

MINUTES

Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
Monday, November 08, 2021 – 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
Thomas Dinkelacker, Township Solicitor
Charles Unangst, P.E., Township Engineer
Patricia Lang, Director of Community Development
Thomas Nicoletti, Chief of Police
Thomas Young, Director of Finance
Daphne Gombosi, Asst. Director of Finance
Donald H. Eck Jr., Executive Dir. of Roads and Properties
Brent Sine, Director of Roads and Properties
Jim Ravier, Asst. Director of Roads and Properties
Patrick Leonard, Deputy Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator
Dane Carroll, Emergency Management Coordinator
Charles Castetter, Fire Chief

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Farrell called the meeting to order at 6:31 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 August 23, 2021

Motion made by Mr. Inglis and seconded by Mr. Benner to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 23, 2021.

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

ORDINANCE

Proposed Ordinance No. 67-ZZ – Establishing Four-Way Stop at Saucon Ridge Road and Majestic Drive

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Inglis to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 67-ZZ establishing a four-way stop at the intersection of Saucon Ridge Road and Majestic Drive.

Supervisor Spaeth said he felt uncomfortable moving ahead with the Ordinance and wanted to better understand the need for a four-way stop at this intersection.

Chairman Farrell invited the public to comment on proposed Ordinance No. 67-ZZ.

The following residents spoke in support of a four-way stop at the intersection of Saucon Ridge Road and Majestic Drive and urged the Board to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 67-ZZ:

- Caren Richards of 4955 Majestic Drive
- Patrick Thornton of 5030 Majestic Drive
- Maya Polack of 5010 Majestic Drive
- Dean Tantaros of 4920 Majestic Drive
- Len Martin of 4890 Majestic Drive
- Pierre-Olivier Polack of 5010 Majestic Drive,

Mr. Spaeth pointed out that municipalities cannot install stop signs for the sole purpose of slowing down speeding vehicles. He also noted certain engineering justifications or warrants need to be met before a stop sign can legally be installed. He said stop signs should not be used to interrupt the natural flow of traffic unless there's a really good reason. He was of the opinion that the justification for a four-way stop in this instance was marginal but if that's

what the neighborhood wants he is willing to go along with it.

Mr. Inglis said the neighbors raised legitimate concerns and a four-way stop at this intersection is a good idea.

Laura Bohorquez, 5530 Saucon Ridge Road, mentioned a speed limit sign was taken down on one of the streets near her home. Mr. Beil said the sign was probably taken down to accommodate ongoing construction. He assured Ms. Bohorquez the sign would be put back up when the construction is completed.

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

Proposed Ordinance No. 67-AAA – Establishing 25 MPH Speed Limit on Hall Court
Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Inglis to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 67-AAA establishing a 25 mph speed limit on Hall Court.

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 5 to 0.

RESOLUTIONS

None

MOTIONS

Award Bids for Ultraviolet Disinfection System at Sewage Treatment Plant

Contract 1 – General Construction

Motion made by Mr. Inglis and seconded by Mr. Spaeth to award the general construction bid for the Ultraviolet Disinfection System at the Sewage Treatment Plant to Eastern Environmental Contractors for a bid price of \$596,800.00.

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

Contract 2 – Electrical

Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Wagner to award the electrical bid for the Ultraviolet Disinfection System at the Sewage Treatment Plant to PSI Pumping Solutions for a bid price of \$136,500.00.

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

Release of Funds – Estates at Saucon Valley Subdivision – Security Release Request 2
Motion made by Mr. Inglis and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize the release of construction security in the amount of \$127,930.00 for the Estates at Saucon Valley Subdivision in accordance with the Township Engineer's recommendation made by letter dated November 3, 2021.

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

Request for Payment – 2021 Road Maintenance Project – Certification No. 1
Motion made by Mr. Inglis and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize final payment in the amount of \$235,748.69 to Asphalt Paving Systems for micro-surfacing and seal coating work completed on various Township roads.

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

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION ITEMS

None

DIRECTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Procedure for evaluating applicants seeking appointment or reappointment to Township Boards and Commissions

It was the consensus of the Board of Supervisors to refer this matter to the Appointments Review Committee. The Committee will evaluate all applicants and make recommendations to the full Board concerning possible appointments to the various Township boards and commissions.

Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Schedule for 2022

Mr. Beil reviewed the proposed 2022 regular meeting schedule with the Board. The proposed 2022 meeting schedule calls for the Board to meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. which follows the same pattern as 2021.

The Board will consider formally approving the proposed 2022 meeting schedule at its Reorganization meeting on January 3, 2022.

PRELIMINARY 2022 TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Mr. Beil provided an overview of the Preliminary 2022 Township Budget. He noted the proposed budget does not call for a property tax increase and utility rates remain unchanged from 2021 levels.

Chairman Farrell noted the Preliminary Budget will be considered for possible adoption at the Board's next regular meeting which is scheduled for Monday, November 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

BILLS, PAYROLL, AND COMMISSIONS

Motion made by Mr. Spaeth and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize payment of Prepaid Invoice List Dated 11/5/ 2021 for Check Issue Dates: 10/12/2021 – 11/8/2021 and Warrant Detail Invoice List dated 11/5/2021 for Report Date: 11/8/2021.

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

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 7:42 p.m., the Board met in Executive Session to discuss:

- Pending litigation against the Township filed by Kay Lehigh, LLC regarding the Township's denial of Kay Lehigh's Curative Amendment
- Strategy for ongoing Public Works Union Contract Negotiations – Current Union Contract expires December 31, 2021
- Possibility of Township acquiring an interest in real property

At approximately 8:20 p.m., the Board returned from Executive Session.

Authorization to Purchase Property at 3809 Clover Drive

Motion made by Mr. Spaeth and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize the Township Manager, Thomas F. Beil, or the Township Solicitor, Thomas H. Dinkelacker to attend the Lehigh County Judicial Sale scheduled for December 1, 2021, for the purpose of bidding and purchasing, on behalf of Upper Saucon Township, certain property identified as 3809 Clover Drive, Upper Saucon Township, Pennsylvania (PIN 641497777536 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 8:21 p.m.



Secretary

