

UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

AGENDA – PART I

1. Call to Order-Chairman Bermingham Jr. called the meeting to order @ 7:05 pm. Present in addition to Chairman Bermingham Jr. were Supervisor Due, Supervisor Teel, Supervisor DeFranco, Supervisor Pinter, Township Manager Rick Fisher and Solicitor Ron Karasek. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Approve the Agenda-**MOTION** by Supervisor DeFranco, seconded by Supervisor Teel to approve the agenda. Vote: 5-0.
3. Appoint Recording Secretary for Special Meeting-**MOTION** by Supervisor Teel, seconded by Supervisor Pinter to appoint Cindy Beck as Recording Secretary for Special Meeting. Vote: 5-0.
4. Public Comment (5 minutes)

Charlie Kull asked Manager Fisher if the line painting is complete. Manager Fisher stated that it has not been completed yet.

Judy Henckel talked about Geo Tourism for small local communities. Judy stated that it is important to take advantage of a Grant from the National Park Association to bring communities together.

Richard Klinge commented on previous meeting discussions involving some decisions the Board is making. Richard stated that the Board of Supervisors voted on a Police Department and felt it should have been advertised prior to the meeting. Chairman Bermingham Jr. and Supervisor Teel addressed Rich's comments and basically stated there has been no vote on a Police Department yet, just a vote on developing a Plan of Action on how to move forward.

Chairman Bermingham Jr. stated for the next 8 weeks he will be teaching a seminar on Monday nights and may have to leave certain meetings early.

Chairman Bermingham Jr. commented to Chief Finan regarding the property behind the Firehouse still needs to be researched.

AGENDA - PART II

- A. Recycling Presentation-Latest Developments in PA-Ron Carlson, of Advance Disposal, gave a presentation on the latest changes in recycling. Mr. Carlson stated the need for educating residents on recycling. Supervisor Teel asked how can the Township assist. Mr. Carlson stated that educating the residents on cleaning the recyclables will help. Supervisor Teel suggested a letter to the citizens and Janet Pearson suggested putting a message in the Newsletter.
- B. Collura Property Easement-The Open Space Advisory Board is looking for the Board of Supervisors to approve a grant in the amount of \$171,125.00 to assist The Nature Conservancy to acquire a conservation easement. There was a discussion amongst the Supervisors, Janet Pearson and Ellen Lott, from The Nature Conservancy, on the importance of Open Space, to protect land/special places.
MOTION by Supervisor Due, seconded by Supervisor Pinter to approve the Property Easement. Vote: 4-1.
- C. Slate Belt Comprehensive Plan Resolution-Becky Bradley, Executive Director of LVPC, gave a brief summary on the Slate Belt Comprehensive Plan and the importance of a shared multi-municipal comprehensive plan, which allows for planning on all categories of land uses across the participating municipalities. Supervisor DeFranco commented on Upper Mount Bethel Township's need for Economic Development and asked how do we get our needs on the map? Ms. Bradley commented on the importance of water, sewer, and roads. Ms. Bradley stated the financial contribution, a onetime contribution, to the Shared Plan for Upper Mount Bethel Township is \$11,670.56.
MOTION by Chairman Bermingham Jr., seconded by Supervisor DeFranco, to approve the Resolution Authorizing an Application to the Pennsylvania Local Share Account-Monroe County, Slate Belt Comprehensive Plan Resolution No. 2018-11. Vote: 5-0.
- D. Neighborhood Watch Mailing-Chairman Bermingham Jr. discussed the importance of the Neighborhood Watch Program, at which he runs the meetings. The Neighborhood Watch Program would like to mail out a General Welfare Card to every township resident, asking those who may need assistance during any power outage or any disaster, to complete the card and return to the Township Building. There was a discussion amongst the Supervisors about the Program and the Township's liability. Supervisor Pinter commented that if this is Township sponsored program, then a Township Committee should be established and managed correctly.
MOTION by Supervisor Teel, seconded by Supervisor Due, to investigate the insurance coverage before moving forward. Vote: 5-0.
- E. Pavilion Bids- Township Manager Fisher discussed the bids received for the construction of the Park Pavilion. Bids results: ISG LLC., \$134,260.00, J.S. General Contracting Inc., \$108,400.00, and Ashwood Construction LLC., \$91,017.00.

MOTION by Supervisor DeFranco, seconded by Supervisor Teel, to approve the bid from Ashwood Construction LLC. for \$91,017.00. Vote: 5-0.

- F. Park/Property Maintenance Service-Township Manager Fisher discussed the estimates received from four companies: Duvo Outdoor Maintenance, \$2,400.00 per cut, JRB Lawn Care, \$950.00 per cut, Comunale's Lawn and Landscaping, \$1,200.00 per cut, and Ott's Lawn Care, \$975.00 per cut.

MOTION by Supervisor DeFranco, seconded by Supervisor Pinter, to approve JRB Lawn Care for \$950.00 per cut, once a week. Vote: 5-0.

G. Committee Appointments

1. EDC- Add 2 Members-Township Manager Fisher stated there was only one interested applicant. **MOTION** by Supervisor Due, seconded by Supervisor Pinter, to appoint William Hall a member on the EDC Committee. Vote: 5-0.
2. EAC-Add 1 Member-**MOTION** by Supervisor Teel, seconded by Chairman Bermingham Jr., to appoint David Stonehouse a member on the EAC Committee. Vote: 5-0.
3. Events-Add 2 Members-**MOTION** by Chairman Bermingham Jr., seconded by Supervisor DeFranco, to appoint Stavros Barbounis and Cher Mount, members on the Events Committee. Vote: 5-0.

AGENDA – PART III-Public Comment (5 minutes)

Stavros Barbounis stated, on behalf on the Park Committee, that they have been hearing rumors that the Community Park is a potential location for a water park. There was a discussion amongst the Supervisors regarding the concerns of the committee and they stated that they are moving forward with the construction of the Park Pavilion and will continue with building at the Park.

Nick Graziano wanted to ask the Board of Supervisors, before they make a decision on the Police Force, will they be giving the community the opportunity to speak. Chairman Bermingham Jr. stated that yes they will.

Judy Henckel stated that Channel 39 goes out and the reporters do highlights of local happenings and thought it would be a good opportunity to highlight the upcoming Music Festival.

Supervisor Teel questioned our Township Seal and maybe we can locate the Original.

Supervisor DeFranco discussed the backhoe transmission issue with Rich Klinge.

Bob Gerwig stated he is a little hard of hearing but wanted to know if there was anything happening with a water park. Chairman Bermingham Jr. commented that he has not spoken with anyone in regards to any interest in bringing a water park to Upper Mount Bethel Township. Supervisors Bermingham, Teel and Due all stated that they are not for selling the Community Park in turn for a Water Park.

AGENDA – PART IV

Adjournment-**MOTION** by Supervisor Teel, seconded by Supervisor Pinter, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. Vote: 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Beck-Township Secretary

