

## **Upper Makefield Board of Supervisors**

### **March 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

The March 4, 2025 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 Shmidt.

#### **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:

- An Executive Session was held prior to tonight's meeting for personnel matters.
- The Township continues to post information and updates related to the Sunoco pipeline leak on the Township website, including a letter from Governor Shapiro, a letter signed jointly by Congressman Fitzpatrick and Senator Fetterman, and a letter from the Bucks County Commissioners.
- The next meeting regarding the Sunoco pipeline leak will be held on March 11, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. at The Crossing Church, 1895 Wrightstown Road in Washington Crossing.

Bridge Update:

- The next meeting of the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission is Monday, March 31 at 10:30 a.m. Residents are encouraged to attend, either virtually or in person, as we continue to do, to stay informed of the status of the Washington Crossing Bridge Project and provide comment on the project. The Toll Bridge Commission has a website, [www.washingtoncrossingbridge.com](http://www.washingtoncrossingbridge.com) where they post updates and material related to the Washington Crossing Bridge Alternatives Analysis.

Mr. Cino recognized the efforts of staff since the Sunoco pipeline leak was confirmed.

#### **SPECIAL ITEMS**

##### **Newtown Emergency Medical Services**

Evan Resnikoff, Chief of Operations of Newtown Emergency Medical Services, provided an overview and highlights from the last year. He noted the addition of an intermediate ALS to the Newtown EMS crew, the upcoming addition of a bike EMS unit, and fundraising efforts to help pay for a new ambulance.

##### **Introduction of Project Manager to Address Sunoco Pipeline Leak**

Ms. Taylor introduced W. David Fennimore, President of Earth Data Northeast, Inc. (EDN), as the Township's newly hired Project Manager to address the Sunoco Pipeline Leak. Mr. Fennimore shared his experience and his initial plans for moving toward a solution, which include a Zoom meeting with the residents. Ms. Taylor encouraged residents interested in the Zoom meeting to provide an email addresses to the Township.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dan LaHart, 114 Walker Road, thanked the Board for hiring a project manager, requested better communications from DEP regarding well drilling by Energy Transfer and asked for clarification about what would be done with water that is removed from monitoring wells.

Mr. Weldon shared concerns expressed by residents regarding increased traffic and safety, street cleaning and maintenance.

Mike Spiro, 1120 Eagle Road, requested an update on litigation involving the property at 575 Eagle Road, noted activity he observed on that property, and shared photos of cars blocking Eagle Road near the property. He was encouraged to call the police for enforcement regarding traffic concerns. Mr. Spiro then noted damage to his property located on the corner of Pineville and Eagle Roads caused by vehicles turning sharply at that corner.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS PAYABLE**

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve the February 13, 2025 Supervisor/Sunoco meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the February 4, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve the March 4, 2025 Bills Payable List in the amount of \$1,184,811.39. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### **PLANNING & ZONING ISSUES**

There were no Planning & Zoning issues.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

There was no solicitors report.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

#### **Bucks County Health Department West Nile Program**

Mr. Nyman provided an overview of the Bucks County Health Department West Nile Program. A motion was then made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to authorize participation in Bucks County Health Department 2025 West Nile Program. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Ms. Fuller announced that the Township was awarded a DCED Multi-Modal Transportation Fund Grant in the amount of \$575,000 for traffic and Streetscape improvements in the Village of Washington Crossing.

#### **Brownsburg Park Pavilion Roof Replacement Payment Request #1**

Ms. Fuller recommended approval of Payment Request #1 for the Brownsburg Park Pavilion roof replacement project in the amount of \$53,473.30. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve Payment Request #1. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **Sol Finestone Elementary School Escrow Release #3**

Ms. Fuller recommended approval of the Sol Finestone Elementary School Escrow Release #3 in the amount of \$141,464.60. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve Escrow Release #3. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **2025 Road Program**

Ms. Fuller provided an overview of the bid for the 2025 Road Program and recommended awarding the base bid and Alternate 1 to Harris Blacktopping, Inc. in the amount of \$442,733.37. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to award the 2025 Road

Program base bid and Alternate 1 to Harris Blacktopping Inc. in the amount of \$442,733.37. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Alternate 2 for the Brownsburg Park driveway was not awarded at this time.

### **BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS**

Ms. Taylor announced that the following minutes were included in Board packets:

- Environmental Advisory Council – January 14, 2025
- Historical Advisory Commission – April 25, 2024
- Investment Committee – November 21, 2024

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Ms. Taylor announced that the following department reports were provided:

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Thomas announced that Trash Pickup Day along Taylorsville Road is scheduled for March 29, and he encouraged those interested in participating to email him directly. Ms. Fuller added that the cleanup days are included in the Township's MS4 Reports to DEP.

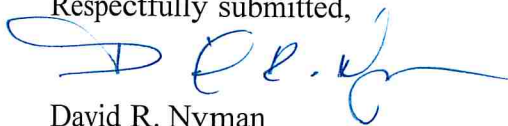
Priscilla Linden, 50 Dillon Way, shared concerns about how the Mt. Eyre pipeline leak affects residents' rights to clean water and clean air as stated in the Pennsylvania Constitution, stressed the importance of timely communication of information, and complimented the Township's actions and responses to the Sunoco pipeline leak.

Ms. Taylor introduced Laura Lazar, Publisher of the Upper Makefield magazine.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Taylor adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David R. Nyman  
Township Manager  
Approved: April 1, 2025