

MINUTES

Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2020 – 6:30 P.M.
Township Municipal Building

Members Present: Brian J. Farrell, Chairman
Philip W. Spaeth, Vice Chairman
Stephen Wagner
John G. Inglis, III

Members Absent: Dennis E. Benner

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

NOTIFICATION

Mr. Farrell 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

James Largay, 4344 Allegiant Street, thanked the Board for its decision in late 2019 to reject the curative amendment proposed by Kay-Lehigh.

SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENTS

None

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Regular Meeting of December 16, 2019

Motion by Mr. Spaeth and seconded by Mr. Wagner to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 16, 2019.

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

Reorganization Meeting of January 6, 2020

Motion by Mr. Spaeth and seconded by Mr. Inglis to approve the minutes of the reorganization meeting of January 6, 2020.

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

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

MOTIONS

Release of Funds – Springhill Suites (a/k/a High Hotels) – Release Request 5

Motion made by Mr. Spaeth and seconded by Mr. Wagner to authorize the release of construction security in the amount of \$154,000.59 for the Springhill Suites hotel project in accordance with the Community Development Director's memo dated March 4, 2020.

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

Release of Funds – HMB Management Hotel & Banquet Center – Release Request 6

Motion made by Mr. Inglis and seconded by Mr. Wagner to authorize the release of construction security in the amount of \$38,649.68 for the HMB Management Hotel & Banquet Center project in accordance with the Township Engineer's recommendation made by letter dated March 4, 2020.

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

Release of Funds – Sacred Heart Senior Living Center – Release Request 3

Motion made by Mr. Spaeth and seconded by Mr. Inglis to authorize the release of construction security in the amount of \$113,212.00 for the Sacred Heart Senior Living Center project in accordance with the Township Engineer's recommendation made by letter dated March 4, 2020.

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

Request For Payment – Water/Sewer Dept. Garage – Certification No. 1 (Contract 4)

Motion made by Mr. Inglis and seconded by Mr. Wagner to authorize payment in the amount of \$5,625.00 to Wind Gap Electric, Inc., for work completed on the Water/Sewer Department Garage.

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

Release of Funds – Old Saucon Subdivision – Release Request 7

Motion made by Mr. Spaeth and seconded by Mr. Wagner to authorize the release of construction security in the amount of \$126,857.39 for the Old Saucon Subdivision in accordance with the Township Engineer's recommendation made by letter dated March 6, 2020.

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 March 23, 2020 due to lack of agenda items

Mr. Beil noted that there are no pending items for the March 23, 2020 meeting. It was the consensus of the Board to cancel the meeting.

BILLS, PAYROLL, AND COMMISSIONS

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Inglis to authorize payment of the Prepaid Invoice List Dated March 6, 2020 for Check Issue Dates 2/25/2020 – 3/31/2020 and Warrant Detail Invoice List dated March 6, 2020 for Report Date 3/9/2020.

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

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mr. Spaeth was curious about how much money the Township saved on snow plowing due to the mild winter. Mr. Beil said he would get back to Mr. Spaeth and the other Board members with a comparison of how much was budgeted and how much was actually spent on snow control operations for the current year.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 6:39 p.m., the Board met in Executive Session for the following reasons:

- To consult with the Police Chief regarding matters related to the initiation and conduct of investigations of possible violations of the law.
- To discuss strategy for upcoming public works union contract negotiations – current union contract expires January 1, 2021.
- To consider the possibility of the Township acquiring an interest in real property

At approximately 8:10 p.m., the Board returned from Executive Session. No action was taken on any of the discussion items.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:11 p.m.



Secretary