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UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022 – 7:00 PM

*This meeting was held in person and live streamed through the Upper Mount Bethel Township Facebook page.

I.

Chairman Pinter called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present were Chairman Pinter, Supervisor Due, Supervisor Friedman, Supervisor Bermingham, Supervisor Teel, Township Manager Nelson, Township Engineer Coyle, and Township Solicitor Karasek.

Solicitor Karasek commented that before approving the agenda, he would like the Board to consider amending the agenda to have another voice vote on the NID. Solicitor Karasek stated he has listened to the tape and due to the level of noise and the inability to hear the voice vote, he felt that the Board should have another voice vote on the NID with or without the Park. **MOTION** by Supervisor Friedman to amend the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0. **MOTION** by Chairman Pinter to add the NID to include the Park, under Section VII, Old Business, item 1 to the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0.

Supervisor Teel would like to add to the agenda under Section IX, New Business, item 3, Planning Commission Member, due to the resignation of Anthony DeFranco.

MOTION by Supervisor Teel to add Planning Commission Member to the agenda, under Section IX, item 3, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 5-0.

II.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

MOTION by Supervisor Teel to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Supervisor Friedman. Vote: 5-0.

III.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andy Mahan, Kovar Lane, commented on the stumbling blocks in the Township to keep your property in repair. Mr. Mahan stated the issue is with his property on Kovar Lane and a project on Sandy Shore. Manager Nelson explained the procedure in obtaining the correct permits and that not every project in the Township is the same, both projects are located in the Flood Plain.

Chris Finan, Apache Lane, Chief Mt. Bethel FC, commented on the donation for the CPR machines and the AEDs. Manager Nelson stated once the invoice is received, a check will be issued.

Gary Hilliard, Slateford Road, commented on the flooding on Slateford Rd. Manager Nelson gave a summary of the work that the Road Crew has completed and stated we are just waiting for the Railroad.

Brandon Rader, Ridge Road, commented on the grants for the NB Fire Company and is hoping to secure a grant for the social hall. Supervisor Bermingham stated he is working with Chief Black on the submission of an LSA Grant.

Catherine Buehler, Mill Creek Road, commented on the closure of Riverton Road and asked what the status is. Manager Nelson stated that section of Riverton Road will be closed until they have a mitigation plan. Catherine expressed her concerns about the amount of traffic and speeding on Mill Creek Road.

Charles Cole, Riverton Road, commented on Supervisor Teel's comment regarding the data on the cancer rates in Middle Village. Supervisor Teel stated it's been documented for years.

Francis Visicaro, N. Delaware Drive, commented on the Power Plant and causes of cancer.

Judith Henckel, Robin Hood Road, commented on the Plan Slate Belt meetings and would like to have the maps up on the website for the public to see.

Terry Gruver, Lake Minsi Drive, stated she is a school bus driver and in regard to the Riverton Road closure and mitigation, make sure it's done right for the safety of everyone.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Manager Nelson stated that the road closure on Riverton Road has already been discussed. Manager Nelson announced the Township is working with Northampton County on the closure of Institute Drive to help protect the Amphibians crossing the road during the mating season. Manager Nelson discussed the Fire Study and is looking for signatures to initiate it. Manager Nelson stated he is setting up a meeting to discuss the Fire House Sub-Station, at the intersection of Belvidere Corner Road and River Road. Chairman Pinter stated this will be on the April 25th meeting agenda.

Supervisor Bermingham announced the LSA Grant for the NBFC is being submitted, office hours will be held at Township Building on March 21st from 6:30-8:00 pm, anyone interested in volunteering or making a donation for Jim Comunale-Celebration of Life, please contact him.

Supervisor Teel announced Planning Commission is meeting on Wednesday. Thoughts and prayers to the people in Ukraine.

Chairman Pinter stated his company has three plants in Ukraine and one of the best ways to donate is to UNICEF.

V.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the February 14, 2022, Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the February 28, 2022, WS Meeting Minutes
3. Refuse Reductions, Application Refunds and Exonerations

MOTION by Supervisor Teel to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Supervisor Friedman. Vote: 5-0.

