

## MINUTES

Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, December 16, 2019 – 6:30 P.M.  
Township Municipal Building

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

Participating Via  
Speakerphone: Stephen Wagner

Staff Attending: Thomas F. Beil, Township Manager  
Joseph Geib, Assistant Township Manager  
Thomas Dinkelacker, Township Solicitor  
Charles Unangst, P.E., Township Engineer  
Patricia Lang, Director of Community Development

### 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

Landis Mill Estates - Waiver Request – Resolution No. 2019-44  
Ms. Lang reviewed Resolution No. 2019-44 with the Board.

Ms. Lang responded to questions from Mr. Spaeth and Ms. Stehlik.

Motion made by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Spaeth to adopt Resolution No. 2019-44 conditionally approving the request of Kay Landis Mill, LLC, to waive Sections 501.A.4.d, 502.F.3 and 510 of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance in order to modify certain street design requirements for the Landis Mill Estates Subdivision.

Juan Colon, 5370 Old Bethlehem Pike, discussed several traffic and safety concerns related to the proposed entrance to the Landis Mill Estates development off of Old Bethlehem Pike. Mr. Colon stated there is a dangerous blind spot due to a rise in the road in the vicinity of 5380 Old Bethlehem Pike. He noted there have been several bad traffic accidents along this stretch of Old Bethlehem Pike resulting in two deaths. Mr. Benner urged Mr. Colon to bring his concerns to the attention of the Planning Commission.

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

Pitt-Ohio Parking Area Improvements – Resolution No. 2019-45

Motion made by Mr. Spaeth and seconded by Mr. Farrell to adopt Resolution No. 2019-45 conditionally approving the Preliminary / Final Land Development Plan of Terminal Leasing, Inc. to reconfigure and upgrade the existing trailer parking and storage area at the Pitt-Ohio trucking terminal.

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

**MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of October 14, 2019

Motion made by Ms. Stehlik and seconded by Mr. Wagner to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 14, 2019.

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

**ORDINANCES**

None

**RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No. 2019-41 – Adoption of 2020 Township Budget

Motion made by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Ms. Stehlik to adopt Resolution No. 2019-41 approving the 2020 Township Budget.

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

Resolution No. 2019-42 – 2020 Tax Levy

Motion made by Mr. Spaeth and seconded by Mr. Wagner to adopt Resolution No. 2019-42 fixing the real estate tax rate and fire hydrant tax rate for the year 2020.

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

Resolution No. 2019-43 – 2020 Pay Plan For Non-represented Employees

Motion made by Ms. Stehlik and seconded by Mr. Farrell to adopt Resolution No. 2019-43 establishing the 2020 Pay Plan for non-represented employees of the Township.

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

**MOTIONS**

Police Chief Employment Contract

Motion made by Ms. Stehlik and seconded by Mr. Farrell to approve the employment contract between Thomas J. Nicoletti and Upper Saucon Township setting forth the terms and conditions under which Thomas J. Nicoletti will continue to perform the duties of Police Chief, and to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute said contract on behalf of the Township.

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

Request For Payment – Chestnut Hill Road Stormwater & Roadway Improvements, Phase 1 – Certification No. 1

Motion by Mr. Spaeth and seconded by Mr. Farrell to authorize payment in the amount of \$300,597.60 to Barwis Construction for work completed on Phase 1 of the Chestnut Hill Road Stormwater and Roadway Improvements project.

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

Request For Payment – Water/Sewer Department Garage – Certification No. 2 (Contract 3)

Motion made by Ms. Stehlik and seconded by Mr. Farrell to authorize payment in the amount of \$2,565.00 to Dual Temp Company, Inc., for work completed on the Water/Sewer Department Garage.

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

Request For Payment – Hopewell Park Project – Certification No. 9

Motion made by Ms. Stehlik and seconded by Mr. Spaeth to authorize payment in the amount of \$387,401.10 to Barwis Construction for work completed on the Hopewell Park Project.

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

Request For Payment – Water/Sewer Department Garage– Certification No. 2 (Contract 2)

Motion made by Ms. Stehlik and seconded by Mr. Wagner to authorize payment in the amount of \$27,900.00 to K.C. Mechanical Service for work completed on the Water/Sewer Department Garage.

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

Request For Payment – Water/Sewer Department Garage – Certification No. 5 (Contract 1)

Motion made by Ms. Stehlik and seconded by Mr. Farrell to authorize payment in the amount of \$256,940.10 to Ankiewicz Enterprises, Inc., for work completed on the Water/Sewer Department Garage.

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

Request For Payment – Main Street Improvements Project – Certification No. 1

Motion made by Ms. Stehlik and seconded by Mr. Spaeth to authorize payment in the amount of \$6,375.20 to Northeast Site Contractors for work completed on the Main Street Improvements Project.

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

Release of Funds – Old Saucon Subdivision - Certification No. 4

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Farrell to authorize the release of construction security in the amount of \$465,927.55 for the Old Saucon Subdivision in accordance with the Township Engineer's recommendation made by letter dated December 13, 2019.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION ITEMS**

Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting will be held on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Benner announced the Board's reorganization meeting will be held on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

**DIRECTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Resident Request to Lower Speed Limit on Glen Road

This issue was previously brought to the Board's attention at the October 28, 2019 meeting. Several residents who live along Glen Road have requested that the Township lower the speed limit from the posted 40 MPH to either 30 or 35 MPH. At the October meeting, the Board requested additional data from the Police before taking action on this matter.

Mr. Beil said the Police Department has targeted Glen Road for speed enforcement, resulting in only three tickets being issued. Additionally, the speed awareness monitor was posted along the road from October 17, 2019 to December 3, 2019. The speed awareness monitor recorded approximately 40,000 vehicles traveling on Glen Road during that time frame, with 83% of those vehicles traveling at or below the posted 40 MPH speed limit.

Chris Garges, 5410 Glen Road, spoke in support of lowering the speed limit on Glen Road. He said the speed monitor was placed along a section of Glen Road that does not experience much speeding, thus skewing the data. He requested the speed monitor be placed in a different location in an attempt to more accurately capture the speed at which vehicles are traveling on Glen Road. Also, he noted that a majority of the speeding occurs around 7:00 AM when kids are driving to school.

Chief Nicoletti said he will move the speed monitor as recommended by Mr. Garges. He also would see to it that speed enforcement activities occur around 7:00 AM.

The Board was not inclined to lower the existing 40 mph speed limit on Glen Road.

### **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 December 13, 2019.

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

### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Dale Howe, 5565 Landis Mill Road, expressed concerns about flooding near his home and at the bridge on Landis Mill Road. He was also concerned about the impact that the proposed Landis Mill Estates development would have on his well. He said the proposed development is a disaster for the groundwater. He said no one likes the development and we have to find a good reason to stop it.

It was noted that Ms. Stehlik would be leaving the Board on January 6, 2020. Messrs. Benner, Farrell, Wagner and Spaeth thanked Ms. Stehlik for her service to the Township and wished her well.

### **COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

None

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At approximately 7:08 p.m., the Board met in Executive Session to discuss legal issues related to the use, lease or sale of Township-owned property which, if conducted in public, would violate the Attorney / Client Privilege and lead to the disclosure of information or confidentiality protected by law.

At approximately 8:07 p.m., the Board returned from Executive Session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:08 pm.



Secretary