

Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors

July 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The July 16, 2019 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chair Tom Cino at 7:35 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Board of Supervisors: Chair Tom Cino, Vice Chair Diana Nolan, Treasurer Mike Tierney, Member Kris Ballerini and Member Ed Ford. Also in attendance were Township Solicitor Mary Eberle, Esq., Township Manager David Nyman, Township Engineer Larry Young, P.E., Township Water & Sewer Engineer Tom Zarko, P.E., Director of Planning & Zoning Dave Kuhns and Sergeant Dan Jones.

There were also members of the public present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Cino made the following announcements:

- PennDOT will be repairing a bridge on Stoneybrook Road beginning July 29th, weather permitting. The road will be closed and detours posted for approximately 4 weeks. A detour map can be found on the township website: uppermakefield.org
- As the Scudders Falls Bridge project continues, residents are encouraged to visit the bridge project website at ScudderFallsbridge.com for project status, toll information and travel advisories.
- An executive session will be held following tonight's meeting to seek legal advice from the Solicitor.

Ms. Nolan announced that Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick has sent a letter to the EPA requesting their review of the Mercer County Firing Range and its impact on the Upper Makefield residents. She also stated that Bucks County is under quarantine with regard to the current Spotted Lantern Fly invasion and encouraged residents to cooperate with the USDA agents inspecting properties to eliminate them.

SPECIAL ITEM

Colleen Campbell, St. Mary EMS Manager and Community Liaison, provided an update of emergency and ambulance service in the Township. She also reviewed programs and services available to the community through St. Mary Medical. Ms. Campbell emphasized the need to take extra precautions during the upcoming heatwave.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Ms. Nolan and was seconded by Ms. Ballerini to approve the June 20, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Nolan and was seconded by Ms. Ballerini to approve the June 18, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Cino presented the bills list for July 16, 2019. A motion was made by Ms. Nolan and was seconded by Ms. Ballerini to approve the June 18, 2019 Bills Payable List in the amount of \$363,225.79. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING ISSUES

Patel Land Development, 371 Stoneybrook Road

Kris Reiss, P.E. represented the applicant and provided an overview of the land development application. Discussion followed and the board requested that Mr. Reiss seek Mr. Patel's approval to not build additional homes on the 10 acre parcel which is not deed restricted. The applicant will return to the next Board meeting for further consideration.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Propane, Heating Oil and Gasoline Bids

Mr. Nyman provided an overview of the Consortium propane, heating oil and gasoline bids. Following discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Nolan and seconded by Dr. Ford to award the fuel bids as follows and outlined in the Sandy Wenitsky memo dated June 26, 2019: gasoline bid awarded to PAPCO Inc., diesel fuel bid awarded to East River Energy, heating oil bid awarded to Mansfield Oil Co Gainesville and propane bid awarded to Suburban Propane Inc. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Act 537 Update

Tom Zarko, P.E., provided an update on the Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan, summarizing the short term and long term planning tasks included within the Plan. He detailed the short term planning efforts expended by the Township to date, which have included: adoption of amendments to the Township's OLDS Ordinance, conducting public education sessions, creating a database of OLDS permitting & conditions within the Taylorsville and Dolington Areas, administering the Property Owner OLDS Inspection Program, and soliciting proposals for septic tank pumping, all of which have been highlighted in the Annual Reports provided to the Township and the PADEP. Mr. Zarko noted that no new problems have been reported by the BCHD in the Taylorsville or Dolington Areas since the Plan was approved, and he recommends that when the required updated OLDS Survey is done in the Taylorsville Area next year, the Dolington Area is included. Mr. Zarko concluded by summarizing the upcoming planning efforts that will be required for the next 6 years per the Plan.

Mr. Tierney asked if he anticipated any problems in year 5 in Dolington and if he foresaw the need to proceed with the "common pipe" recommendation. Mr. Zarko responded indicating that the Plan required the Township to perform supplemental planning that would need to be submitted and approved by the PADEP before any long term planning alternative could be implemented in the Dolington Area, which would take a number of years. Mr. Tierney asked what the cost would be to Dolington residents to implement the currently proposed long term planning alternative. Mr. Zarko stated that it would be approximately \$38,000 per home (EDU), noting that the ultimate selection of the alternative has not been finalized as additional planning work had to be completed in accordance with the provisions of the Plan.

Mr. Tierney made a motion to solicit RFPs for another engineer to provide an opinion regarding this matter. The motion died for lack of a second.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Act 537 Ordinance Amendment

Ms. Eberle provided an overview of the amendment which could require less frequent pumping of septic tanks in the Taylorsville and Dolington areas, if recommended by the Township. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Dr. Ford and seconded by Ms. Ballerini to authorize advertisement of the Act 537 ordinance amendment. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

There was no Engineer's Report.

BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

Mr. Cino announced that the following reports were included in Board packets:

- Environmental Advisory Council – April 9, 2019 and May 14, 2019
- Planning Commission – April 24, 2019

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Cino announced that the following department reports were included in the Board packets:

- Planning & Zoning Department
- Finance Department
- Fire Department
- Ambulance

- Fire Marshal
- Police Department
- Public Works Department

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Nolan and seconded by Ms. Ballerini to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



David R. Nyman
Township Manager

Approved: August 20, 2019