

## MINUTES

Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, March 27, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.  
Township Municipal Building

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

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

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

## MINUTES

None

## ORDINANCES

None

## RESOLUTIONS

### Resolution No. 2023-08 – Amending Police Pension Plan

Motion made by Mr. Inglis and seconded by Mr. Benner to adopt Resolution No. 2023-08 amending the Police Pension Plan to reflect pension benefit changes contemplated under the new Police Collective Bargaining Agreement and to incorporate certain technical revisions recommended by the Township's actuarial consultant.

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

### Resolution No. 2023-09 – Authorizing Submission of Grant Application

Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Inglis to adopt Resolution No. 2023-09 authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the purpose of obtaining funding to assist with construction of the Saucon Rail Trail Pedestrian Bridge over Preston Lane.

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

## MOTIONS

### Award Bid for 2023 Detention Basin Mowing Project

Motion made by Mr. Spaeth and seconded by Mr. Wagner to award the bid for the 2023 Detention Basin Mowing Project to Sottosanti Lawn Care for a total bid price of \$65,448.00.

Supervisor Spaeth suggested exploring the possibility of converting some of the Township's traditional detention basins to naturalized basins that only require mowing once or twice a year.

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

### Release of Funds - Estates at Saucon Valley Subdivision – Security Release Request 13

Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Inglis to authorize the release of construction security in the amount of \$93,049.00 for the Estates at Saucon Valley Subdivision in accordance with the Township Engineer's recommendation made by letter dated March 22, 2023.

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

## **CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

## **DIRECTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Review agenda for Zoning Hearing Board meeting scheduled for April 3, 2023

Mr. Beil briefly reviewed the two appeals on the docket for the April 3, 2023 Zoning Hearing Board meeting. It was determined both appeals involve routine matters that can be handled by the Zoning Hearing Board without input from the Board of Supervisors.

## **BILLS, PAYROLL, AND COMMISSIONS**

Motion made by Mr. Spaeth and seconded by Mr. Wagner to authorize payment of Prepaid Invoice List Dated March 24, 2023 for Check Issue Dates: 3/14/2023 – 3/27/2023 and Warrant Detail Invoice List dated March 24, 2023 for Report Date: 3/1/2023 – 3/31/2023.

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

## **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Supervisor Spaeth said he read an article in Township News suggesting that local governments establish fraud hotlines to make it easier for their employees to report instances of fraud or embezzlement. Mr. Beil said he would research the issue and present his findings to the Finance Committee during the upcoming budget discussions.

## **COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

Tim Foley of 7510 Pheasant Drive had questions about the proposed Saucon Rail Trail Pedestrian Bridge over Preston Lane. Mr. Beil responded to his questions.

Saralyn Foley of 7510 Pheasant Drive had questions regarding the status of the proposed trail and environmental education center on the former Benckini property at the northeast corner of Preston Lane and Old Bethlehem Pike. Mr. Beil responded to her questions.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At approximately 6:45 p.m., the Board met in Executive Session to consider the purchase of real estate.

At approximately 7:18 p.m., the Board returned from Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:18 p.m.

Secretary

