

Upper Makefield Board of Supervisors November 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The November 6, 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 Mary Eberle, Esq., Township Engineer Amanda Fuller, P.E., Planning & Zoning Director Denise Burmester and Chief Schimdt.

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:

- Pennsylvania's Drought Task Force has declared a drought watch for 33 counties, including Bucks County, and is asking residents and businesses to voluntarily conserve water. Upper Makefield Township falls in the declared area. Since the majority of homes in our Township have wells and septic systems, we do encourage residents to be mindful of their water use.
- Due to the extended period of dry conditions affecting the area, Bucks County has issued a temporary burn ban effective. The ban prohibits open fires, including the incineration of garbage, leaves, grass, twigs, litter, paper and other materials whether in burn barrels, fire rings or on the ground.
- Township offices will be closed on Monday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

Bridge Update:

- The Township continues to monitor the Washington Crossing Bridge project and attend the monthly meetings of the Joint Toll Bridge Commission. Residents are encouraged to attend virtually or in person as well to voice their opinions about the Washington Crossing Bridge project. Their next meeting is on Monday, November 25 at 10:30 a.m. and details are available at drjtbc.org.

Mr. Thomas thanked the EAC members who assisted with the recent tree giveaway and reminded residents of the Township's Tree Grant Program. Information is available on the Township website.

SPECIAL ITEM

Chief Schimdt provided an introduction of Officer Eric Bauer. District Judge Mick Petrucci then administered the Oath of Office to Officer Bauer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Spiro, 1151 Eagle Road, requested an update on the Alfaro court filing, and Ms. Eberle stated that we are waiting for the court to set an oral argument date. He then expressed concern about the number of puppies on the property and his belief that pigs were being slaughtered there. Ms. Eberle advised Mr. Spiro to keep the Township informed of his concerns. He was critical of the engineering inspection fees for his grading permit.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the October 15, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve the November 6, 2024 Bills Payable List in the amount of \$267,497.86. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PLANNING & ZONING ISSUES

Patel Stormwater Management Waiver Request, 428 Brownsburg Road West

Ms. Burmester provided an overview of the application for a stormwater management waiver requesting relief from meadow requirements for the property located at 428 Brownsburg Road West. The applicant is proposing to demolish the existing house and structures, restore the existing parking area to grass, and construct a new single-family dwelling and accessory structures. Builder Rich Zaveta and Design Engineer Anand Bhatt represented the client and provided details of the project. Discussion followed and the Township emphasized the need for the applicant to provide a detailed storm water management plan for the Township Engineer to evaluate before the Board can consider a waiver. No action was taken by the Board at this time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

There was no Solicitor's Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Resolution No. 2024-11-06-01 – Supporting Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic River Management Plan

Mr. Nyman provided an overview of Resolution No. 2024-11-06-01 supporting the Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic River Management Plan and endorsing the designation of Pidcock, Jericho and Houghs Creeks and the river segment from the Washington Crossing Bridge to the Lower Makefield Township line as part of the Lower Delaware River Wild & Scenic River System. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve Resolution No. 2024-11-06-01. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

2019 Chevy Tahoe

Mr. Nyman reported on the bid for the sale of the 2019 Chevy Tahoe, which was listed on Municibid. A motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Thomas to accept the bid for the sale of the 2019 Chevy Tahoe to Andrew Krauss for the purchase price of \$14,261.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Police Department Administrative Assistant

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

Houghs Creek Flood Debris Removal Project – Stonewood Landscaping, Inc. Change Order #1

Mr. Nyman noted that the Houghs Creek Flood Debris Removal Project is complete and provided an explanation of Change Order #1 reducing the contract amount by (\$375.00) for quantities not used. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve the Houghs Creek Flood Debris Removal Project Change Order #1. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Payment Request #1 (Final)

Mr. Nyman recommended approval of the Houghs Creek Debris Removal Project Payment Request #1 (Final) in the amount of \$83,460.00. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve Payment Request #1 (Final) in the amount of \$83,460.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Creamery Road Sewer Line Extension Project – Payment Request #1 (Final)

Mr. Nyman noted that the project is complete and recommended approval of the Creamery Road Sewer Line Extension Project Payment Request #1 (Final) in the amount of \$200,725.00. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve Payment Request #1 (Final) in the amount of \$200,725.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Nyman shared information provided to the Board regarding the upcoming Shop With A Cop program and noted that the Township will match the Police PBA contribution of \$1,000, as budgeted.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Award of Bid – Brownsburg Park Memorial Butterfly Garden

Ms. Fuller provided an overview of the Brownsburg Park Memorial Butterfly Garden project and recommended awarding the bid to Seasons Garden Center in the Amount of \$155,720.39. It was noted during discussion that this bid represents costs for Seasons to provide complete installation, however the Public Works Department will be assisting as will family members and others who have offered support. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to award the Brownsburg Park Memorial Butterfly Garden Project to Seasons Garden Center in the amount of \$155,720.39. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

11 and 19 Aqueduct Road

Ms. Fuller provided an overview of the proposal to conduct a Hydrologic & Hydraulic (H&H) Study stormwater analysis for the properties located at 11 and 19 Aqueduct Road. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Mr. Weldon and seconded by Mr. Cino to authorize Township Engineer to conduct a stormwater analysis of 11 and 19 Aqueduct Road properties for a cost not to exceed \$17,500.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Fuller informed the Board that the PennDOT Multimodal Grant Application has been submitted for the Washington Crossing Streetscape project.

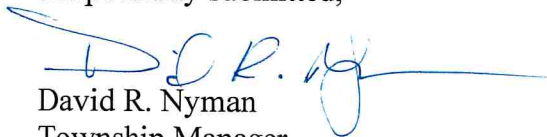
PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, ~



David R. Nyman
Township Manager

Approved: November 19, 2024