

Upper Makefield Board of Supervisors
April 2, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The April 2, 2024 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chair Yvette Taylor at 7:28 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Board of Supervisors: Chair Yvette Taylor, Vice Chair Ben Weldon, Treasurer Braun Taylor, Member Tom Cino and Member Tim Thomas. Also in attendance were Assistant Township Manager Judy Caporiccio, Township Solicitor Will Oetinger, Esq., Township Engineer Amando Fuller, P.E., Planning & Zoning Director Denise Burmester and Chief Schmidt.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Taylor led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Taylor made the following announcements:

- The County's first Household Hazardous Waste Collection event of 2024 is Saturday, April 6 at the Newtown Campus of Bucks County Community College from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., rain or shine. Details are available on the Planning Commission page of BucksCounty.gov.
- The Township's Verizon Channel is now 2121. Please contact Verizon at 1-800-VERIZON or sign into your [My Verizon account](#) to request a free HD Set Top if you are unable to view Channel 2121.
- The Upper Makefield Fire Company Carnival will be held at Washington Crossing Historic Park April 23-27. Hours are 6 – 10 p.m. daily. Watch for details at umfc.org.
- The annual Medication Take Back Day will be held Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Upper Makefield Police Department. In addition to prescription medications, officers will also be collecting vitamins, over the counter, and pet medications. A collection box is also available for safe disposal of medications at the police station during business hours.
- PECO is partnering with the Arbor Day Foundation to sponsor a tree giveaway program. Trees can be mailed or picked up in person on Friday, April 26 at Warminster Community Park from 1-3 p.m. Supplies are limited so reserve yours online now. Details and a link to register are available on the Township website.
- All supervisors and many Township residents attended the March 25 meeting of the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission (DRJTBC) to express their concerns and provide public comment about the Washington Crossing Bridge project and the impact a potential replacement would have on the community. Residents were encouraged to continue attending the DRJTBC monthly meetings to communicate their concerns. A virtual option is available. The next meeting is April 29 at 10 a.m.

Mr. Thomas announced that the original Trash Pickup Day was cancelled due to weather, and it has been rescheduled for April 6 from 9 am to 11 am. Participants should meet at the Upper Makefield Fire Station 71, bring gloves and wear boots. Safety vests will be provided.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve the March 19, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the April 2, 2024 Bills Payable List in the amount of \$233,045.12. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PLANNING & ZONING ISSUES

Edmonds Planning Module, 360 Lurgan Road

Ms. Burmester outlined the proposed Planning Module. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve the Edmonds Planning Module. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Hammer Zoning Hearing Board Application, 1047 River Road

Ms. Burmester provided an overview of the application requesting a variance for construction within floodplain soils for installation of a gravel parking area for three cars, an in-ground pool, patio and shed. The applicant redesigned the project based on Board feedback at the last meeting. Larry Young, P.E. provided an overview of the design changes made by the applicant that eliminated the need for variances involving impervious surfaces. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to take a neutral position on this application. The Board expressed appreciation for Ms. Hammer's efforts to respond to Board feedback. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Surrey Zoning Hearing Board Application, 7 Valley View Drive

Ms. Burmester provided an overview of the application requesting a variance for a non-conforming lot for side yard and front yard setbacks for construction of basement steps and an addition. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to take a neutral position on this application. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

JMZO Electric Vehicle Charging Station Ordinance

Mr. Oetinger provided an overview of the Jointure Electric Vehicle Charging Ordinance. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to support adoption of the JMZO Electric Vehicle Charging Station Ordinance. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

JMZO Wireless Facilities Ordinance and Design Manual

Mr. Oetinger provided an overview of the JMZO Wireless Facilities Ordinance and Design Manual. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Weldon and seconded by Mr. Cino to support adoption of the JMZO Wireless Facilities Ordinance and Design Manual. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

JMZO Parking Core Apartment Use Ordinance

Mr. Oetinger provided an overview of the JMZO Parking Core Apartment Use Ordinance. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Taylor to support opposition to adoption of the JMZO Parking Core Apartment Use Ordinance. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Jointure Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Oetinger provided an overview of the Jointure Comprehensive Plan. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Thomas to support adoption of the Jointure Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Administrative Assistant

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve hiring of Shalia Alejandro for the position of full-time Administrative Assistant for the Administration Department. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Milex Corporation Site Work Construction Cash Escrow Release No. 1 (Final), 1040 Taylorsville Road

Ms. Caporiccio provided an overview of the project and recommended approval of the Milex Corporation Site Work Construction Cash Escrow Release. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve the Milex Corporation Site Work Construction Cash Escrow Release No. 1 in the amount of \$18,741.25 plus interest as recommended by Tri-State Engineers. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ENGINEERS REPORT

2024 Road Program

Ms. Fuller provided an overview of the 2024 Road Program. A motion was then made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to authorize advertisement of the 2024 Road Program. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David R. Nyman
Township Manager

Approved: May 7, 2024