

UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES  
DRAFT ACT 537 SEWAGE FACILITIES PLAN  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019 @ 7:30 PM

AGENDA - PART I

1. Call to Order-Chairman Bermingham Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:40 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, Township Manager Rick Fisher, and Township Engineer Justin Coyle.
4. Chairman Bermingham Jr. thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and gave a brief overview of the Agenda regarding the Draft Act 537 Plan. Chairman Bermingham Jr. stated this will not be the last meeting held, for it is important for the residents to be informed and offer their comments and concerns. Chairman Bermingham Jr. announced he will be having office hours at the Township Building on Saturday, February 16, 2019 from 1 pm - 3 pm.

Stenographer was present to transcribe tonight's meeting.

AGENDA - PART II (Presentations)

1. Chairman Bermingham Jr. introduced Township Manager Rick Fisher. Manager Fisher gave a presentation on a Historical Perspective of the Act 537 Plan. Manager Fisher discussed his review of many permits that were issued years ago, in the areas of concern.
2. Chairman Bermingham Jr. introduced Township Engineer Justin Coyle. Engineer Coyle gave a brief presentation of the Draft Act 537 Update. Engineer Coyle introduced Lane Bodley, of Carroll Engineering. Lane spoke on the Areas of Concern (AOC), LERTA areas, and growth areas. Lane discussed the results of the mail-in surveys, done in 2017, to property owners within each AOC and evaluated each one, followed by a field survey of each AOC with a CEC Rep and Township SEO and also the soil suitability of each AOC. Lane discussed a summary of recommendations and an implementation schedule.

AGENDA - PART III (Comments and Discussion)

1. Supervisor Discussion

Supervisor Teel stated that Bangor, Roseto, Delaware Water Gap, and Portland already have water and sewer and they have not fallen apart. Supervisor Teel stated that the Board of Supervisors is committed to the safety, health and welfare of this town. Supervisor Teel stated that the Board is not interested in raising taxes, but they are pursuing every avenue they can to get grants and money to provide for this project if it goes through.

Supervisor Due stated the Board of Supervisors is looking for the easiest solution for what we have. Supervisor Due stated that the Board does not want to raise taxes.

Supervisor Pinter stated he is the Treasurer for the Board of Supervisors and wants to make sure the citizen's money is well spent. Supervisor Pinter stated he understands the economic impact this may have to our citizens, so the Board is going to do everything possible to get funding through grants, grant matches, low cost funding, municipal bonds, or long term financing.

Chairman Bermingham Jr. discussed economic development and if sewer and water come into the township, this will be something we will have to be prepared for.

## 2. Public Comment - 5 minutes

Discussions amongst the public included comments, questions, and concerns from the residents, some being long term residents. Discussions regarding water concerns, economic development, taxes, traffic issues, the beauty of the Township, watershed projects, alternatives, and long term planning.

Chairman Bermingham Jr. concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and stated the next public meeting on the Draft Act 537 Plan will be scheduled in mid to late March.

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary