

MINUTES

Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 13, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.
Township Municipal Building

Members Present: Brian J. Farrell, Chairman
Dennis Benner
John G. Inglis, III

Members
Participating
Via Speakerphone: Stephen Wagner

Members Absent: Philip W. Spaeth, Vice Chairman

Staff Attending: Thomas F. Beil, Township Manager
Joseph Geib, Assistant Township Manager
Rocco Beltrami, 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

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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

Bob Lieberman of 4449 Founders Drive identified himself as Chairman of the Transition Committee of the Traditions of America at Saucon Valley Homeowners Association. He indicated the Traditions of America at Saucon Valley development still has unresolved issues such as dead and missing plantings, stormwater management problems and code violations.

He wanted the Board to be aware of these concerns and asked for the Board's assistance in making sure the developer is held accountable for correcting them.

SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENTS

None

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Regular Meeting of November 14, 2022

Motion made by Mr. Inglis and seconded by Mr. Benner to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 14, 2022.

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

Regular Meeting of November 21, 2022

Motion made by Mr. Inglis and seconded by Mr. Benner to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 21, 2022.

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

Regular Meeting of December 19, 2022

Motion made by Mr. Inglis and seconded by Mr. Benner to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 19, 2022.

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

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

MOTIONS

Exoneration of Interim Real Estate Tax Bill #710001 - 3790 West Drive

Motion made by Mr. Inglis and seconded by Mr. Benner to exonerate the Upper Saucon Township Tax Collector from collecting 2022 Interim Real Estate Tax Bill #710001 for the property at 3790 West Drive (Property Identification No. 641551184529-3) pursuant to correspondence dated February 16, 2023 from the Township Tax Collector.

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

Appointment to Library Board of Directors

Motion made by Mr. Inglis and seconded by Mr. Benner to appoint Vickie Maund to the Southern Lehigh Library Board of Directors for a three year term expiring on December 31, 2025. Ms. Maund is being appointed to fill the position previously held by Rachel Pfeiffer whose term expired on December 31, 2022.

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

Award Bid for Bittersweet Road Culvert Replacement Project

Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Inglis to award the bid for the Bittersweet Road Culvert Replacement Project to Dirt Works Solutions for a total bid price of \$351,853.52.

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

Release of Funds – Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital – Security Release Request 6

Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Inglis to authorize the release of construction security in the amount of \$218,970.07 for the Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital Project in accordance with the Township Engineer's recommendation made by letter dated March 8, 2023.

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

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION ITEMS

None

DIRECTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

Recommendation to Demolish Dilapidated Structure on Township-Owned Property at 5653 Old Bethlehem Pike (Former Benckini House)

Mr. Beil reviewed this matter with the Board, noting that both the Safety Committee and the Director of Roads recommended demolishing the dilapidated structure at 5653 Old Bethlehem Pike due to safety concerns. He mentioned the Road Department planned on tearing down the structure sometime in the next two weeks. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with the demolition.

BILLS, PAYROLL, AND COMMISSIONS

Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Inglis to authorize payment of Prepaid Invoice List Dated March 10, 2023 for Check Issue Dates: 2/14/2023 – 3/13/2023 and Warrant Detail Invoice List dated March 10, 2023 for Report Date: 3/13/2023.

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

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Saralyn Foley of 7510 Pheasant Drive had questions regarding the status of the former Haring property and Tumblebrook Golf Course. Mr. Beil responded to her questions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 6:49 p.m., the Board met in Executive Session to discuss litigation involving the proposed Aldi grocery store at 4373 Route 378.

At approximately 7:49 p.m., the Board returned from Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Benner 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 7:50 p.m.


Secretary

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