

UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA – PART I

1. Call to Order – Chairman Bermingham called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present along with Chairman Bermingham were Supervisor Due, Supervisor DeFranco, Supervisor Teel, Supervisor Pinter, Township Manager Rick Fisher, Township Engineer Justin Coyle, and Solicitor Karasek.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Approve the Agenda – Chairman Bermingham asked to amend the agenda, there was no police department update, so he asked if that could be moved to the meeting on June 25th. In return he asked if he could move up North Bangor Fire Company to right after approving the previous minutes. **MOTION** by Supervisor Due, second by Supervisor Teel to approve the amended agenda. Vote: 5-0.
3. Public Comment – 3 minutes – Winfred R. Ginter asked if it was possible to get a copy of the chemistry of discharge of facilities. Township Manager Rick Fisher said it appeared to be flour, and that he will send a letter to DEP. Brad Albert asked what is happening about getting the police department back in the township, Chairman Bermingham answered giving a brief overview of what will happen and that a decision can be discussed on the 25th of June which is a Workshop and a non-voting meeting.

AGENDA – PART II (Public Announcements)

1. 4th of July Parade – Chairman Bermingham gave a brief overview of how the parade will work, he talked about who will be participating. Chief Finan suggested that Chairman Bermingham figure out how many number of fire trucks from each company will be there. There could be over one hundred trucks participating in the parade.
2. 4th of July Fireworks – Chairman Bermingham gave a brief critique of how the fireworks will be conducted.

AGENDA – PART III (Minutes)

1. There was a **MOTION** by Supervisor Teel, and a second by Supervisor Pinter to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from Monday, May 14, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. Vote: 5-0
2. There was a **MOTION** by Supervisor Pinter, and a second by Supervisor Teel to approve the public meeting minutes from Monday, Tuesday, May 29, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. Vote: 5-0

AGENDA – PART IV (Presentations)

- a. North Bangor Fire Department Hoses– Township Manager Rick Fisher discussed the fire company quotes and fire hoses with the Board of Supervisors, he recommended that the board approve Witmer’s quote. The Board of Supervisors and Manager Rick Fisher had a brief conversation about the different prices and ranges. There was a **MOTION** by Supervisor Pinter, and a second by Supervisor Teel to approve Witmer. Vote: 5-0. Chief Pinto asked if he could use the Township Building parking lot this Saturday, June 16, 2018. Mount Bethel Fire Chief Finan, told the board that he will bring more quotes for the next meeting. Chairman Bermingham suggested that they discuss the thermal image equipment quotes at the July 9th BOS meeting.

AGENDA - PART V (Subdivision and land Development Plans/Sewage Planning)

- a. Szempruch Planning Exemption (recommended by PC on 5/16/2018) – Signed by the sewage officer and needed the approval. The Board of Supervisors and Township Manager Rick Fisher discussed the plans. There was a **MOTION** made by Supervisor Due, and a second made by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0

AGENDA – PART VI (Reports)

1. Financial Reports – Bill List – Township manager Rick Fisher gave a brief overview of the general funds, fire tax account, road machinery, river road turnback, rec fund, capital reserve, EIT open space, homes program, and liquid fuels. He then discussed the unpaid bills, and transfers that were made. Township Manager Rick Fisher and Supervisor Pinter had a discussion on how the payroll could be handled with all the transfers being made. There was a **MOTION** made by Supervisor Pinter, and a second made by Supervisor Due. Vote: 5-0
2. Monthly (Reports Attached)
 - a. Engineer Report – Township Engineer Justin Coyle gave an update about how they will move forward with the Act 537 Plan, he explained the permit approval from NPDES, as well as details about the 611 traffic study. Charlie Kull asked about the field inspections that are being conducted on many township properties. Justin Coyle said that they still have a few more to go since there were some altercations with home owners.
 - i. Traffic Signal Study Presentation – James Gran, Traffic Engineer. He gave an extensive analysis about the signal warrants and traffic signals and how to stop all the traffic from forming. There were two locations he talked about, one being Potomac Street and the other being the intersection of 611 and Mount Bethel Highway. He explained the signal warrant volumes, they included 4-hr, 8-hr, peak, and pedestrian, as well as school crossings, coordinated signal systems, crash experience, roadway network, and

intersection near a grade crossing. There was crash data provided by PennDOT. He said the only warrants that were applicable for Upper Mount Bethel Township were warrant 2 and warrant 3. Chairman Bermingham arose to question warrant 7 and how it could be plausible in future years. Supervisor DeFranco asked, and suggested moving the four parking spots in front of TK's so it is less dangerous for the people trying to pull onto 611 from Railroad Avenue. There was a comment made about instead of having them take away the spots all together, TK's could move them horizontally so there is still handicap parking. The next step that was decided was to schedule a meeting with PennDOT.

