

Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors May 4, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The May 4, 2011 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chair Bud Baldwin at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Board of Supervisors: Chair Bud Baldwin, Vice Chair Tom Cino, Treasurer Mary Ryan, Member Dave Kulig and Member Dan Rattigan. Also in attendance were Township Manager Stephanie Teoli, Township Solicitor Mary Eberle, Esq., Township Engineer Larry Young, P.E. and Water & Sewer Engineer Tom Zarko, P.E. There were also members of the public and representatives of the press present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There were no announcements.

- Mr. Baldwin announced that there would be a joint meeting of Board of Supervisors and the Environmental Advisory Council on Wednesday, May 11 at 7 pm at township building.
- Mr. Baldwin announced that an Executive Session was held prior to regular meeting to discuss potential litigation and real estate matters. No action was taken.
- Ms. Ryan reported that hundreds of volunteers, including members of the EAC and the Friends of Washington Crossing Historic Park, were involved in "Comcast Cares" Event on Saturday, April 30th. She recognized the efforts of all involved.

SPECIAL ITEMS

Barbara Hirst was presented with the 2010 Upper Makefield Township Volunteer Award for her many years of service to Upper Makefield Township as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board and the Environmental Advisory Council. Mr. Baldwin presented her with a plaque and Mr. Cino read a proclamation from Senator McIlhinney. Members of the board congratulated Ms. Hirst and thanked her for her dedication to the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ellen Lane-Novitz, Dunkin Drive, commented on potholes on PennDOT roadways in the township. She then requested that the township assist the residents in coordinating options for joint purchase of electricity. She further noted her concern with expenses related to the streetscape. She concluded by complimenting the township manager for her efforts to provide information to residents.

Representative Scot Petri congratulated Barbara Hirst on her 2010 Volunteer of the Year Award, recognizing her for her many years of dedicated services to Upper Makefield Township.

Dennis Heath, 1221 River Road, commented on the fact that the Board of Supervisors has consistently allowed residents to provide public comment without limitation. He encouraged all residents to learn about the candidates before voting and emphasized that each vote cast will affect the quality of all our lives.

Larry Breeden, 3 Bankers Drive, provided comment on the draft Act 537 Plan Update. He noted his interaction with residents on Taylorsville Road and offered a suggested alternative solution that would run public water from the Heritage Hills Plant to Taylorsville Road. Supervisors Baldwin and Rattigan explained to Mr. Breeden that the problem in the Taylorsville Road area is caused by failing on-site septic systems, as evidenced by contaminated wells, and further clarified that providing water would not solve the problem with the failing systems.

Ernest Sasso, 6 Jericho Mountain Road, noted that he obtained a copy of the Water and Sewer Standard Specification and associated approval resolution through a Right-to-Know request. He asked if there was any intention to provide this information on the website. Ms. Ryan explained to Mr. Sasso that he was the only resident that requested this information in the month-long review process. She further explained that she did not think it was a wise utilization of staff time to convert and post a several-hundred page document that was not of general interest to the average resident.

Hugh Shaudys, Mt. Eyre Road, provided comment on the upcoming election. He encouraged those running to focus on topics and problems in the township, not personal attacks.

KC Christian, 47 Canal Run West, asked that a timeline be provided from PennDOT for addressing potholes on River Road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS PAYABLE:

A motion was made by Ms. Ryan and was seconded by Mr. Kulig to approve the April 20, 2011 minutes. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Ms. Baldwin directed attention to the bills list for May 4, 2011. A motion was made by Mr. Kulig and was seconded by Mr. Cino to approve the May 4, 2011 Bills Payable list in the amount of \$95,973.30. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING ISSUES:

Alden Final Subdivision Plan, 2840 Windy Bush Road

The applicant was represented by consultant Paul Wojciechowski of All County, Inc., who presented an overview of the plan and referenced the April 19, 2011 Gilmore & Associates review letter.

After discussion, a motion as made by Mr. Kulig and was seconded by Mr. Cino to approve the Alden Final Subdivision Plan, subject to the condition that revised plans be submitted and that the applicant conform to the Gilmore review letter dated April 19, 2011. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Alden Planning Module, 2840 Windy Bush Road

Paul Wojciechowski of All County, Inc. represented the applicant and outlined the Planning Module. The CKS Engineers review letter of January 12, 2011 was referenced and it was noted that the Planning Commission reviewed the application and recommended approval. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Rattigan and was seconded by Ms. Ryan to approve the Alden Planning

Module. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

There was no Solicitor's Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Gasoline Bid

Ms. Teoli reported on the Consortium Fuel Bids that were recently awarded and requested the Board's consideration of an additional award for regular unleaded fuel. A motion was made by Mr. Rattigan and seconded by Mr. Cino to award the 2011 Regular Unleaded Gasoline Bid to Ports Petroleum at a rate of \$0.1550 per gallon. Mr. Kulig recognized the efforts of the manager on this item. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Police Regionalization

Ms. Teoli reported that in order to move forward with a police regionalization study, the Board would need to authorize that a Letter of Intent be sent to the Governor's Center for Local Government Services. Newtown Township will need to authorize a similar letter. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Kulig and was seconded by Mr. Rattigan to authorize that a Letter of Intent be sent to the Governor's Center for Local Government Services requesting their assistance in studying the feasibility of regionalizing police services with Newtown Township. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Lookout Park Picnic Area Project – Payment Request No. 2

Mr. Young provided an update of the project and recommended approval of Payment Request No. 2 in the amount of \$19,889.10. A motion was made by Mr. Rattigan and was seconded by Mr. Kulig to approve Payment Request No. 2 in the amount of \$19,889.10. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

WATER & SEWER ENGINEER'S REPORT

Resolution No. 2011-05-04-01 – Adopt Standard Specifications – Water/Sewer Systems

Tom Zarko of CKS Engineers, Inc. introduced the resolution adopting standard specifications for water/sewer systems. Following discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Ryan and was seconded by Mr. Kulig to adopt Resolution No. 2011-05-04-01. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Heritage Hills Water Booster Pumping Station High Service Pump Temporary Variable Frequency Drive Installation Proposal

Mr. Zarko outlined a proposal, as requested by the Board, for an interim measure to address the pressure surge conditions at the Heritage Hills Water Booster Pumping Station until the permanent improvements are made this summer. The cost of installation and rental of the temporary Variable

Frequency Drive would be \$600/month or \$150/week. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and was seconded by Mr. Kulig to proceed with the proposed solution at a cost not to exceed \$1,800. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND MEDIA QUESTIONS:

Ellen Lane-Novitz commented on a confusing traffic situation on Route 546 in New Jersey.

Dennis Heath noted that all capital project expenditures must include an estimate for maintenance, repair and operations, even if the project is funded by a grant source.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Rattigan and was seconded by Mr. Kulig to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved: May 18, 2011