

Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors October 5, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The October 5, 2011 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chair Bud Baldwin at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Board of Supervisors: Chair Bud Baldwin, Vice Chair Tom Cino, Treasurer Mary Ryan, Member Dave Kulig and Member Dan Rattigan. Also in attendance were Township Manager Stephanie Teoli, Township Solicitor John Rice, Esq., Township Engineer Larry Young, P.E. and Director of Planning & Zoning Dave Kuhns.

There were also members of the public and representatives of the press present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Mr. Baldwin led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Baldwin introduced Richard Walker and Craig Reed of the Upper Makefield Business Association (UMBA) who presented a check to the Township in the amount of \$10,000 which represents fifty percent of the proceeds from the 2011 Revolutionary Run. Mr. Reed recognized the efforts of the many volunteers and businesses who worked together to make this a successful community event.

Ms. Ryan reported that Upper Makefield Township was recently featured in Philadelphia Magazine as a "Great Place to Raise a Family." She explained that the township was one of fifteen communities recognized.

Mr. Rattigan expressed his concern that the Polka property remain as open space. He reported that the Commonwealth may consider purchasing the property.

Mr. Rattigan then commented that residents should be cautious as the deer population moves throughout the township. He noted specific problem areas and encouraged caution during dusk and evening hours.

Mr. Baldwin reported that he had been contacted by a township resident requesting that a televised debate of candidates for Supervisor be held at the township building. He noted that UMBA expressed an interest in underwriting the cost of the event which would be held on Wednesday, October 26th.

Guy Polhemus, Washington Crossing Road, commented that not all candidates would be able to attend on October 26th.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rob Kay of General Hamilton Road represented the Upper Makefield Fire Company and announced that Station 71 located at 1221 Taylorsville Road will host an open house on Friday, October 14 from 6:30 – 9:30 pm. All are invited to attend to learn fire prevention and safety tips.

Ellen Lane Novitz, Dunkin Drive, expressed her opposition to the proposed expenditure of \$100,000 for a well in the park system.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS PAYABLE:

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and was seconded by Ms. Ryan to approve the September 14, 2011 Budget Workshop meeting minutes. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Ryan and was seconded by Mr. Cino to approve the September 21, 2011 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Ryan and was seconded by Mr. Cino to approve the September 26, 2011 Budget Workshop meeting minutes. Motion carried on a 4-0-1 vote with Mr. Kulig abstaining.

Ms. Teoli directed attention to the bills list for October 5, 2011. A motion was made by Mr. Kulig and was seconded by Mr. Cino to approve the October 5, 2011 Bills Payable list in the amount of \$811,231.96. Mr. Kulig explained the significant State "pass through" funds as well as the insurance and pension payments that led to such a higher than normal total amount. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING ISSUES:

There were no Planning and Zoning Issues.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

There was no Solicitors Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

2011-2012 Consortium Salt Bid

Ms. Teoli presented an overview of the 2011-2012 Consortium Salt Bid and recommended approval of the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. A motion was made by Mr. Kulig and was seconded by Mr. Cino to award the 2011-2012 Consortium Salt Bid to the lowest responsible bidder, International Salt Company LLC, at a delivered cost of \$52.77. Mr. Kulig commented on the range of the received bids. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Washington Crossing Gateway Project Phase II Construction – Change Order #1

Mr. Young provided an overview of the project and recommended approval of Change Order #1 in the amount of \$495 for miscellaneous material/labor additions and deductions which results in a decrease in the contract sum. A motion was made by Mr. Kulig and was seconded by Ms. Ryan to approve Change Order #1. Mr. Rattigan queried the quality of the new scope, and Mr. Young affirmed that the quality would be more than acceptable. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation of 2012 Budget

Ms. Teoli presented the 2012 Preliminary Budget for Upper Makefield Township. She highlighted revenues and expenditures as well as proposed projects (see attached presentation)*. Members of the Board noted that the 0.5 mil overall reduction in taxes was the result of the decrease in the Open Space millage being more than the increase in General Fund millage. She announced that copies of the Preliminary Budget would be available at the end of the meeting and that the full document would also be posted on the township's website.

Authorization to Advertise 2012 Budget

A motion was made by Mr. Rattigan and was seconded by Ms. Ryan to authorize advertisement of the Preliminary 2012 Budget for public inspection. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND MEDIA QUESTIONS:

Victor Ameye, Lookout Lane, asked if copies of the budget would be available to the public.

Phil Goodman, Traditions, asked several questions regarding the budget, specifically requesting clarification on the Open Space Fund.

Ellen Lane Novitz, Dunkin Drive, expressed her opposition to the proposed \$100,000 expenditure for a new well in the park system.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and was seconded by Mr. Rattigan to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved: October 19, 2011

**Budget Presentation may be found on township website under Government>Departments>Finance tab.*