

## MINUTES

Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, March 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  
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.

At Chairman Farrell’s request, Chief Thomas Nicoletti provided an update regarding speed enforcement throughout the Township. This update was provided in light of a recent fatal vehicle accident on Lanark Road. Chief Nicoletti provided data from recent years on traffic warnings, traffic citations, and directed patrols.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Vic Vardaro - 4791 Cherry Lane – shared his ideas for traffic improvements along the Route 309 corridor and offered suggestions for improving road safety.

Jessica Edwards – 4405 Lanark Road – expressed concerns about speeding vehicles, bus stop violations and other safety issues along Lanark Road. She suggested the Township look into implementing the Vision Zero program which stresses education, engineering and enforcement to curb speeding and improve road safety.

Tammy Clemens – 6725 Blue Church Road South – was concerned about speeding vehicles, bus stop violations, and increased truck traffic along Blue Church Road South.

### **SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENTS**

None

### **MINUTES**

#### Regular Meeting of February 8, 2021

Motion made by Mr. Spaeth and seconded by Mr. Inglis to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 8, 2021.

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 February 8, 2021.

### **ORDINANCES**

#### Ordinance No. 171 – Fire Insurance Escrow Ordinance

Motion made by Mr. Spaeth and seconded by Mr. Benner to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 171 providing for the payment of proceeds from certain fire loss claims to the Township for the purpose of preventing blight.

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

### **RESOLUTIONS**

None

### **MOTIONS**

#### Sale of Used Township Vehicles and Equipment

- i. Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize the sale of a 2010 Ford Crown Victoria (VIN 2FABP7BV6AX100375) to Jonathan Berrette of Philadelphia, PA for \$2,600.00.

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

- ii. Motion made by Mr. Inglis and seconded by Mr. Spaeth to authorize the sale of a 1999 GMC Sierra 3500 Utility Truck (VIN 1GDGC34R9XF002722) to Corey Snyder of Everett, PA for \$2,050.00.

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

- iii. Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize the sale of a 2003 Ford F-550 DRW Utility Truck (VIN 1FDAW57P73ED08997) to Steven Calvo of Northford, CT for \$5,400.00.

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

- iv. Motion made by Mr. Inglis and seconded by Mr. Wagner to authorize the sale of a 1997 Ford LN8000 Dump Truck (VIN 1FDYR82E7VVA04746) to Mechanics Plus Towing and Transport of Emmaus, PA for \$13,900.00.

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

Release of Funds – Blue Ridge Chase Subdivision – Security Release No. 3

Motion made by Mr. Spaeth and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize the release of construction security in the amount of \$84,205.00 for the Blue Ridge Chase Subdivision in accordance with the Township Engineer's recommendation made by letter dated March 5, 2021.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

**DIRECTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Cancellation of Board of Supervisors meeting scheduled for March 22, 2021 due to lack of agenda items

It was the consensus of the Board to cancel the meeting originally scheduled for March 22, 2021.

**BILLS, PAYROLL, AND COMMISSIONS**

Motion made by Mr. Inglis and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize payment of the Prepaid Invoice List Dated March 5, 2021 for Check Issue Dates 2/23/2021 – 3/31/2021 and Warrant Detail Invoice List dated March 5, 2021 for Report Date 3/8/2021.

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

### ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mr. Spaeth suggested the Upper Saucon Police Department reach out to DeSales University to offer assistance in educating their students in the importance of safe driving.

Mr. Spaeth noted the Township received numerous complaints about blasting taking place at the former Locust Valley Golf Course where the new Traditions of America development is under construction. Solicitor Dinkelacker explained that the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection regulates blasting activities. Mr. Spaeth asked the Township Manger to reach out to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to make them aware of the blasting complaints and to ensure that all blasting regulations are being followed.

### COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Vic Vardaro - 4791 Cherry Lane - provided some additional suggestions on signage and regulations that could be implemented to decrease traffic on local roads in the Township.

Milo Guzman - 5257 Lanark Road – said he is concerned about the safety of school children at the bus stop in front of his house considering all the accidents he has witnessed involving unsafe drivers.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 7:20 p.m., the Board met in Executive Session to discuss the following matters:

- Possibility of the Township acquiring an interest in real property.
- Pending litigation against the Township filed by Kay Lehigh, LLC regarding the Township's denial of Kay Lehigh's Curative Amendment.

At approximately 8:53 p.m., the Board returned from Executive Session.

### ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:54 p.m.

  
Secretary