- b. Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Karasek said that the report is filed and there is nothing to discuss.
- c. Manager Report – Township Manager Rick Fisher asked for a motion to reimburse the Nature Conversation. The **MOTION** was made by Supervisor Pinter, and a second was made by Supervisor Due. Vote: 5-0. Manager Rick Fisher also reported that the Minsi Lake bid opening is scheduled for June 22nd at 10 a.m. There were several truck loads of road millings from the city of Easton public works department. There is enough to put it down on the entirety of the park entrance and the parking lots. The Board of Supervisors had a brief discussion with Township Manager Rick Fisher about the road millings. He also updated the website, so now it is easier and more user friendly.
 - i. Forensic Audit Update – Township Manager Rick Fisher said that we need a single audit before we can proceed with a forensic audit.
 - ii. LERTA Application – Manager Rick Fisher said the only issue is the date of application is June or July of 2017 and the Board of Supervisors did not approve it until October. They agreed to have the Solicitor review it for retroactive LERTA breaks.
- d. Chairman Report – Chairman Bermingham gave an update on the things he has been working on, the East Bangor police will be here the 25th of June to answer questions and to give a cost of part time police force in Upper Mount Bethel. He is trying to bring in Slate Belt Regional, on the 21st of July. Chairman Bermingham worked on the emergency service card with Chief Finan and it will be sent out to all residents. He also said that he will be setting up bi-weekly or weekly calls with each supervisor, depending on the supervisor, this way they can stay in contact and touch up on specific things happening in the community.
- e. Supervisor Reports
 - i. Supervisor Due said that there will be a senatorial hearing on clean fill that is coming to the area at Wind Gap Elementary School.
 - ii. Supervisor Teel had no report.
 - iii. Supervisor DeFranco said the park committee recommends going forward on the new design for the pavilion, also said they need to figure out where to put the flag pole at the Park.

- iv. Supervisor Pinter said he had a meeting with Merchants Bank and they are waiting for the feedback before he can go forward with anything.

AGENDA – PART VII (Action Agenda)

1. There was a **MOTION** made by Supervisor Due, and a second was made by Supervisor Teel to accept refuse reductions, application refunds, and exonerations as submitted by the Tax Collector. Vote: 4-0-1.
2. There was a **MOTION** made by Supervisor Pinter, and a second made by Supervisor DeFranco to approve the new summer camp counselors. Vote: 5-0.
3. County Gaming Grant – 1st Northern Bank – There was a brief discussion about where to put the money, Supervisor Pinter suggested taking a look at CDs and timing before deciding where to put it.
4. Nature Conservancy request for grant money Collura property - \$171,125.00 – Township Manager Rick Fisher gave a brief analysis of what this means and what it requires before deciding on what to do by looking at a second appraisal.
5. There was a **MOTION** made by Supervisor Due, and seconded by Supervisor Teel for the PA American Water Company Real Estate Tax Assessment Appeal. Vote: 5-0.
6. There was a **MOTION** made by Supervisor Pinter, and a second was made by Supervisor Teel for the Stipulation of counsel – Formica, which was tabled from 4/9/18. Vote: 5-0
7. There was a **MOTION** made by Supervisor Teel, and a second by Supervisor Pinter for the Letter of Opposition - Synagro Plant - Plainfield Township. Vote: 5-0

AGENDA – PART VIII (Old Business)

1. Service Electric franchise renewal negotiations - There was a **MOTION** made by Supervisor Teel, and a second made by Supervisor Pinter to advertise for the ordinance that the Township Manager Rick Fisher gave the board last month and approving the Service Electric Agreement. Vote: 5-0

AGENDA – PART IX (New Business)

1. BOS recommendations to PC – Zoning Districts (PC mtg. 6/20/18) – Supervisor Teel said that the commission just wants some direction on where to go, and what the board wants to see. Township Manager Rick Fisher suggested putting together a file for the board and commission of different suggestions and cones that could be a possibility. Charlie Kull made a comment about involving the Zoning Hearing Board in the review. Manager Fisher will send a copy to both the commission and Zoning Hearing Board when it is prepared.
2. Senate Bill No. 880/House Bill No. 1699 – Pa Vehicle Code Title 75 – This was out in for an awareness to the Supervisors, Chairman Bermingham briefly explains what Bill 880/1699 means in terms of truck traffic and the types of truck that will be permitted on roads.

AGENDA – PART X (Public Comment – 3 minutes)

- a. Township Manager Rick Fisher brought economic development's request to the Board of Supervisors. A **MOTION** was made to amend a resolution by Supervisor Due, and seconded by Supervisor Pinter. Vote: 5-0
- b. Jeff Manzi wanted to know if the township has any kind of intermunicipal relations with the borough of Portland. He was answered with us only having a relation with them through softball. Solicitor Karasek says that there is an agreement between the two, but he is not sure what it specifically says.
- c. Sheldon Richards wanted to know what a forensic audit is, how much it costs, and the purpose for it. Township Manager Rick Fisher and Supervisor Pinter answered his questions briefly.
- d. Judy Henckle asked about the public hearing with Supervisor Due.
- e. Richard Hunt wanted to know if PennDOT is doing anything with the township bridges, the answer is no, the township will take action at some point in the future.
- f. Jimmy Potter wanted to know if we know how much area East Bangor has to fill in with clean fill that they are bringing in. Supervisor Due answered that they already filled a 2 acre hole and there is a 12 acre whole they need to fill but they still need approval. Supervisor Due Suggested getting a GIS map that shows everything.

AGENDA – PART XI (Executive session)

- a. There was a **MOTION** made at 9:53 p.m. to go to the executive session to discuss personnel and legal by Supervisor Teel, and seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 5-0
- b. The Board returned from the executive session at 10:35 p.m., no motions were made.

Adjournment **MOTION** by Supervisor Teel, and seconded by Supervisor Due to adjourn the public meeting at 10:39. Vote: 5-0