

UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

PART I

1. Call to Order-Chairman Bermingham Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll Call-Present in addition to Chairman Bermingham Jr. were Supervisor Due, Supervisor Teel, Supervisor DeFranco, Supervisor Pinter, and Solicitor Karasek. Absent was Township Manager Nelson.
4. Approve the Agenda-Chairman Bermingham Jr. amended the agenda, adding the Township Secretary's 2018 back pay to PART 6 #1 and an ASA application to PART 6 #2. **MOTION** by Supervisor Teel, seconded by Supervisor Due, to approve the amended agenda. Vote: 5-0.

PART II (Public Comment-3 minutes)

Richard Wilford-Hunt commented on the Board's decision to move forward with the Act 537 Plan. Richard asked if the next meeting has been scheduled and is TJ Lonagan attending. Chairman Bermingham Jr. stated that once the Engineer has completed answering all the public comments, a meeting will be scheduled.

Charles Hentz commented that he has read the entire Act 537 Plan and stated he feels as though the only good thing it is for, is to bring in retables, i.e. commercial businesses. Charles asked if anyone knew what the budget of the road crew is. Supervisor DeFranco stated he does not have an exact figure, but stated last year \$1.3 million was spent. Charles made the suggestion that the Township develop a zero based budget starting in 2021.

Ron Angle commented on the hiring of the Township Manager and his salary. Ron asked how and when his salary was discussed amongst the Supervisors. Mark Thatcher commented on the hiring and salary as well. Supervisor Teel stated that he made the motion at a public meeting, which was based on the other candidate's responses to their salary requests during the interviews, the motion was seconded and passed. Supervisor DeFranco stated he would like to know how the decision was made on the salary. Supervisor Pinter stated the he would like minutes to be taken during Executive Session, to be available when needed.

Charles Cole thanked the manager for his assistance on the removal of a load of garbage that was dumped next to his property. Charles commented on the character of Lou Pektor/Ashley Development and outstanding judgments. Charles commented on the private meetings that have been held and transparency.

Howard Klein commented that the DEP will be hosting a public meeting on the permit applications submitted by Gravel Hill Enterprises. The meeting will be held on

January 16, 2020 6-9 pm at the LMBT Centerfield Building. Howard stated that it is important meeting that residents should attend to learn how the truck traffic will impact Upper Mount Bethel Township roads.

PART III (Public Announcements)-None

PART IV (Presentations)-None

PART V (Approve the Minutes)

1. Budget Meeting Minutes-December 9, 2019-**MOTION** by Supervisor Teel, seconded by Supervisor Due, to approve the December 9, 2019 Budget Meeting Minutes. Vote: 5-0.
2. Meeting Minutes-December 9, 2019-**MOTION** by Supervisor Due, seconded by Supervisor Teel, to approve the December 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes. Vote: 5-0.

PART VI (Official Action-matters to be voted on)

1. Township Secretary 2018 Back Pay-Chairman Bermingham Jr. discussed the 2018 Back Pay due to the Township Secretary in the amount of \$3,689.72. **MOTION** by Supervisor Pinter, seconded by Supervisor Teel, to approve the payment of \$3,689.72 to the Township Secretary for 2018 back pay. Vote: 5-0.
2. ASA Application/934 Sunrise Blvd. - Solicitor Karasek stated the application is submitted and if no action is taken for 180 days it is deemed approved and an agreement is prepared. **MOTION** by Supervisor Teel, seconded by Supervisor DeFranco, to accept the ASA Application for 934 Sunrise Blvd. Vote: 5-0.
3. Security-Chairman Bermingham Jr. discussed the PA State Police Risk and Vulnerability Assessment that can be done on the Township Building at no cost. Chairman Bermingham Jr. will schedule a date and time for the assessment.
4. Proclamation Request-Chairman Bermingham Jr. stated this is will be on the January 6, 2020 Reorganization Meeting for approval.
5. Liberty-Water Gap Trail Representatives-Chairman Bermingham Jr. stated the Liberty-Water Gap Trail is looking for representatives from Upper Mount Bethel Township. Supervisor Due is currently a representative but finds it difficult to attend meetings which are held in the mornings. Chairman Bermingham Jr. will speak with Manager Nelson to see if he is willing to be a representative.
6. Police Pension Fund/Act 44-Solicitor Karasek stated that the Board of Supervisors are required to approve any updates made for the Upper Mount Bethel Township's Pension System. Township Manager Nelson and Supervisor Pinter were added as a contacts. **MOTION** by Chairman Bermingham Jr., seconded by Supervisor Teel, to appoint Supervisor Pinter and Manager Nelson, representatives that handle the Police Pension Fund/Act 44. Vote: 5-0.
7. Bus Trips-There was a discussion on the Bus Trips scheduled for 2020. Marie James spoke briefly on the success of the Bus Trips.

PART VII (Old Business)-None

PART VIII (New Business)-None

PART IX (Public Comment-3 minutes)

Chairman Bermingham Jr. commented on movie night at Firehouse and thanked Supervisor Teel for playing the role of Santa Claus.

Ron Angle commented on meeting with developers. Solicitor Karasek stated that as long there is not a quorum, there is nothing wrong.

PART X (Adjournment)-**MOTION** by Supervisor Teel, seconded by Supervisor Due, to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm. Vote: 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary