

Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors
November 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The November 6, 2019 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chair Tom Cino at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Board of Supervisors: Chair Tom Cino, Vice Chair Diana Nolan, Member Kris Ballerini, and Member Ed Ford. Treasurer Mike Tierney participated by telephone. Also in attendance were Township Manager David Nyman, Township Solicitor Mary Eberle, Esq., Township Engineer Carl Turner, P.E., Planning and Zoning Director, Dave Kuhns and Chief Mark Schmidt.

There were also members of the public and representatives of the press 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:

- Residents who may be interested in serving on a volunteer board are encouraged to visit the Township website at UpperMakefield.org for information about Township boards and committees and to find a Volunteer Board application.
- The Police Department will be conducting a Child Passenger Safety Check, including free installation of car seats and booster seats on November 23, 2019 from 9 am - 3 pm. Contact the Police Department for more information
- Township Offices will be closed on Monday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day.

Ms. Nolan announced that Congressman Fitzpatrick's office contacted the EPA regarding the noise from the Mercer County Firing Range. She noted that as a result of testing, they will be purchasing noise suppressors for their guns and requesting funding for a noise abatement structure.

Ms. Ballerini announced that she attended the Joint Toll Bridge Commission meeting regarding concerns over the disparity of New Jersey EZ Pass customers receiving a discount and PA customers not. She stated that the problem should be addressed to the PA Turnpike Commission.

SPECIAL ITEMS

St. Mary's Emergency Medical Services

Colleen Campbell, St. Mary EMS Manager and Community Liaison, provided an update of emergency and ambulance service in the Township. She then reviewed programs and services available to the community through St. Mary Medical, including Stop the Bleed and Hands-Only CPR courses scheduled in November. She then demonstrated proper CPR compression techniques on a manikin, and also demonstrated their newly acquired automated defibrillation device.

Ms. Nolan inquired about the possibility of a community symposium on safety issues that could involve the police department and fire company.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Nurko, 1337 Hall Road stated that the property between the canal and the bank in Washington Crossing is an eyesore. Mr. Kuhns indicated that the Township has already been in communication with the property owner.

Mark Bufonte, Shire's Crossing, stated that the guards on the Washinton Crossing Bridge were not enforcing vehicle limitation regulations regarding oversized vehicles. The Board requested Mr.

Nyman to share concerns with the Joint Toll Bridge Commission. Mr. Bufonte also inquired about the status of the sale of the David Library property.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Ms. Nolan and was seconded by Ms. Ballerini to approve the October 15, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Cino presented the bills list for November 6, 2019. A motion was made by Ms. Ballerini and was seconded by Ms. Nolan to approve the November 6, 2019 Bills Payable List in the amount of \$87,122.83. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING ISSUES

There were no Planning and Zoning issues.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Patel Land Development, 371 Stoneybrook Road

Ms. Ebele provided a summary of the Patel Land Development at 371 Stoneybrook Road. Following discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Nolan and seconded by Ms. Ballerini to authorize the issuance of a revised action letter for the Patel Land Development. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Resolution No. 2019-11-06-01 – Adoption of 2020 Budget

Mr. Nyman introduced the resolution and reviewed the budget process, noting that the preliminary 2020 budget has been advertised, made available for public inspection at the Township office, posted on the Township website and may be considered for adoption. A motion was then made by Dr. Ford and seconded by Ms. Ballerini to adopt Resolution No. 2019-11-06-01. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2019-11-06-02 – Tax Levy

Mr. Nyman stated that the 2020 Real Estate Tax Levy remains the same as 2019. Following discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Ballerini and seconded by Ms. Nolan to approve Resolution No. 2019-11-06-02. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Works Laborer

A motion was made by Ms. Nolan and seconded by Ms. Ballerini to hire Gregory Ball as a full-time Public Works laborer. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Jointure Comprehensive Plan Update

Resolution No. 2019-11-06-03 – Approving Bucks County Planning Commission Proposal to Update the Newtown Area Joint Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Nyman introduced Resolution No. 2019-11-06-03 approving the Bucks County Planning Commission Proposal to update the Newtown Area Joint Comprehensive Plan. He noted that Upper Makefield's percentage of the cost is approximately \$20,000, less potential grant awards, and has been budgeted for 2020. Following discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Ballerini and was seconded by Ms. Nolan to approve Resolution No. 2019-11-06-03. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2019-11-06-04 – Authorizing Municipal Assistance Program Application (MAP) for the Purpose of Updating the Newtown Area Joint Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Nyman introduced Resolution No. 2019-11-06-04 authorizing Municipal Assistance Program Application (MAP) for the purpose of Updating the Newtown Area Joint Comprehensive Plan. A motion was made by Ms. Ballerini and was seconded by Ms. Nolan to approve Resolution No. 2019-

11-06-04. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Lookout Park Trail Expansion Project Change Order #2

Mr. Turner provided an update of the project and recommended approval of Change Order #2 reducing the contract amount by (\$4,000.00). A motion was made by Ms. Nolan and seconded by Ms. Ballerini to approve Change Order #2. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Lookout Park Trail Expansion Project Payment Request #1

Mr. Turner recommended approval of Payment Request #1 in the amount of \$154,945.00. A motion was made by Ms. Nolan and seconded by Ms. Ballerini to approve the Lookout Park Trail Expansion Project Payment Request #1 in the amount of \$154,945.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

2019 Road Paving Project (Phase 2) Change Order #1

Mr. Turner provided an update of the project and recommended approval of Change Order #1 reducing the contract amount by (\$14,407.80). A motion was made by Ms. Nolan and seconded by Ms. Ballerini to approve Change Order #1. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

2019 Road Paving Project (Phase 2) Payment Request #1 (Final)

Mr. Turner recommended approval of Payment Request #1 (Final) in the amount of \$97,353.20. A motion was made by Dr. Ford and seconded by Ms. Nolan to approve the 2019 Road Paving Project (Phase 2) Payment Request #1 (Final) in the amount of \$97,353.20. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Nurko, 1337 Hall Road, stated his opinion that the Township should be charging residents of developments for paving their roads rather than burdening taxpayers. Mr. Cino shared information regarding the distinction between private roads and Township roads.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Nolan and seconded by Ms. Ballerini to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



David R. Nyman
Township Manager

Approved: November 19, 2019