

Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors February 2, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The February 2, 2011 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chair Bud Baldwin at 7:32 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 Solicitor John Rice, Esq., Assistant to Township Manager Judy Caporiccio 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 announced that Township Manager Stephanie Teoli is recovering from surgery, and he introduced her assistant Judy Caporiccio, who is attending in her absence.

Mr. Baldwin commended the Public Works Department and Emergency Management Coordinator for their efforts during recent weather events.

Mr. Baldwin made the following announcements:

- The joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors and the Environmental Advisory Council was postponed until after the EAC reorganizes for 2011;
- The water ordinance and discussion of the high service pump will be on the next Board of Supervisors agenda following further consultant review; and
- Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Kulig have a meeting scheduled with Newtown Township this week for a conceptual discussion of police regionalization.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dennis Heath, 1221 River Road, provided comment to the Board regarding his negative opinion of the operation and management of the police department. He advocated for increased transparency, budget reduction and performance measurement of service delivery.

Carol Ann Sasso, Jericho Run, requested that the Board provide a summary of all agenda items for review by the public. She then asked for clarification regarding public participation in Board of Supervisor meetings. Specifically, she requested feedback on when and how questions should be asked regarding both agenda and non-agenda items. She added that she had a question at the last meeting regarding the actuary's reference to the PA Constitution regarding public pensions.

Mr. Rice provided clarification regarding the Sunshine Law. He suggested that any resident questions be submitted prior to the meeting, otherwise answers to questions may not be provided until after the meeting. He agreed to provide a response to Mrs. Sasso regarding her pension question.

Mr. Rattigan encouraged Mrs. Sasso to contact township staff with any questions. Mrs. Sasso then provided comment regarding a previous response she received to a question via email. She further commented on meeting minute distribution, appointment to township boards and filing dates for petitions for the upcoming local elections.

SPECIAL ITEMS:

Bob Shaw and Richard Walker, representing the Upper Makefield Business Association, provided an update on the 2011 Revolutionary Run and requested the Township's assistance in providing seed money for the event. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Kulig and was seconded by Mr. Rattigan to authorize \$5,000 in seed money for the Revolutionary Run with the same terms and conditions as in 2010. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS PAYABLE:

Mr. Baldwin directed attention to the bills list for February 2, 2011. A motion was made by Mr. Rattigan and was seconded by Mr. Kulig to approve the February 2, 2011 Bills Payable list in the amount of \$82,072.63. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING ISSUES:

There were no Planning and Zoning issues.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Rice said an Executive Session will be held following this regular meeting to discuss litigation matters.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND MEDIA QUESTIONS:

Mr. Heath commented that the filing dates referenced earlier in the meeting only apply for those participating in party primaries.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and was seconded by Mr. Kulig to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approved: February 16, 2011