VI.

FINANCIALS

1. Bill List-Manager Nelson read the bill list. **MOTION** by Supervisor Due to pay the bills in the amount of \$204,140.04, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0.

VII.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Neighborhood Improvement District (NID) Ordinance-Solicitor Karasek stated all he would like to hear is a voice vote on the NID with or without the park. **MOTION** by Supervisor Teel to move forward with the NID-Ordinance No. 2022-01, with the Park included, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 3 Aye 2 No. Supervisor Bermingham and Supervisor Friedman voting no.

VIII.

ACTION AGENDA

1. Ordinance 2022-02 Amendment of the 2007-06 IPMC-Solicitor Karasek stated the Township adopted Ordinance No. 2007-06, that followed the 2006 International Property Maintenance Code. This amendment will clarify the penalties for violations of the 2006 IPMC and the enforcement of those penalties. **MOTION** by Supervisor Due to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-02, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0.
2. EDC Members-Scott Cole, Chairman of the EDC stated there are two open seats and recommends Geoff Deen and Anthony DeFranco to fill those open seats, both a three (3) year term, expiring 12/31/2024. **MOTION** by Supervisor Friedman to appoint Geoff Deen and Anthony DeFranco as members of the EDC as recommended by the EDC, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Supervisor Friedman stated he would like to commend the EDC on the vetting of their candidates. Vote: 5-0.

3. Material Bid Awards-Manager Nelson discussed the submitted bids from Hanson Aggregates, Eureka Stone and Reimer Bros. Manager Nelson recommends approving all bids, so we have the opportunity to go where we'd like. Chairman Pinter stated he would like to see each submitted bid. **MOTION** by Supervisor Friedman to table, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0.
4. MBFH AEDs and LUCAS Machines-previously discussed.
5. Resolution #2022-06-Eleanor Susan Klaver-Manager Nelson read Resolution #2022-06 in honor of Eleanor Susan Klaver for her dedication and long-standing service to Upper Mount Bethel Township. **MOTION** by Supervisor Bermingham to adopt Resolution #2022-06, seconded by Supervisor Friedman. Vote: 5-0.
6. Blue Mt. Antique Gas/Steam Engine Event Signs-Manager Nelson discussed the annual request from Blue Mt. Antique Gas & Steam Engine Association requesting the \$25.00 fee be waived for their two signs displaying their annual shows at Jacktown and would like the motion to state the fee be waived perpetually. Solicitor Karasek recommended the motion to include, as long as the sign remains the same size, location and nothing changes, then perpetually is acceptable. **MOTION** by Supervisor Teel to approve the waiver of fee perpetually as long as the sign remains the same size, at the same location and nothing changes, seconded by Supervisor Friedman. Vote: 5-0.

IX.

NEW BUSINESS

1. MB Fire Truck Engine-Supervisor Friedman discussed the need to expedite the process for a new fire truck engine. Chief Finan stated this process started four years ago, this will be their primary apparatus and the current cost is \$865,400 and the cost continues to rise. Chairman Pinter stated he would like to see finance options and a meeting set up to discuss. Supervisor Bermingham stated that North Bangor also needs a new truck. **MOTION** by Supervisor Bermingham to table, seconded by Supervisor Friedman. Vote: 5-0.
2. Plan Slate Belt Township Representative-Supervisor Friedman expressed his desire to be appointed as a Plan Slate Belt Township Representative. **MOTION** by Supervisor Bermingham to appoint Supervisor Friedman as Plan Slate Township Representative for, seconded by Supervisor Friedman. Vote: 3-2.
3. Planning Commission Member-Supervisor Teel stated that there is an open seat on the Planning Commission due to the resignation Commissioner Anthony DeFranco. Supervisor Teel stated there are two letters of interests, Ron Angle Jr., and Jim Potter. Supervisor Teel recommends the appointment of Jim Potter to fill the open seat. **MOTION** by Supervisor Teel to appoint Jim Potter as a member of the Planning Commission, seconded by Supervisor Friedman. Vote: 5-0.

X.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Supervisor Teel to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm, seconded by Supervisor Friedman. Vote: 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary