

**Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors**  
**September 1, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

The September 1, 2010 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 John Silvers, Member Dan Rattigan and Member Mary Ryan. Also in attendance were Township Manager Stephanie Teoli, Township Solicitor Mary Eberle, Esq. and Township Engineer Larry Young, P.E.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mr. Baldwin announced that the Board will be interviewing candidates for the vacancy on the Planning Commission and the Friends of Washington Crossing Board on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Baldwin reported on several wells going dry in the community. He encouraged residents to voluntarily restrict water use.

Mr. Baldwin extended the Board's condolences to Dave Kulig on the recent loss of his wife, JoAnne.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Le Shepperd of Wrightstown Township expressed his opinion on the Stoopville Road Improvement Project and encouraged the Board to be sure the federal funding of the project was used wisely.

Mr. Young provided an update to the Board on the Stoopville Road Improvement Project, highlighting the differing opinions on the intersection improvements at Stoopville and Route 413.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS PAYABLE:**

A motion was made by Ms. Ryan and was seconded by Mr. Cino to approve the August 4, 2010 minutes. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Ms. Teoli directed attention to the bills list for September 1, 2010. A motion was made by Mr. Silvers and was seconded by Ms. Ryan to approve the September 1, 2010 Bills Payable list in the amount of \$255,266.64, subject to administrative review of the pension payment. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

**PLANNING AND ZONING ISSUES:**

**Smith Zoning Hearing Board Application – 1235 River Road**

Mr. Kuhns provided an overview of the request to construct an accessory building on a vacant lot. After discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Ryan and was seconded by Mr. Cino to request that the Zoning Hearing Board consider that any relief granted to this applicant be conditioned up the merger of the two lots. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

**O'Donnell Zoning Hearing Board Application – 12 Russell Court**

Mr. Kuhns provided an overview of the request to construct an addition in the rear setback. No action was taken on the application.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

**JMZO Ordinance No. 2010-02 – Municipal Services Agriculture District**

Ms. Eberle introduced the ordinance to amend the Joint Municipal Zoning Ordinance by creating a new Municipal Services Agricultural District to provide adequate areas for municipal services facilities. Mr. Baldwin opened the public hearing to consider approval of JMZO Ordinance No. 2010-02. There were no comments from the Board of Supervisors and no comments from the public. Mr. Baldwin closed the public hearing. A motion was made by Ms. Ryan and was seconded by Mr. Rattigan to approve JMZO Ordinance No. 2010-02. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Ordinance No. 293 – Solar Energy Systems**

Ms. Eberle introduced the ordinance to establish definitions and regulations for Solar Energy Systems in Upper Makefield Township. Mr. Baldwin opened the public hearing to consider approval of Ordinance No. 293. There were no comments from the public. Mr. Rattigan questioned the definitions and implications of the ordinance. Mr. Baldwin closed the public hearing. A motion was made by Ms. Ryan and was seconded by Mr. Cino to approve Ordinance No. 293. Motion carried on a 4-1 vote with Mr. Rattigan voting no.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Ms. Teoli reported on the Duathlon Event that will be held on September 5<sup>th</sup>, causing River Road to be closed from 7:30-9:00 am between Washington Crossing Bridge and Taylorsville Rd. She explained that affected residents received a hand-delivered letter informing them of the closing. It was also reported in the township's Enews and on the cable scroll.

**2011 Minimum Municipal Obligation**

Ms. Teoli reported on a letter that was recently distributed to the Board of Supervisors, indicating that the amount of the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) that is required for the two pension funds in 2011 will be \$452,658.

**2011 Budget Process**

Ms. Teoli provided a proposed schedule for 2011 Budget meetings as follows: Budget Workshops on October 13 and October 27 at 3:00 pm; presentation of the Preliminary 2011 Budget at November 3 Board of Supervisors meeting and budget approval at December 15 Board of Supervisors meeting.

### **Lookout Park Public/Private Partnership Projects**

Ms. Teoli provided an overview of the proposed project list and cost sharing breakdown for Lookout Park as developed by Upper Makefield Youth Ball League and the Park & Recreation Board. The \$37,000 allocation in the 2010 Budget was a match to a grant received by UMYBL. The township responsibilities include ground preparations for three batting cages, establishment of a picnic area and purchase of a storage shed for Arabis Field. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Baldwin and was seconded by Mr. Cino to approve the proposed Lookout Park project list and cost sharing proposal, not to exceed \$37,500. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

#### **Brownsburg Park Water Project**

Mr. Young provided an overview of three written quotations to install water supply lines to the fields at Brownsburg Park. Proposals included costs both with and without multi-strand wire. He cautioned that strict limitations should be imposed on water usage as the current well is considered a residential use well. Following discussion, consensus was to provide water supply only to the fields, making multi-strand wiring for future irrigation is unnecessary. A motion was made by Mr. Cino and was seconded by Ms. Ryan to accept the proposal of A-Drip Irrigation to install water supply lines to the soccer fields at Brownsburg Park at a cost of \$9,125.00. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

#### **Stoopville Road – Phase II Revised Scope**

Mr. Young provided an update on Phase II of the Stoopville Road/Traffic Calming Project. In order to meet the deadlines for funding obligation, project scope must be identified and confirmed to PennDOT by Upper Makefield, Newtown and Wrightstown Townships by the end of September 2010. Lengthy discussion of traffic calming efforts in the Dolington area ensued. Ms. Ryan encouraged that a public meeting be held to receive input from impacted residents. A motion was then made by Mr. Cino, and was seconded by Mr. Baldwin to agree to the conceptual plan presented in Mr. Young's August 27, 2010 letter, with the exclusion of medians. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

#### **Eagle Road Drainage Improvements and Road Resurfacing Project – Change Order No. 1**

Mr. Young provided an update on the project and recommended approval of Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$4,425.00. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Rattigan and was seconded by Mr. Silvers to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$4,425.00. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

#### **Engineer's Report**

Mr. Young reviewed the highlights of the Engineer's Report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

As requested at the last meeting, Dr. Mercuri provided a proposal to provide a needs survey of the Taylorsville and Dolington areas to confirm the on-lot disposal system data used in the Act 537 Plan. Following significant discussion, the Board requested that Dr. Mercuri revise the proposal to remove those properties that had previously shown failed systems. It further requested that Dr. Mercuri provide a per/household price in his proposal.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AND MEDIA QUESTIONS:**

There were no additional public comments or media questions.

Ms. Teoli reported that a brief Executive Session would be held regarding a personnel matter. She added that no action would be taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Mr. Silvers and was seconded by Ms. Ryan to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved: September 15, 2010