

UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 25TH, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.

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1. Call to Order – Chairman Bermingham called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Present in addition to Chairman Bermingham were Supervisor DeFranco, Supervisor Teel, Township Manager Rick Fisher, Township Engineer Justin Coyle, and Solicitor Karasek. Not present were Supervisor Due and Supervisor Pinter. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Supervisor DeFranco asked to move the road crew discussion to executive session and replace it with a discussion on the shooting range. **MOTION** to amend the agenda by Supervisor Teel, and seconded by Supervisor DeFranco. Vote: 3-0.
 2. Act 537 Sewer Update – Justin Coyle stated that they are wrapping up the field work, and referred back to the presentation that was given at the meeting on June 11th, 2018. Lane Bodley, who works for Carrol Engineering, and is more knowledgeable than Justin gave a presentation on the Act 537, how it is affecting the township, and what the results are going towards. He showed multiple maps of the research, and stated that he will provide copies for the township. Bob Schneider asked when they will be able to see the Act 537 reports. Lane responded that since they are still in the process of completing the research they will not have reports for another few months.
 3. Part Time Police Force – East Bangor’s Chief Mulligan was present to tell the residents what the police force would be doing, and how they would be protecting the township. East Bangor police force is willing to work 56 hours a week in Upper Mount Bethel Township. Chief Mulligan stated that all officers are trained, and that if the township agrees to this than he will attend monthly meetings to give updates on what is happening. Joann Pinter asked if there is a problem in the township that leads to them needing back up, will that cost more for the township. Chief Mulligan answered no, that the other towns would willingly help. Aleesha Capone asked if the officers are EMT certified and if not are they willing to become one. Chief Mulligan stated that they are open to that possibility but it’s the question of the cost. Charlie Kull asked if you split the time, two hours here, and another two hours there, is that going to be a full time officer. Chief Mulligan answered Charlie that they would not be able to split the time, the 8 hours will be a consecutive straight 8 hours at any time of the day. Solicitor Karasek made a point to address the concern that if the township were to take this offer there is a possibility that they would have to hire everyone from back when the township used to have a police force. The discussion continued for more than a half hour with multiple residents, Renee’ Gail, Steve Ortiz, Chris Antoniou, John Erhler, Howard Klein, Ron Angle, and Paul Taylor all spoke of their doubts on the discussion. Sheldon Richards made a comment that he believed that it was good idea for a price like that, he was just concerned with the funds would be coming from.
 4. Shooting Range – People have claimed to have heard automatic rifles that are being shot at two or three in the morning and have been disturbing surrounding neighbors. William Smith said that he is usually sleeping at that time, and even if it was him he shoots with

suppressors. Solicitor Karasek raised the issue of shooting in the detention basin. Manager Fisher explained that the township engineer is reviewing the plans and will field trip to the site to confirm if Mr. Smith has made any changes. If changes have been made, Manager Fisher stated that the township will either require the basin be restored to its original conditions or he will have to retain a professional Engineer.

5. Volunteer Fire Fighters – Tax Credit – This will be used as a way to recruit more volunteer fire fighters. It showed ways of how it would be possible to do that. It would give opportunities to volunteer fire fighters with tax credit, although they would need to meet a certain requirement. Supervisor Teel stated that they should put this discussion on the July workshop meeting so all supervisors can review.
6. Zoning Ordinance Update
 - a. Map Changes – R-2 District – This will be put on the July workshop meeting for all five supervisors to be present.
 - b. Environmental Review of Township Ordinances – Chairman Bermingham discussed the purpose of the review by Jordan Yeager and Lauren Williams for the township. Multiple residents questioned when the Board of Supervisors will be reviewing the zoning ordinances. Chairman Bermingham stated that the township is currently doing that, and Judy Henckle, who is on the Zoning Hearing Board, said that they are making the changes so that they complement with the state regulations. There is a discussion between Chairman Bermingham and multiple residents, Ron Angle, Paul Taylor, Dave Friedman, Jim Delacrois, and Sheldon Richardson. Chairman Bermingham stated that he is going to get Jordan Yeager in the July meeting to talk more about what he found in the review.

Chairman Bermingham called for a five minute recess at 9:00 p.m. and recalled the meeting to session at 9:05 p.m.

7. Public Comment – 3 minutes – Paul Taylor asked for a comment on why the R-2 zones were not discussed. He was answered with that the Board of Supervisors tabled it.
8. Adjournment – **MOTION** to move to executive session at 9:11 p.m. by Supervisor DeFranco, and seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 3-0. Executive session ended at 9:27 p.m.
MOTION to adjourn meeting at 9:28 p.m. by Supervisor Teel, and seconded by Supervisor DeFranco. Vote: 3-0.