

UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER- Chairman Bermingham called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Present in addition to Chairman Bermingham were Supervisor De Franco, Supervisor Geake, Supervisor Due, Supervisor Hallett and Solicitor Ronold Karasek. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. APPROVE AGENDA – **MOTION** by Supervisor Due, Seconded by Supervisor De Franco, to approve the agenda. Vote: 5-0. Chairman Bermingham announced to the passing of Skip Skinner and remarked on his outstanding service to our community by doing great things, he was the leader of PUMP and a resident of Upper Mount Bethel Township.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT –None.
4. Resolution #2017-03 Establish Compensation for the Elected Tax Collector – Chairman Bermingham read Resolution #2017-03. Manager Fisher said Janet's term is up this year and will be retiring. Manger Fisher said this Resolution is passed every year, he reviewed the terms of this Resolution with Janet. It is an election year, so there are time restraints to pass this Resolution. Mr. Angle said you have only so many days before the election to pass this. **MOTION** by Supervisor Due, seconded by Supervisor Hallett to adopt Resolution #2017-03. Public Comment by Ron Angle - there is no separate tax for street lighting & fire hydrant and should be taken out. Mr. Angle asked how much the Tax Collectors compensation is. Manger Fisher indicated its based on each tax bill, real estate \$2.50 per bill, Municipal Waste Removal Assessment 3% of collections, delinquent penalties 1/3 of delinquent penalty and \$20.00 per hour for typing of interim Real Estate Bills & Refunds. Manager Fisher said her approximate compensation is \$56,000.00 gross annually. Ron Angle noted she is also compensated by the school district for school taxes. Mr. Angle said her salary is very high in comparison to her limited hours. Supervisor De Franco asked how we are in comparison to other townships. Public Comment by Denny Jones – Janet puts in a lot of hours you don't see. Solicitor Karasek indicated if there's no change in compensation, then a Resolution does not need to be adopted. **MOTION** by Supervisor De Franco, seconded by Supervisor Due to table to allow the Solicitor to do some research into the election law. Mr. Angle said if you want to change the compensation, there is a very small window to do that. **MOTION** by Supervisor De Franco, seconded by Supervisor Due to TABLE to the BOS meeting on 2/13/17 to allow the Solicitor to do some research. Supervisor Geake noted if we don't have to pass it, then there is no action to take. The Board also asked the Manger to look into what other township are charging. Vote: 4-1 with Supervisor Geake voting "no".
5. Resolution #2017-04 NC Farmland Preservation Designation of Funds – Chairman Bermingham read Resolution #2017-04. At their meeting held on January 9, 2017, the Board had approved the amount of \$166,667.00 to be designated only upon the condition that the Township receives a full 100% return on their share. **MOTION** by Supervisor De Franco, seconded by Supervisor Hallett to adopt Resolution #2017-04. Public Comment by Ron Angle – asked how much is in EIT account. Manager Fisher said approximately 2.1 million dollars. Mr. Angle said Moore and Plainfield Township has filed objections. Manager Fisher said we are following the same directions as those other townships. Vote: 5-0.
6. Adjourn – **MOTION** by Supervisor Geake, seconded by Supervisor De Franco to adjourn the Special Public Meeting at 9:20 p.m. Vote: 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted - Melissa Mastrogiovanni Recording Secretary, Upper Mt. Bethel Twp.

