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UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY JULY 11, 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.

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

II.

**APPROVE THE AGENDA**

Supervisor Teel asked to amend the agenda, adding Seniors in the Community. Chairman Pinter added this to Section V – New Business, item #1 Seniors in the Community. **MOTION** by Supervisor Friedman to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0.

III.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Andy Mahan, Kovar Lane, commented FEMA's description of a structure in a floodplain, there is no reference to a fence being a structure. Engineer Coyle discussed the Upper Mount Bethel Township Floodplain Ordinance No. 2014-01, which states a structure is anything constructed or erected on the ground or attached to the ground, including, but not limited to buildings, sheds, manufactured homes, fences, walls, storage tanks and other similar items. Engineer Coyle states that he sees no reason to modify the Ordinance at this time.

Judy Henckel, Robin Hood Road, commented on Andy Mahan's comment and stated that Manager Nelson and Engineer Coyle are correct about not the only the impediment of flow but any debris that backs up behind it. Judy commented on the Lower Delaware Wildlife and Scenic River Management goals for RPL to take into consideration.

#### IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Manager Nelson congratulated the Parks/Recreation Board on a successful 4<sup>th</sup> of July event celebration. Manager Nelson commented on the trucks bringing dirty dirt into the Township.

Supervisor Friedman announced there is still open seat as an alternate Zoning Hearing Board member and if interested to send your letter of interest into the Secretary.

Supervisor Bermingham announced another successful year for the drive by 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, Retirement of Colors on August 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, the new owners of Evergreen Village will be hosting an event on September 24<sup>th</sup>, office hours will be July 13<sup>th</sup> 6-7, there is a GoFundMe account for Andy and Mary Yetter, who lost their home to a fire, the First Responders picnic was cancelled and will be rescheduled, and UMBT clean up day will be July 24<sup>th</sup>, 9-11 am.

Supervisor Teel announced a few things on his bucket list, Act 537, the traffic light, a track at the Park, and most importantly, the Seniors in our community, they are going to need help.

Chairman Pinter stated, on behalf of the Parks/Recreation Board, thank you to everyone who volunteered on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event, which was a great success. Volunteers are always welcomed.

Supervisor Bermingham presented Stavros Barbounis his Resolution for his continued dedication and service to the Township. Supervisor Bermingham presented Terry and Donna Lockwitch their Resolution for their volunteering efforts and dedication to the Township, as well as coordinating the fundraising event for kids, including his son, affected with the SLC6A1 disease. Manager Nelson asked if someone wants to donate, how would they do so. Donna stated they can email: [acureforJC@gmail.com](mailto:acureforJC@gmail.com), and they will inform them how to donate. The name of the organization is SLC6A1 Connect. The next event will be October 8<sup>th</sup> at Hardball Cider.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Seniors in our Community-Supervisor Teel discussed the need to help the Seniors in our Community as well as low-income families. Supervisor Teel would like to establish a committee to assist those in need. Supervisor Teel would like to hold a meeting to hear the concerns that the Seniors and low-income families are facing. **MOTION** by Supervisor Bermingham for Supervisor Teel to establish a committee to assist Seniors and low-income families, with heat, food, and other necessities, seconded by Supervisor Due. Further discussion: Chairman Pinter stated the committee by an ad-hoc committee and recommends utilizing BASD's threshold for low-income. Solicitor Karasek stated that if 3 or more Supervisors attend the meeting, it should be advertised. Vote: 5-0.

## VI.

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the June 13, 2022, Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the June 27, 2022, WS Meeting Minutes
3. Refuse Reductions, Application Refunds and Exonerations

**MOTION** by Supervisor Due to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote: 5-0.

## VII.

### FINANCIALS

1. Bill List-Manager Nelson read the bill list. **MOTION** by Supervisor Due to pay the bills in the amount of \$157,393.55, seconded by Supervisor Teel. Vote :4-0-1. Supervisor Friedman abstained.

## VIII.

### ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution No. 2022-12-Michael Hudak-Chairman Pinter stated this Resolution officially recognizes Michael Hudak for his dedication and contribution to the Township. Michael is being honored for his 16 years of dedication to the Parks/Recreation Committee. **MOTION** by Supervisor Bermingham to adopt Resolution No. 2022-12, seconded by Supervisor Friedman. Stavros Barbounis, current Chairman of the Parks/Recreation, stated, although Mike is no longer on the Board, he continues to volunteer his time for events and greatly appreciates all he has done. Vote: 5-0.
2. Resolution No. 2022-15-Transportation Improvements-Manager Nelson stated this Resolution is to support an application for a Multimodal Transportation grant on behalf of the River Pointe Transportation Improvements Project-Phase I and designate authorized officials to execute grant documents. Lou Pektor stated that River Pointe Logistics Center Chairman Pinter clarified the statement made, that RPL would be putting up all matched funds and that the Township would not be liable for any matched funds. Manager Nelson stated the Resolution stipulates the Township has no financial obligation. **MOTION** by Supervisor Teel to adopt Resolution No. 2022-15, seconded by Supervisor Due. Vote: 5-0.

Engineer Coyle discussed the Riverton Road Rockfall Mitigation project, which is going out to bid on Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. Bids will be coming in on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Engineer Coyle stated we are working with Solicitor Karasek on a temporary easement agreement because most of the work being done is on private property. Solicitor Karasek stated the agreement has been prepared but has stalled as to cost remediation and maintenance. Solicitor Karasek stated that in order for the agreement to be finalized, he will need direction as to who is going to be responsible for what.

Supervisor Bermingham congratulated Chief Chris Finan for receiving an award from Palmer Township Fire Company for his courage and heroism for saving the life of a Palmer Township resident and a victim who were brought to safety by our Fire Chief and other First Responders.

**IX  
ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Supervisor Teel to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm, seconded by Supervisor Friedman. Vote: 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary