

UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 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, Township Engineer Justin Coyle and Township Solicitor Ron Karasek. Supervisor Pinter was present via phone conference.
4. Approve the Agenda-**MOTION** by Supervisor Due, to approve the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0.
5. Public Comment-5 minutes
James Merklinger commented on the garbage on certain properties in the township and is asking the Township for action. James would also like to see something done with the parking issue in the front of TK's. Supervisor Teel said he will speak to the owners.

Howard Klein asked if a decision was made on the hookup to Portland Waste.

Richard Wilford-Hunt asked if the next Draft Act 537 meeting held on May 8th, at the Fire House, has been advertised yet and is water in the plan.

Judy Henckel commented that it would be nice to see a summary of the Slate Belt Multi Municipal Comprehensive Plan posted on the website.

Charles Cole commented on the speed signs and asked why the permit has not been renewed.

AGENDA - PART II (Public Announcements)-None

AGENDA - PART III (Approve the Minutes)

1. Meeting Minutes-March 11, 2019-**MOTION** by Supervisor DeFranco, to approve the March 11, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0.
2. Meeting Minutes-March 25, 2019-**MOTION** by Supervisor DeFranco, to approve the March 25, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0.

AGENDA - PART IV (Presentations)-None

AGENDA - PART V (Reports)

1. Financial Report-Bill List-Chairman Bermingham Jr. read the bill list. **MOTION** by Supervisor DeFranco, to pay the bills in the amount of \$215,067.53, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0.
2. Monthly Reports
 - a. Manager's Report-None
 - b. Solicitor's Report-Solicitor Karasek gave a brief summary of his report, meetings attended, subdivision and zoning matters, outstanding litigation matters and misc. matters.
 - c. Engineer's Report-Engineer Coyle gave a brief summary of his report, Lake Minsi Dam Project, 2019 Paving and Chip seal project, review of grading plans submitted, assisting with site improvements at the Park, and preliminary plans completed for the SR611/512 signal project.
 - d. Supervisor's Report-Supervisor Due reported that Slate Belt Council of Government (SBCOG), is getting assistance from Community Action Committee of Lehigh Valley (CACLV). Supervisor Teel reported there is no business with the Planning Commission, but they are planning on meeting in April, and an EMC meeting will be held April 24th, 5-7. Supervisor DeFranco reported the road crew has been busy working on clean ups. Supervisor Pinter reported that the EDC is working on a survey, feedback on what the residents are looking for in Economic Development. Chairman Bermingham Jr. reported an update with the Police survey. He stated that Penn State is putting together a proposal. Chairman Bermingham Jr. reported he is looking into the Adopt-a-Highway program. Chairman Bermingham Jr. stated the UMBT-BASD is holding a drug awareness program at the Mt. Bethel Fire Hall on April 17th, at 7pm.

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

1. Refuse Reductions, Application Refunds, Exonerations-None
2. #17 Truck-Supervisor DeFranco discussed the quote received to replace #17 truck. Supervisor DeFranco would like the Board's approval to put a down deposit on a truck if they see a good deal at PSATS. **MOTION** by Chairman Bermingham Jr., to give Supervisor DeFranco the authority to put a down deposit on a suitable truck with a maximum amount of \$15,000 to secure the truck, seconded by Supervisor

Due. Vote: 5-0. Supervisor DeFranco would also like the Board's approval to purchase a pull behind street broom off Municibid, the bid is \$600.

MOTION by Supervisor Teel, to approve the purchase of the street broom, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 4-0-1. Supervisor DeFranco abstained.

3. Lawn Maintenance Bid-Chairman Bermingham discussed two bids that were submitted, Duvo Outdoor Maintenance-\$1,253.50 per cut and JRB Lawn Care & Landscaping-\$900 per cut. **MOTION** by Supervisor Due, to hire JRB Lawn Care to maintain weekly lawn maintenance at the UMBT Community Park, the Municipal Building, the Mt. Bethel Fire Hall (rear of property), and the Echo Lake Ball Field, at \$900 per cut, seconded by Supervisor DeFranco. Vote: 5-0.
4. Lower Mount Bethel Township Letter of Support-Township Supervisor Sandra Newman, gave a brief summary of their request for a Letter of Support from the Upper Mount Bethel Township Board of Supervisors in support of their request for funding of the development project along Martin's Creek. **MOTION** by Supervisor Due, to approve the submittal of the Letter of Support to Lower Mount Bethel Township, seconded by Chairman Bermingham Jr. Vote: 5-0.
5. Penn Bids-Engineer Coyle discussed the Penn Bids received from Asphalt Maintenance Solutions LLC for the 2019 Seal Coat Bid-\$435,140.94 and Bracalente Construction for the 2019 Local Roads Paving Bid-\$117,835.00. No action to be taken at this time, the bids are currently under review.
6. Electrical Bid-Supervisor DeFranco commented on an Electrical Bid that was received today from R.G. Hoffman Electric. There was a discussion regarding the Request for Estimate, Electrical Upgrade at the Mount Bethel Community Park. The bid was not opened until further clarification from Manager Fisher. **MOTION** by Supervisor Teel, to accept the envelope without opening it, seconded by Supervisor DeFranco. Vote: 5-0.

AGENDA - PART VII (Old Business)-None

AGENDA - PART VIII (New Business)

1. Live Stream Board of Supervisors Meetings-Stavros Barbounis gave a brief summary of how Live Streaming of the meetings would work. There was a discussion amongst the Supervisors on whether or not it is something they want to do. Chairman Bermingham Jr. asked Stavros to prepare a proposal and present it to the Board at the April 22nd meeting.

AGENDA - PART IX (Public Comment)-Richard Wilford-Hunt asked about speaking at the next Draft Act 537 meeting. Chairman Bermingham Jr. stated there will be public comment on the agenda and depending on the turnout of residents, public comment time will range

5-7 minutes. Chairman Bermingham Jr. stated a discussion on the format of the Draft Act 537 meeting will be on the Board of Supervisors meeting agenda on April 22nd. Judy Henckel commented on the park landscape.

AGENDA - PART X (Executive Session) at 8:00 PM- Chairman Bermingham Jr. called a recess into executive session at 7:50 pm to discuss litigation. The meeting reconvened at 8:19 pm.

1. Legal-Chairman Bermingham Jr. stated litigation was discussed and no action will be taken at this time.

AGENDA - PART XI (Adjournment)-**MOTION** by Supervisor Teel, to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 pm, seconded by Supervisor DeFranco. Vote: 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary