

**Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors**  
**September 15, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

The September 15, 2010 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chair Dave Bud Baldwin at 7:35 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 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 announced that the Emergency Management staff would be meeting to discuss the possibility of implementing mandatory water restrictions.

Mr. Baldwin expressed the township's condolences to the Gorski family of Wrightstown Township.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jim Galvin, 787 Washington Crossing Road, requested that the township look into the excessive use of water at the Veteran's Cemetery.

**SPECIAL ITEMS**

**Upper Makefield Business Association – Revolutionary Run**

Bob Shaw of Upper Makefield Business Association presented a check to the Township in the amount of \$7,750 representing fifty percent of the proceeds from the 2010 Revolutionary Run. Mr. Shaw reported that the event was truly a collaboration of community effort with over 100 volunteers and 25 businesses. He recognized the efforts of all involved.

**Stoopville Road Project – Dolington Area**

Mr. Young provided an update on inclusion of traffic calming measures for the Dolington Area as part of the Stoopville Road Improvement Project – Phase II. He reported on the various options that could be part of the project, including: horizontal deflectors, gateway treatments, medians, pavement markers, and a multi-way stop.

There was significant discussion by the board and there was substantial public comment.

Guy Polhemus, 882 Washington Crossing Road, noted opposition to horizontal road treatments and support of modest gateway treatments.

Darlene Fackelman, 757 Washington Crossing Road, expressed her opposition to any traffic calming measure, except non-offensive signage. She commented that police presence should be increased.

Tom DiLorenzo, 809 Washington Crossing Road, noted support of the 3-way stop and opposition to any horizontal roadway treatment.

Jim Barbera, 817 Dolington Road, expressed his support of traffic calming measures and any improvement of pedestrian safety in the area. He also requested additional enforcement.

Jim Galvin, 787 Washington Crossing Road, requested additional patrol by the police department.

Mary Jane Larson, 827 Washington Crossing Road, noted her opposition to medians and her concern regarding speeding in Dolington.

Jane Johnson, 3 Mountview Court, asked the Board to consider action to hold the Veteran's Administration to their promise to protect the Scott Farm.

Bob Castor provided comment in support of a 3-way stop and also requested increased police presence.

Mary Barbera, 817 Dolington Road, expressed her support of improved pedestrian safety and increased police presence.

Paul Anderson, 757 Washington Crossing Road, requested consideration of a "jake brake" ordinance.

Maureen Ferrari explained to the Board that the Historic Advisory Council provided feedback on the traffic calming plan in December 2009.

Amy McClellan, 882 Washington Crossing Road, expressed her passionate opposition to traffic calming in Dolington.

After public comment and further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and was seconded by Ms. Ryan, to support the inclusion of gateway treatments, a 3-way stop and a right-hand turn at Highland Avenue in the Stoopville Road Improvement Plan - Phase II Plan. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

#### **Appointment to Planning Commission**

Ms. Ryan reported that there were many very qualified candidates for the available board vacancies. She thanked all those who submitted letters of interest and explained that those not selected would be considered for future vacancies.

A motion was made by Ms. Ryan and was seconded by Mr. Silvers to appoint Hank Lieberman to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission for a term which expires December 31, 2012. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **Appointment to Friends of Washington Crossing Board**

Ms. Ryan thanked Ms. Teoli for her service on the Friends of Washington Crossing Board and announced that Ms. Teoli will now serve as Township liaison to the Board.

A motion was made by Ms. Ryan and was seconded by Mr. Silvers to appoint David Kruszczyński and

Andrew Smith to the Friends of Washington Crossing Board. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS PAYABLE:**

A motion was made by Ms. Ryan and was seconded by Mr. Cino to approve the September 1, 2010 minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Teoli read into the record the bills for September 15, 2010. A motion was made by Mr. Silvers and was seconded by Mr. Cino to approve the September 15, 2010 Bills Payable List in the amount of \$43,178.10. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

**PLANNING AND ZONING ISSUES:**

**Strange Lot Line Change, 1061 River Road**

Mr. Kuhns provided an overview of the application for a Lot Line Change which would transfer 0.0883 acres from the Polka parcel to the Strange parcel. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and was seconded by Ms. Ryan to approve the Strange request for a Lot Line Change, conditioned on compliance with the Gilmore review letter and the Planning Commission approval letter dated September 14, 2010. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Rice announced that an Executive Session would be held after the meeting regarding outstanding litigation and personnel matters.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Ms. Teoli reported that Budget workshops would take place on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

**Fund Balance Report**

Ms. Teoli provided highlights of the Fund Balance Report.

**Earned Income Tax Collection Update**

Ms. Teoli provided an update of recent meetings of the Bucks County Tax Collection Committee and confirmed the Board's interest in appointing Keystone Collections Group as the tax collector for Earned Income Tax beginning January 1, 2011. She reported that a resolution would be presented for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

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

**WATER AND SEWER ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Dr. Mercuri recommended approval the Regency Water Treatment Plant & Distribution System Financial Security Partial Release No. 1 in the amount of \$389,238. After discussion, Mr. Rattigan made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Silvers to approve Partial Release No. 1 in the amount of \$389,238. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

Dr. Mercuri recommended approval the Regency Wastewater Treatment Plant & Conveyance System Financial Security Partial Release No. 1 in the amount of \$589,865. After discussion, Mr. Rattigan made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Silvers to approve Partial Release No. 1 in the amount of \$589,865. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

**BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS:**

Mr. Baldwin announced that the following reports were included in the Board packets:

- Parks and Recreation Board – July 12, 2010
- Environmental Advisory Council – July 13, 2010
- Historical Advisory Commission – July 26, 2010

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Planning and Zoning Department**

Mr. Kuhns highlighted the monthly Planning and Zoning Department Report.

**Police Department**

Chief Mark Schmidt highlighted the Police Department Report.

Mr. Baldwin announced that the following reports were included in the Board packets:

- Fire Department Report
- Fire Marshal Report
- Public Works Department Report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Mr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Cino, to authorize the Emergency Management Coordinator to declare mandatory water restrictions. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AND MEDIA QUESTIONS:**

Guy Polhemus expressed his thanks to the police department for their efforts. He also acknowledged the passing of Doris Kennedy.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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A motion was made by Mr. Silvers and was seconded by Mr. Rattigan to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

Approved: October 6, 2010