

UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

- I. Call to Order-Vice Chairman DeFranco called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present in addition to Vice Chairman DeFranco were Supervisor Due, Supervisor Teel, Supervisor Pinter, Township Manager Fisher, and Township Solicitor Karasek. Absent was Chairman Bermingham Jr. **MOTION** by Supervisor Teel, to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 4-0.

II. Public Comment-5 minutes

Howard Klein commented in regards to the sewage and water plan, what makes it eligible to be on a referendum and is the plan for sewage alone or also water. Howard stated that Lower Mount Bethel will provide the Board with a copy of their Bio-Solid Ordinance, if they ask for it.

Richard Wilford-Hunt commented, as a concerned citizen of the Township, at the meeting held February 6, 2019 on the Draft Act 537, Economic Development was not mentioned. Richard commented on strengthening our SALDO before sewer and water.

Judy Henckel stated the Fish and Boat Commission was be giving a presentation at the Bangor Area School on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 6 pm. on the Friends of Lake Minsi.

Charles Cole commented on the Zoning Map areas of concern. Charles commented on the sanitary survey, that the time of the year and weather conditions, should be considered before conducting the survey.

- III. Jesse Poliskiewicz farming lease was not renewed. Manager Fisher stated there is another interested party, so he will be asking for proposals and he hopes to have them for the March 11, 2019 meeting.

Knowlton Township Interstate Mutual Aid Agreement-There was a discussion amongst Chief Finan, Solicitor Karasek and the Supervisors on the agreement. Solicitor Karasek stated that he reviewed the agreement and he recommends that the Township not to sign the agreement, because the Fire Company is a separate entity.

Chief Finan will provide Knowlton Township with the agreement with only the Fire Company's signature and see if they will accept it.

Saddle Creek Subdivision Escrow-Manager Fisher stated this is an outstanding escrow fund held on the Saddle Creek Subdivision. There was a discussion amongst the Supervisors and Solicitor Karasek on whether or not the improvements have been completed. Solicitor Karasek stated he recalls something with a detention basin issue but he will check his files and also suggested having the Township Engineer confirm that the improvements meet all codes and requirements.

Pine Tree Lane Study-Manager Fisher discussed having Township Engineer Coyle do a feasibility study on Pine Tree Lane due to continued issues with truck traffic. Manager Fisher stated that a "Type of Vehicle" or "Local Deliveries Only" signage could possibly correct the issue. Manager Fisher stated he will have Township Engineer Coyle provide a quote to do a study.

Supervisor Reports-Supervisor Teel stated that the Planning Commission did not meet this month, there has been no business. Supervisor Teel stated he will be having an Emergency Management meeting on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 6:00 pm. Supervisor Pinter stated he will be attending the EDC meeting this Thursday evening. Supervisor Pinter also stated that if anyone is interested in hearing about higher education, he would be happy to provide information. Vice Chairman DeFranco stated the road crew has been busy handling the storms.

Manager's Report-Manager Fisher stated he received an email from Lauren Williams, Curtin & Heefner, stating their fee for the three items the Board requested to be reviewed is \$3,500 and the fee for the remaining items is estimated at \$12,000. Manager Fisher will provide the Board with a copy of the email. Manager Fisher stated he received a letter from Jeff Manzi today withdrawing his application for the Open Space Advisory Board. Manager Fisher stated that Tuscarora Inn is having a banquet on March 14, 2019, to honor the Fire Company and that the Supervisors and employees are invited. Manager Fisher went through other items on his report, which included the Radar Speed Sign Damage, a Right to Know from Richard Wilford-Hunt, Act 537 Plan Study, Nixle Notification System, Key Risk Policies, and the Township Manual.

- IV. Public Comment- Judy Henckel thanked Manager Fisher for his report. Richard Wilford-Hunt asked if a date has been set for the next Draft Act 537 Plan meeting. Vice Chairman DeFranco stated that when a date is scheduled, the citizens will be notified. Richard asked about funding the Act 537 Plan. Richard asked Solicitor

Karasek how a referendum works. Solicitor Karasek stated he would have to do some research on it. Richard asked about EDC meeting minutes. Manager Fisher stated that when they are available, they will be posted.

- V. Adjournment-**MOTION** by Supervisor Teel, seconded by Supervisor Due, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. Vote: 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary