

MINUTES

Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 08, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.
Township Municipal Building

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

Members Absent: Dennis Benner

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

Chairman 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

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

NOTIFICATION

Chairman 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

None

PRESENTATION BY PAUL KAMOR OF PNC BANK – INVESTMENT REVIEW OF TOWNSHIP PENSION PLANS

Paul Kamor of PNC Bank, the Township’s pension custodian, reviewed the performance of the Township’s pension plans for the year 2020.

James Largay of 4344 Allegiant Street identified himself as Chairman of the Board of Elected Auditors. He expressed concern with the Township's unfunded pension liabilities. He summarized an article published in Bloomberg News from December 20, 2020 regarding the challenges municipalities face in adequately funding their pension plans.

SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENTS

None

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Regular Meeting of December 21, 2020

Motion made by Mr. Spaeth and seconded by Mr. Wagner to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 21, 2020.

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

ORDINANCES

Proposed Ordinance No. 170 – Prohibiting Trucks on a Section of Blue Church Road South between Beverly Hills Road and Mill Road

Motion made by Mr. Inglis and seconded by Mr. Spaeth to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 170 prohibiting trucks on a portion of Blue Church Road South between Beverly Hills Road and Mill Road.

Chairman Farrell asked if anyone from the public wished to comment on the proposed Ordinance. There was no response.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2021-12 – Approving the Partial Release of Retainage for Traditions of America and Wedgewood Land, L.P.

Motion made by Mr. Spaeth and seconded by Mr. Wagner to adopt Resolution No. 2021-12 authorizing the partial release of retainage in the amount of \$820,154.78 for Phases 1 - 4 of Traditions of America at Saucon Valley in accordance with the Township Engineer's recommendation made by letter dated February 4, 2021.

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

Resolution No. 2021-13 – CDL Employee Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Spaeth to postpone action on proposed Resolution No. 2021-13 until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

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

Action on the proposed Resolution was postponed so Township Staff could further investigate an issue raised by Mr. Inglis regarding apparent inconsistencies with the breath alcohol levels referenced in the Policy.

MOTIONS

Award Bid – Route 309 and Lanark Road Intersection Improvements Project

Motion made by Mr. Inglis and seconded by Mr. Spaeth to award the bid for the Route 309 and Lanark Road Intersection Improvements Project to Blooming Glen Contractors for a total bid price of \$1,360,317.00.

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

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION ITEMS

None

DIRECTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

BILLS, PAYROLL, AND COMMISSIONS

Motion made by Mr. Spaeth and seconded by Mr. Wagner to authorize payment of the Prepaid Invoice List dated February 5, 2021 for Check Issue Dates 1/26/2021 – 2/5/2021 and Warrant Detail Invoice List dated February 5, 2021 for Report Date 2/8/2021.

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

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mr. Inglis complimented the Road Department on a job well done with snow removal during the recent storms.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 7:07 p.m., the Board met in Executive Session to interview applicants for the position of Assistant Director of Roads and Properties.

At approximately 8:26 p.m., the Board returned from Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:27 p.m.



T. F. Beil

Secretary

