

UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 AT 7:00 p.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER- Chairman Bermingham called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present in addition to Chairman Bermingham were Supervisor De Franco, Supervisor Geake, Supervisor Due, and Solicitor Ronold Karasek. Supervisor Hallett was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
  2. APPROVE AGENDA –**MOTION** by Supervisor Geake, second by Supervisor Due to approve the agenda. Vote: 5-0.
  3. Public Comment – Supervisor Due mentioned establishment of the Greenwalk trout hatchery a non-profit organization 501-C 3 based upon education and students and could be considered a 3<sup>rd</sup> party conservation for the Eastern Industries property. Supervisor Due talked about the wells on the property, Nestle will not be pulling water out of there and Ty Bartosh has full control of those wells.
  4. Township Manager quarterly report - Manager Fisher did a power point of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and ytd. Supervisor Geake commended Manager Fisher on the power point and suggested to the Board not going through each line item for the budget it's too time consuming and would trust the Managers judgement.
  5. Budget adjustments –Manager Fisher submitted to the Board the budget adjustments, but 3 items need to be changed. Manager Fisher said he & Diann attended a quick books seminar run by Diane Paton that covered the chart of accounts, ours needs to be adjusted because we are not following it properly and suggested simplifying, reduce line items and funds, close accounts. She also recommended have the Fire fund #3 in place for 2018. Manager Fisher asked the BOS to review the Budget adjustments for the next meeting. Table to the BOS budget mtg. 10/9/17.
  6. BASD – Shady Lane bridge repair – Manger Fisher indicated he received a call from the new Superintendent of the school district regarding transportation of students on Shady Lane. The school district said they didn't receive advance notice and the have to get a van for kids on that street. They are requesting the township reimburse the school for ½ of the cost of the van total is \$9,000.00. **MOTION** by Supervisor Geake, seconded by Supervisor De Franco we wait until the bridge is done, have the school district tell us what the total costs are then we can decide if we want to help. Vote: 4-0.
  7. Fire Truck Agreement – Solicitor Karasek stated he didn't realize the township was leasing this truck, he thought we were buying it outright. Things need to be done such as Debt statement, and Borrowing base certificate according to LGUDA. Solicitor Karasek said we need to get this information from our accountant / auditor who determines the township borrowing base. After we received that commitment, an ordinance needs to be prepared, advertising and a public meeting / hearing to adopt the ordinance, DCED approval is also required. Supervisor Geake suggested while going through the process to be built we can get the paperwork together. Manager Fisher noted were going to lose the discount if we have to get all this together. **MOTION** by Supervisor Geake, seconded by Supervisor Due that we move forward with the process of financing the fire truck. Public Comment by Chief Pinto – he said the fire department could try and finance it themselves, they have all the information available. Manager Fisher will contact Dave Fikian from Community Leasing and Pierce and ask them to put this on hold until we can figure all this out. Table to the BOS meeting 10/9/17 for an update.
  8. Ambulance RFP status update – Solicitor Karasek indicated he reviewed the RFP prepared by Manager Fisher and noted it appears to be more like a “bid” but titled “proposal”. Chairman Bermingham asked does that matter legally. Solicitor Karasek said it does, there needs to be consistently and other requirements when naming it a bid such as advertising and bond requirements.

Supervisor Geake suggested making the changes and significantly pare it down to be simpler make it a proposal and see what comes back. Solicitor Karasek agreed and asked the proposal include Option A and Option B. Supervisor De Franco asked about other EMS that could service the township. Jimmy Potter responded Suburban, Nazareth and St. Lukes. Mr. Potter would like to see percentages of calls are answered by the Fire Department, he is not seeing any ambulances in the area. Manager Fisher will make the changes to RFP. Table to the BOS 10/9/17 meeting.

9. Resolution #2017-18 - Banner for fundraising event – Chairman Bermingham read the resolution and noted this Resolution needs to be approved for Penn DOT state requirements to put up banners for the fundraising event being held on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 1-5 p.m. at the Chelsea Sun Inn. **MOTION** by Supervisor Geake, seconded by Supervisor De Franco that we approve putting a banner up at the 5 points intersection. Vote: 4-0. **MOTION** amended by Supervisor Geake, seconded by Supervisor De Franco to approve putting up (2) two banners, one on Route 512 and one on Route 611. Vote: 4-0. Chairman Bermingham asked that the Board approve payment of the banners, we have (3) prices and each banner would be approximately \$400.00 each. **MOTION** by Supervisor Geake, seconded by Supervisor Due that we approve paying for banners up to \$1,000.00 however many that buys. Vote: 4-0.

10. Military Veterans Lunch on November 11<sup>th</sup> @ UMBT building – Chairman Bermingham indicated him and Supervisor Due attended a meeting at Air Liquide. They are willing to make a \$1,000.00 donation towards a Veterans luncheon. Chairman Bermingham said he would like to have it on November 11<sup>th</sup> at the UMBT building, open it up to all Veterans and the public to thank a vet. There was discussion about where to hold it. Chairman Bermingham asked all Supervisors to come and invite State Rep. Joe Emrick to come. Manager Fisher said employees would not be available, it's a holiday weekend. Supervisor Geake recommended having it at the Mt. Bethel Fire hall. Chairman Bermingham said maybe we could use the left over donation money from Lam tech. **MOTION** by Supervisor Geake, seconded by Supervisor De Franco to approve the Veterans luncheon. Vote: 4-0. Supervisor Geake said to contact Pete Riesen and see if the fire hall is available and purchase pizza and sandwiches and spread out to each pizza/restaurant in the township to make it fair.

11. LERTA - a. Proposal for Consulting Services. Manager Fisher submitted a proposal from Thomas Lonergan, Jr. in the amount of \$8,500.00. **MOTION** by Supervisor Geake, seconded by Supervisor Due to approve Thomas Lonergan Jr. as consultant and the amount of \$8,500.00 for services. Vote: 4-0. Public Comment by Jeff Manzi – he is the BASDEDC representative, and at their last meeting he asked the school district if they would be on board with this and they said they would commit to about \$10,000.00 once the process is complete by the township. At that meeting other municipalities and boroughs were asking why UMBT, they were told they can look into it also. Supervisor Due mentioned a zoning district map from the SBCOG and pointed out (purple area) that UMBT has a heavy industrial area and one of the largest in the Slate belt. Advertise Public Hearing: The Board discussed dates available and schedules of BOS and Solicitor to have the Public Hearing. It was decided the LERTA public hearing will be on Monday, October 30, 2017 @ 6:00 P.M. and we will advertise accordingly.

12. Zoning Amendments – status and scheduling. Supervisor Geake said should be on a workshop and you might want to wait for the new Board. Take off agenda for now. Solicitor Karasek noted he sent the recommendation to LVPC regarding multi-family housing.

13. Adjournment – **MOTION** by Supervisor Geake, seconded by Supervisor De Franco to adjourn the Public Meeting at 8:45 p.m. Vote: 4-0.