

## **Upper Makefield Board of Supervisors September 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

The September 20, 2022 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 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., 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:

- Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week runs through Sept. 24. The Upper Makefield Police Department is available to check and install car seats for parents, grandparents and caregivers. Call the Department at 215-968-3020 to schedule an appointment or visit the Township website for more information.
- The Upper Makefield Tree Grant Program is still available to residents. Partial reimbursement is available for the purchase and planting of up to 12 PA Native Trees. Check the Township website for more information and an application.
- The first Budget Workshop for the 2023 Budget was held last evening. The second Workshop will be on October 4 beginning at 6:30 p.m. before the Board's Regular meeting at the Township Building.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Joe Masara, Project Manager for the Jacob's Creek (Sunoco Pipeline replacement) Project, provided the Board with a project update, noting that erosion control and a rock entrance have been installed, an inspection by the Bucks County Conservation District is scheduled this week, and drilling equipment will be assembled and installed within the next two weeks. Mr. Masara said that heavy construction will be concluded by the end of 2022 and final site restoration in Spring 2023. Upon request, Mr. Masara provided his contact information to the Township and noted that a community hotline is manned 24 hours. That number was provided in the letter sent to residents in the project area and is also posted on the Township website.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve the September 6, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Dr. Ford to approve the September 20, 2022 Bills Payable List in the amount of \$297,933.37. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### **PLANNING & ZONING ISSUES**

#### **Spoooner Zoning Hearing Board Application, 23 Buckmanville Road**

Kelly McGowan, Esq. represented the applicant and provided an overview of the revised application for construction of an addition and pole barn. The applicant is requesting a special exception to build on an area of slopes in excess of 15% and a variance from floodplain soil disturbance. The applicant is proposing the construction of a drywell, planting 12 replacement trees throughout the property and planting 8 orchard trees downslope to address erosion and stormwater runoff concerns. During the

discussion with the Board, the applicant agreed to restrict use of the outbuilding for a personal workshop and not for commercial use, that there will be no residential occupancy, to consider saving the hickory and maple trees marked for removal, and that no dirt bike courses will be built on the property. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Dr. Ford and seconded by Mr. Weldon to take a neutral position on this application based on the applicant's willingness to comply with the Engineer's review letters and his assurance to comply with resolution of the concerns expressed by the Board. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

There was no Solicitor's Report.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

#### **2017 Dodge Charger**

Mr. Nyman reported on the bids for the sale of the 2017 Dodge Charger, which was listed for sale on Municibid. Following discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Ford and seconded by Mr. Thomas to accept the bid for the sale of the 2017 Dodge Charger to Quaadir Scott for the purchase price of \$7,800.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **Public Works Contract Amendment**

Mr. Nyman provided an overview of the Public Works Contract Amendment increasing the base rate for new hires from \$20/hour to \$21/hour, retroactive to September 1, 2022. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Weldon and seconded by Dr. Ford to approve the starting salary increase retroactive to September 1, 2022. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

There was no Engineer's Report.

### **BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS**

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

- Environmental Advisory Council – August 9, 2022
- Investment Committee – May 19, 2022
- Park & Recreation Board – August 1, 2022

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Mr. Cino announced that the following department reports were provided:

- Planning & Zoning Department
- Finance Department
- Ambulance
- Fire Department
- Fire Marshal
- Police Department
- Public Works Department

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Dr. Ford to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David R. Nyman, Township Manager  
Approved: October 4, 2022