

Upper Makefield Board of Supervisors

June 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The June 4, 2024 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chair Yvette Taylor at 7:30 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 Township Manager David R. Nyman, Assistant Township Manager Judy Caporiccio, Township Solicitor Will Oetinger, Esq., Township Engineer Amanda 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:

- Saturday, June 29 is the next Bucks County Household Hazardous Waste Collection event. It will take place at Central Bucks High School South from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., rain or shine. Visit BucksCounty.gov/Recycling for details.
- After June 20, the Township Channel for Verizon customers will only be viewable on Channel 2121. If you are not able to view Channel 2121 because you do not have an HD set top box, contact Verizon for a free upgrade.
- The 42nd Annual Rev Run will be held on July 4th at Washington Crossing Historic Park. Register online now at RevRunPA.com.
- Bridge Update: The next meeting of the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission will be on Monday, June 24 at 10:30 a.m. Residents are encouraged to continue to attend the meetings in person or virtually to voice your opinions about the Washington Crossing Bridge project. Visit drjtbc.org for meeting information. Resident input is crucial.
- The U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill yesterday to rename the Washington Crossing Post Office to the Susan C. Barnhart Post Office. Ms. Barnhart was a long-time postal employee who perished in the July 15, 2023 flash flood.

Mr. Thomas thanked all the volunteers who participated in the Taylorsville Road trash pick up effort. He also thanked Public Works Superintendent Matt Gorman for providing a tour of the Houghs Creek area.

Mr. Taylor noted that PennDOT has begun repaving Pineville Road.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Hall, current Newtown resident and former Upper Makefield resident, expressed support of the agenda item regarding the sewer line extension along Creamery Road.

Mike Cice, 902 Creamery Road, encouraged the Board to approve the Creamery Road sewer line extension project on tonight's agenda.

Jane Johnson, represented Upper Makefield Conservancy, and encouraged postponing the vote on agenda item advertising the Creamery Road sewer line extension project until there is a plan for residents to review.

Rick Fuerman, 983 Swayze Road, encouraged communication regarding the Houghs Creek project with the affected residents.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve the May 21, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the June 4, 2024 Bills Payable List in the amount of \$238,552.76. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PLANNING & ZONING ISSUES

Resolution No. 202-06-04-01 – Fisher Planning Module, 96 Woodhill Road

Ms. Burmester provided an overview of the Fisher Planning Module application to support the proposed in-law suite and existing dwelling. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve Resolution No. 2024-06-04-01. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Jointure Comprehensive Plan Cover

Mr. Oetinger provided an overview of the Jointure Comprehensive Plan Cover. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve the cover of the Jointure Comprehensive Plan. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Adoption of Conditional Use Adjudication – 106 Buckmanville Road (Fenwick)

Mr. Oetinger provided a summary of the conditions of the Conditional Use Adjudication for 106 Buckmanville Road (Fenwick) as follows:

- The applicant reforest within the wetland transition zone consistent with the Ordinance requirements.
- The applicant establish a 50 foot no mow zone on both sides of the tributary.
- The applicant complies with the Fire Marshal's recommendations.
- The applicant complies with the Township Engineer's review letter.
- The applicant complies with all codes and ordinances.
- The applicant complies with all outside agency permits and approvals.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve the Conditional Use Adjudication for 106 Buckmanville Road (Fenwick) subject to the conditions stated above. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote with Mr. Thomas abstaining as he was not present for the Conditional Use hearing or the executive session. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Lookout Park Pavilion Construction

Following an overview of the project by Mr. Nyman, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to award the bid for construction of the Lookout Park Pavilion to the lowest responsible bidder, Delaware Environmental Construction Services of Newark, Delaware in the amount of \$61,300.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) – Chief Mark Schmidt

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to accept the application of Chief Mark Schmidt to enter the three-year DROP Retirement Option effective August 1, 2024. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Wolfinger Site Work Construction Escrow (Cash) Release No. 2 (Final)

Mr. Nyman provided an overview of the project and recommended approval of the Wolfinger Site Work Construction Escrow (Cash) Release No. 2 (Final) in the amount of \$43,018.85. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve the Wolfinger Site Work Construction Escrow (Cash) Release No. 2 (Final) in the amount of \$43,018.85 plus interest. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Creamery Road Sewer Line Extension

Mr. Nyman provided an overview of the Creamery Road Sewer Line Extension Project to add the lines and lateral connections. He explained that the sewer line extension project was added to the Township's Act 537 Plan in November 2015, has DEP approval, and is ready to be put out to bid. Discussion followed regarding resident notification of the project, DEP approval of the project and the ten-plus year history of the project. It was noted that this motion would authorize advertising the bids, and there will be an opportunity for additional resident communication before considering bid award. A motion was made by Mr. Weldon and seconded by Mr. Taylor to authorize advertising bids for the Creamery Road Sewer Line Extension Project. Motion carried by a 4 to 1 vote, with Mr. Cino voting in opposition due to a procedural concern about resident communication.

ENGINEERS REPORT

PA 250 Improvements Funding

Ms. Fuller provided an overview of the DCED Multi Modal Grant. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to authorize the Township Engineer to prepare the DCED Multi Model Grant Application for sidewalk and crosswalk projects in preparation for the PA 250 events in Washington Crossing Village. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David R. Nyman
Township Manager
Approved: June 18, 2024