

UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

AGENDA - 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, Township Manager Rick Fisher, Township Engineer Justin Coyle, and Township Solicitor Ron Karasek.
4. Approve the Agenda-**MOTION** by Supervisor Pinter, to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 5-0.
5. Public Comment-Howard Klein, regarding the Act 537 Plan, has there been any discussion pertaining to the Portland Plant, hook-up fees, ownership, taxes. Judy Henckel commented on today being the 49th anniversary of Earth Day. Richard Wilford-Hunt commented on the smart planning in the town of Chadds Ford and encourages the Board to consider smart planning in the Township. Richard is also willing to assist with zoning if needed. Chairman Bermingham Jr. commented on the PSATS conference and that it was very informative and educational. Chairman Bermingham Jr. stated he attended a workshop on Conflict in the Community on how to deal with controversial issues. Chairman Bermingham Jr. stated that Northampton County Emergency Management Services will be giving a presentation at the Neighborhood Watch Meeting. Richard Wilford-Hunt asked Manager Fisher how the sanitary survey was coming along. Manager Fisher stated he hopes to have it ready for the May 8th Draft Act 537 meeting.

AGENDA - PART II (Presentation)-None

AGENDA - PART III (Action Agenda-Matters to be voted on)

1. County Bridge #225-Manager Fisher spoke on behalf on township resident Charlotte Jewel, who would like to see the township take over the bridge, which is located at the intersection of National Park Dr. and Laurel Hill Rd. There was a general discussion regarding costs to repair the bridge. Township Manager Fisher will contact the County to inquire what they estimate the cost will be to repair the bridge.
2. Curtin & Heefner LLP Invoice Review-There was a discussion regarding an invoice that was received from Curtin & Heefner. Chairman Bermingham Jr.

discussed what he feels the invoice represents. Manager Fisher stated he will review previous meeting minutes on approvals and will also reach out to Curtin & Heefner for clarification on the invoice.

3. Penn Bid-Review of Seal Coat/Paving Bids-Township Engineer Coyle discussed the Penn Bids received. Engineer Coyle stated one bid was received for the Seal Coat, Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, which came in at \$435,140.94. There was a discussion regarding the budget and roads that can be removed. Engineer Coyle stated his recommendation for the Seal Coat Bid amount be reduced by \$156,000, bringing the amount to \$279,140.94 for the Seal Coat project. **MOTION** by Supervisor DeFranco, to award the bid to AMS, eliminating roads discussed, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0. Engineer Coyle stated that two bids were received for the Local Roads Paving, Bracalente Construction, \$117,835.00 and Lehigh Valley Site Contractors/Division of H&K Group, \$217,474.75. Engineer Coyle stated his recommendation was to reject the bids and consider doing the work in house or re-bid the project. There was general discussion regarding doing the work in house. **MOTION** by Supervisor Teel, to re-bid the Paving project, seconded by Supervisor Pinter. Vote: 5-0.
4. Community Park Pavilion-Manager Fisher discussed the estimate received from RG Hoffman, \$20,100.00, to do the electrical work on the Park Pavilion. Engineer Coyle recommends RG Hoffman. **MOTION** by Supervisor DeFranco, to approve RG Hoffman to do the electrical work for \$20,100.00 on the Park Pavilion, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 5-0. Manager Fisher discussed the access and handicap location at the Park Pavilion. **MOTION** by Chairman Birmingham Jr. to follow the Park Committee's recommendation and approve the access and handicap location at the Park Pavilion, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0. Manager Fisher stated that Met-Ed will be installing the electric underground.
5. Radar Reading Signs-Manager Fisher discussed the two radar signs that are not functioning. Manager Fisher stated that the estimate to repair the one sign that was vandalized is \$770.00 (a claim has been made to the insurance company) and the second one that is not functioning properly will be sent back to All Traffic Solutions. There was also a discussion on the permit from Penn DOT. Manager Fisher will look into the permit needed. **MOTION** by Chairman Birmingham Jr., to approve the estimate to get the signs repaired, seconded by Supervisor DeFranco. Vote: 5-0.
6. Format of Special Meeting for the proposed Act 537-There was a discussion on the format of the special meeting on the proposed Act 537 on May 8th. Chairman Birmingham Jr. stated he would like the special meeting to be an information only meeting and discussed scheduling another meeting where the public can voice their opinions. Public Comments-Howard Klein asked what information will be discussed. Loren Rabbat asked if residents will still be available to comment at the

informational meeting. Bob Gerwig stated that the residents need to be involved. Judy Henckel stated that she does not think of herself as an opposition, she is just looking for alternatives.

7. Summer Recreation Hourly Rates-Manager Fisher discussed the proposed summer recreation hourly rates, recommended by the recreation Board. First year-\$7.50 per hour, second year-\$8.00 per hour, third year-\$8.50 per hour, assistant director-\$10.00 per hour, and the director-\$4,000.00 salary for 6 weeks of summer camp. **MOTION** by Supervisor DeFranco, to approve the hourly rates, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 5-0.
8. Fireworks Ordinance Discussion-There was a discussion regarding a fireworks ordinance. Chairman Bermingham Jr. stated he receives numerous complaints on fireworks in all hours of the night. Supervisor Teel commented that we do not have a police force to enforce the ordinance. There was a suggestion on hiring a constable. Manager Fisher will look into it. Chief Finan volunteered to assist in providing information.
9. Clean-Up UMBT- Chairman Bermingham Jr. stated he would like to see Upper Mount Bethel Township sponsor a program to clean up the township. **MOTION** by Supervisor Due, to approve the clean-up UMBT program, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0.
10. 4th of July Banner-Chairman Bermingham Jr. stated he would like to advertise again this year with the banner. Manager Fisher will locate the banner and resolution and this will be on the May 13th meeting for more discussion.
11. Computer Upgrade Estimate-Manager Fisher stated a co-stars estimate has been received for a computer upgrade. Manager Fisher stated it is time for the system to be replaced. Manager Fisher stated the estimate for the hardware is \$10,053.81. Manager Fisher stated that he will provide the Board with a contract from Stavros Barbounis stating his professional service fees. **MOTION** by Supervisor Pinter, to approve the purchase of the hardware, seconded by Supervisor DeFranco. Vote: 5-0.
12. Discussion on Available Grants/Deadlines-Manager Fisher discussed some of the available grants and their deadlines. Manager Fisher stated he will look into these grants further to see if we would qualify for any of them.
13. Part-Time Janitor-Manager Fisher stated he would like hire Tom Pysher as a part-time janitor for approximately 12-16 hours a week at \$15.00 an hour. **MOTION** by Supervisor DeFranco, to hire Tom Pysher as a part-time janitor, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 5-0.
14. LVPC Municipal General Assembly Meeting – April 30th – Assign Delegate- Chairman Bermingham Jr. stated he will try to attend, if not available, Manager Fisher will attend.

AGENDA - PART IV (Executive Session)-Manager Fisher reported that he received a notice of a hearing on the status of stipulation. Solicitor Karasek stated he will request a copy of the proposed stipulation.

AGENDA - PART V (Public Comment)-None

AGENDA - PART VI (Adjournment)-**MOTION** by Supervisor Teel, to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm, seconded by Supervisor Pinter. Vote: 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary