

MINUTES

Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2022 – 6:30 P.M.
Township Municipal Building

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

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

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

SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENTS

None

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Regular Meeting of April 25, 2022

Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Inglis to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 25, 2022.

The motion was approved by a vote of 3 in favor, none against and 2 abstentions. Messrs. Wagner and Spaeth abstained from voting because they were not present at the meeting on April 25, 2022.

Regular Meeting of May 9, 2022

Motion made by Mr. Inglis and seconded by Mr. Benner to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 9, 2022.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 in favor, none against and 1 abstention. Mr. Spaeth abstained from voting because he was not present at the meeting on May 9, 2022.

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2022-24 – Disposition of Township Records

Motion made by Mr. Inglis and seconded by Mr. Benner to adopt Resolution No. 2022-24 authorizing the disposition of certain Township records in accordance with the schedules and procedures established in the Municipal Records Manual published by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

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

MOTIONS

Designation of Surplus Vehicles / Equipment to be Sold at Auction

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Inglis to designate the vehicles and equipment identified on Disposition List No. 2022-01 as surplus property to be disposed of through an on-line auction conducted by Municibid consistent with the procedures set forth in the Second Class Township Code.

The following vehicles and equipment appear on Disposition List No. 2022-01:

- 1988 Pace Road Trailer (VIN A15DEX07880240234).
- 1997 Eager Beaver Road Trailer (VIN 112AAH208VL047218).
- 2000 Sterling Dump Truck (VIN 2FZNEWCB4YAH18230) with approx. 98,214 miles.
- 2004 Chevy Impala (VIN 2G1WF55K649410421) with approx. 82,370 miles.
- 2008 Ford Explorer (VIN 1FMEU73E58UB11198) with approx. 145,464 miles.
- 2015 Ford Explorer (VIN 1FM5K8AR6FGB13362) with approx. 91,187 miles.

- 2007 Exmark Lazer Z Zero Turn Mower (SN 120620) with approx. 1,367 hours.
- Miscellaneous Craftsman Battery Powered Hand Tools.
- 5 Vehicle Mount Bike Racks.
- 1 Revel Bicycle.

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

Authorization to Purchase Properties at 3627 Flint Hill Road and 4327 and 4550 Mill Road
Chairman Farrell announced that the Board would delay taking action on these matters until later in the meeting.

Release of Funds - Estates at Saucon Valley Subdivision – Security Release Request 10
Motion made by Mr. Inglis and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize the release of construction security in the amount of \$123,389.75 for the Estates at Saucon Valley Subdivision in accordance with the Township Engineer's recommendation made by letter dated September 7, 2022.

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

Release of Funds – Wawa Site Improvements – Security Release Request 1
Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Inglis to authorize the release of construction security in the amount of \$681,141.92 for the Wawa land development project in accordance with the Township Engineer's recommendation made by letter dated September 7, 2022.

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

Release of Funds – Penn State Lehigh Valley Dining Hall Addition – Security Release Request 1

Motion made by Mr. Inglis and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize the release of construction security in the amount of \$85,083.57 for the Penn State Lehigh Valley dining hall project in accordance with the Township Engineer's recommendation made by letter dated September 8, 2022.

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

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION ITEMS

None

DIRECTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

Resident request for ordinance requiring dogs to be leashed when on streets, sidewalks and other public grounds (current State law requires dogs to be under reasonable control)

Chairman Farrell said this agenda item was being tabled because the resident who made the request has a health issue and was unable to attend the meeting. He said the Board would take this matter up at its next regularly scheduled meeting on September 26, 2022.

Consider revisions to Township's fireworks regulations in view of recent changes to State fireworks law

A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the need to update and revise the Township's regulations regarding fireworks. The Board seemed mostly satisfied with the current regulations and decided not to pursue a change at this time. However, the Board was open to revisiting this issue in the future should the need arise.

BILLS, PAYROLL, AND COMMISSIONS

Motion made by Mr. Inglis and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize payment of Prepaid Invoice List Dated September 9, 2022 for Check Issue Dates: 8/9/2022 – 9/9/2022 and Warrant Detail Invoice List dated September 9, 2022 for Report Date: 9/12/2022.

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

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 6:43 p.m., the Board met in Executive Session to discuss:

- Purchasing real property or acquiring an interest in real property.
- Strategy related to negotiation of new collective bargaining agreement with police union – current collective bargaining agreement expires December 31, 2022.
- Litigation involving proposed Aldi grocery store at 4373 Route 378.

Chairman Farrell announced that the Board will reconvene after the Executive Session and may take action on one or more of the Executive Session discussion items.

At approximately 8:48 p.m., the Board returned from Executive Session.

Authorization to Purchase Properties at 4327 and 4550 Mill Road (currently these properties serve as stormwater detention basins for Mill Estates Subdivision)

Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Wagner to authorize the Township Manager, Thomas F. Beil, or the Township Solicitor, David C. Berger, to attend the Lehigh County Tax Upset Sale scheduled for September 14, 2022, for the purpose of bidding and purchasing, on behalf of Upper Saucon Township, certain properties identified as 4327 and 4550 Mill Road, Upper Saucon Township, Pennsylvania (PINs 642421307411 1 and 622410438056 1). This authorization shall extend to performance of all acts necessary to acquire the said properties by and on behalf of Upper Saucon Township.

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

Authorization to Purchase Property at 3627 Flint Hill Road

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize the Township Manager, Thomas F. Beil, or the Township Solicitor, David C. Berger, to attend the Lehigh County Tax Upset Sale scheduled for September 14, 2022, for the purpose of bidding and purchasing, on behalf of Upper Saucon Township, certain property identified as 3627 Flint Hill Road, Upper Saucon Township, Pennsylvania (PIN 642453619194 1). This authorization shall extend to performance of all acts necessary to acquire the said property by and on behalf of Upper Saucon Township.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m.



Secretary