganization meeting on January 6, 2020.

BILLS, PAYROLL, AND COMMISSIONS

Motion made by Mr. Spaeth and seconded by Mr. Farrell to authorize payment of the Prepaid Invoice List and Warrant List dated 10/25/2019.

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

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 7:07 p.m., the Board met in Executive Session for the following reasons:

- To discuss a personnel matter.
- To consult with the Township Solicitor regarding legal aspects of the Curative Amendment filed by Kay Lehigh, LLC.

At approximately 8:04 p.m., the Board returned from Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.



Secretary

