

UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
DRAFT ACT 537 SEWAGE FACILITIES PLAN
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019 @ 6PM

1. Vice Chairman DeFranco called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Present in addition to Vice Chairman DeFranco were, Supervisor Due, Supervisor Teel, Supervisor Pinter and Township Manager Rick Fisher. Absent was Chairman Bermingham Jr.

Stenographer was present to transcribe tonight's meeting.

Vice Chairman DeFranco opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Manager Fisher gave a presentation on an update of the Draft Act 537 Plan. In his presentation, Manager Fisher discussed Fact vs Fiction, should homeowners solve their own sewage/water problems. Discussed were regulations to 25 PA Chapter 71-Planning, 25 PA Code Chapter 72-Administration and 25 PA Code Chapter 73-Design Standards. Manager Fisher discussed Historical Facts, the Long Sewage Planning History of Upper Mount Bethel Township, what happened in 2003, then in 2008-09 and what is happening now. Manager Fisher went on to discuss the Sanitary Survey/Permit Review update, questions and answers, and transparency. Manager Fisher's recommendation is that the Board of Supervisors wait to advertise for the 30-day comment period until the FINAL DRAFT is completed and additional options are explored, quantified, and submitted for review and consideration.

Public Comments:

Fran Visacaro asked if the Act 537 Plan can be put on the website.

David Friedman asked about the six (6) other areas of concerns, are they included in the plan and have we looked at alternatives?

Charles Kull thanked and complimented Manager Fisher on his presentation. Charles asked have we considered new systems to compare costs?

Charles Cole commented on having a sewage management plan/committee.

John Erelly commented on financing.

Pat McNery asked if public water is in the plan to the AOC-A

Richard Wilford-Hunt commented on economic development, not just sewers. We need smart planning, zoning changes, ordinance changes and improvements.

Ron Angle thanked and complimented Manager Fisher on his presentation. Mr. Angle asked, where will this plan be in 2021, 2023.

Jay Pensyl commented on working with Portland.

Howard Klein commented on financing and working with Portland.

Judy Henckel stated we need to think outside the box, new ideas.

Rich Klinge commented on the advertising for the meeting and his concerns for changing zoning.

David Philips asked of expected costs for the homeowner, hook-up and monthly fees.

Supervisor Pinter stated that he will be the one overseeing the financial end of the Plan, this is his expertise.

Vice Chairman DeFranco thanked everyone for coming and stated the next meeting may be scheduled for June 19th. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary