Upper Makefield Board of Supervisors March 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The March 21, 2023 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chair Tom Cino at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Board of Supervisors: Chair Tom Cino, Vice Chair Ed Ford, Treasurer Tim Thomas, Member Yvette Taylor and Member Ben Weldon. Also in attendance were Township Manager David R. Nyman, Assistant Township Manager Judy Caporiccio, Township Solicitor Mary Eberle, Esq., and Chief Mark Schmidt.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Cino announced that an Executive Session was held prior to this evening's meeting for personnel matters.

Mr. Thomas announced that the trash pick up day for the Taylorsville Road area was moved to April 1, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers are invited to participate and can find more details on the Township website.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Police Department

A motion was made by Dr. Ford and seconded by Mr. Weldon to accept the resignation of Officer Justin Edwards effective March 26, 2023. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chief Schmidt introduced part time officer Andrew Nagle to the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Dr. Ford to promote Officer Andrew Nagle to full time officer position. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Weldon and seconded by Dr. Ford to authorize Chief Schmidt to continue the selection process for a part-time officer. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Dr. Ford to authorize the manager to execute a retirement agreement with a retiring police officer. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Spiro, 1151 Pineville Road, shared concerns regarding his property on 725 Eagle Road and the negative effects he is enduring from the violations occurring at the neighboring property, which are hindering Mr. Spiro's efforts to sell his house. He cited unbearable odor, constant noise from equipment and machinery, and removal of an excessive number of trees. He also distributed one picture of the neighbor's property showing a commercial grade play set and another of people in hazmat suits. Mr. Spiro expressed frustration that the PA Department of Agriculture is not sharing information regarding the reason for their presence on the neighbor's property. He then noted a history of storm water violations on the neighboring property and the continued effect on his property. Ms. Eberle recounted the Township's legal efforts to resolve these issues.

APPPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve the March 7, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Ms. Taylor to approve the March 21, 2023 Bills

Payable List in the amount of \$205,227.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PLANNING & ZONING ISSUES

There were no Planning & Zoning Issues.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

There was no Solicitor's Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

2023 Stone/Asphalt Bid

Mr. Nyman provided an overview of the 2023 Stone and Asphalt Bid. Following discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Ford and seconded by Mr. Weldon to award the 2023 Stone and Asphalt bid to Plumstead Materials, Eureka Stone Quarry, Miller Materials and M&W Precast & Construction Supply as outlined in the Matt Gorman memo dated March 13, 2023. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

There was no Engineer's Report.

BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

Mr. Cino announced that the following minutes were included in Board packets:

- Historical Advisory Commission October 27, 2022
- Planning Commission January 25, 2023
- Financial Advisory Committee January 19, 2023

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Cino announced that the following department reports were provided:

- Planning & Zoning Department
- Finance Department
- Fire Departments
- Emergency Medical Services
- Fire Marshal
- Police Department
- Public Works Department

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Spiro, 1151 Eagle Road, asked why no member of the Board commented on his concerns expressed during the first public comment. Ms. Eberle explained that her advice to the Board was that communication comes from the Township Solicitor's office due to the pending litigations involving his neighbor's property.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Weldon and seconded by Ms. Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Nyman Township Manager

Approved: April 18, 2023