

Upper Makefield Board of Supervisors
September 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The September 6, 2022 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chair Tom Cino at 7:31 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Board of Supervisors: Chair Tom Cino, Vice Chair Ed Ford, Treasurer Tim Thomas, Member Yvette Taylor and Member Ben Weldon. Also in attendance were Township Manager David R. Nyman, Assistant Township Manager Judy Caporiccio, Township Solicitor Mary Eberle, Esq., Township Water/Sewer Engineer Tom Zarko, P.E., and Planning & Zoning Director Denise Burmester.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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:

- Park staff recently provided a project update that the renovations at Washington Crossing Historic Park are nearing completion, although a final timeline is not available. The contractor will be removing equipment, fencing, etc. from the site as they are able.
- This Board will hold two 2023 Budget Workshops: Monday, September 19 and Tuesday, October 4. Both workshops will begin at 6:30 p.m. here at the Township Building.
- The County's final Household Hazardous Waste Collection event of this year will be held next month on October 8 at Strayer Middle School in Quakertown from 8:30 – 2, rain or shine. More information is available at BucksCounty.gov/Recycling.
- Rolling detours will continue along Taylorsville Road from Rt. 532 and River Road through September 12 while PennDOT performs base repair work. Motorists are advised to allow extra time or take alternate routes weekdays from 7 a.m.- 4 p.m. during the project.
- Finally, an Executive Session was held prior to tonight's meeting for personnel matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Thompson, 108 Maple Shade Avenue, encouraged Township participation and communication with the various State and Federal permitting agencies overseeing the Sunoco pipeline replacement project. He emphasized the need to maintain lines of communication and coordination during the project, citing Sunoco's history of causing environmental damage. His concerns are any effect to wells, access to homes during the construction, noise, and school bus access.

Marilyn Drucker, 180 Maple Shade Avenue, stated that she compiled agency contact information and will provide to the Township.

Mr. Cino expressed that the Township shares concerns and encouraged residents to contact the Township if they observe any concerns.

Ms. Eberle clarified that the Township did impose 13 strict conditions on the Conditional Use Request.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve the August 16, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Dr. Ford and seconded by Ms. Taylor to approve the September 6, 2022 Bills Payable List in the amount of \$238,920.16. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PLANNING & ZONING ISSUES

Resolution No. 2022-09-06-01 - Designation of Agent – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Ms. Burmester provided an overview of the resolution designating an Agent for Flood Mitigation Assistance and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve Resolution No. 2022-09-06-01. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

National Flood Insurance Community Rating System – Class 8 Certification

Ms. Burmester provided an overview of the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System. CRS is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed minimum program requirements and results in discounted flood insurance rates for residents. The Township was recently informed that our 2022 Level Achievement increased from Level 9 to Level 8, which will allow qualifying homes and businesses mapped within the Special Flood Hazard Areas an increased premium discount.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

There was no Solicitor's Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Public Works Laborer

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Dr. Ford to hire Thomas Miller as a full-time Public Works laborer. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Consortium Salt Bid

Mr. Nyman provided an overview of the 2022/23 Consortium Salt bids and noted the recommendation of the Public Works Department to award the bid to Morton Salt, Inc. for a delivered cost of \$67.76/ton delivered. A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Weldon to award the 2022/23 Salt Bid to Morton Salt, Inc. for a delivered cost of \$67.76/ton. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Heritage Hills WWTP – Sanitary Sewage Collection System Video Inspection

Tom Zarko, Township Water/Sewer Engineer, provided an overview of the project to assess current conditions of the Heritage Hills WWTP and identify any potential issues within the system. Following discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Ford and seconded by Mr. Weldon to award the Heritage Hills Sanitary Sewage Collection System Video Inspection project to Standard Pipe Services, LLC in the amount of \$20,190.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Pension Fund – Annual Minimum Municipal Obligation

Mr. Nyman provided an overview of the Police and Non-Police Pension Fund Annual Minimum Municipal Obligation. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Ms. Taylor to authorize the Township Manager to sign the Police MMO and Non-Police MMO. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Auditing Services

Mr. Nyman provided an overview of the auditing services proposal noting staff's recommendation to accept the three-year proposal of Bee, Bergvall & Co., PC. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Dr. Ford and seconded by Mr. Weldon to accept the three-year proposal of Bee, Bergvall & Co., PC to provide Township auditing services in the amount of \$22,500 for 2022, \$23,175 for 2023 and \$23,870 for 2024. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

There was no Engineer's Report.

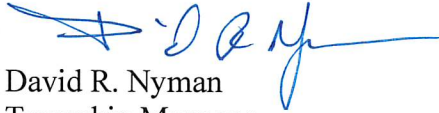
PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Ford and seconded by Ms. Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David R. Nyman
Township Manager

Approved: September 20, 2022