

## **Upper Makefield Board of Supervisors December 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

The December 6, 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., Township Engineer Larry Young, 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:

- The Board will hold an executive session after tonight's meeting to consult with the Solicitor.
- This Sunday, December 11 is the First Crossing Reenactment. The second is on Christmas Day. Crossings are scheduled for 1:00 with other activities planned throughout the day. Visit [WashingtonCrossingPark.org](http://WashingtonCrossingPark.org) for details.
- Park staff provided an update that a final inspection of the Washington Crossing Historic Park renovation project was conducted on November 22 and most punch list items are expected to be completed in 30 days. Items like exterior painting that are weather-dependent may take longer to complete.
- There is still time to support this weekend's Shop with a Cop event. Call the Police Department at 215-968-3020 for details.

### **SPECIAL ITEMS**

#### **Revolutionary Run – Upper Makefield Business Association**

Matthew McElroy, President of Upper Makefield Business Association, and members of the UMBA executive board provided an overview of UMBA's 2022 activities and presented the Township with a \$6,000 check from funds raised at the annual Revolutionary Run for use in the Township's Emergency Services Fund. Mr. Cino thanked UMBA for their many contributions to the community and the contribution to the Township's Emergency Services Fund.

#### **Sunoco Pipeline Project Update**

Joseph Massaro, Project Manager for the Jacob's Creek (Sunoco Pipeline replacement) Project, provided the following project updates: Completion of the pilot of the drill is expected next week; crews are currently welding and stringing out the new section of pipeline; a four hour hydrotest will be performed once welding is completed on the new pipeline. The site will be winterized in January until the spring planting season. He reported that the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) and PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) performed worksite inspections in both Upper Makefield and Hopewell Township, NJ on December 1 and noted no issues at either location.

Resident Scott Walker commented on the professionalism of the crew when he stopped at the site to ask questions.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Ms. Taylor to approve the November 15, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Dr. Ford and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve the December 6, 2022 Bills Payable List in the amount of \$1,403,839.20. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### **PLANNING & ZONING ISSUES**

There were no Planning & Zoning issues.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

#### **Alarm Ordinance Amendment**

Ms. Eberle provided an overview and explained that the amendment will align the alarm ordinance with the 2023 Fee Schedule. Discussion followed, and a motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Weldon to authorize advertisement of the Alarm Ordinance amendment. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **Ostaniewicz Solar Panel Installation, 1042 Washington Crossing Road**

Ms. Eberle provided an overview of the applicant's request to withdraw the proposal for installation of a solar array. A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Thomas to accept the withdrawal of the proposal for installation of the Ostaniewicz solar array. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

#### **Sludge Disposal Bids**

Mr. Nyman provided an overview of the bids and the recommendation of Water/Sewer Engineer Tom Zarko to award the Alternate for a one-year contract for sludge disposal to Russell Reid Waste Hauling of Edison, New Jersey at a cost of \$0.1542/gallon for Heritage Hills and \$0.1742/gallon for Dutchess Farm and Enclave. Discussion followed, and a motion was made by Dr. Ford and seconded by Ms. Taylor to award the one-year Sludge Disposal Contract Alternate to Russell Reid Waste Hauling. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **Resolution No. 2022-12-06-01 – Water/Sewer Rates – Heritage Hills**

Mr. Nyman provided an overview of the resolution establishing quarterly water/sewer rates for the Heritage Hills Sewage Treatment and Water Plant. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Dr. Ford to approve Resolution No. 2022-12-06-01 establishing water/sewer rates for the Heritage Hills plant. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **Resolution No. 2022-12-06-02 – 2023-2025 Sewer Rates – Dutchess Farm Estates**

A motion was made by Dr. Ford and seconded by Ms. Taylor to approve Resolution No. 2022-12-06-02 establishing sewer rates for Dutchess Farm Estates for 2023-2025. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **Resolution No. 2022-12-06-03 – Sewer Rates – The Enclave**

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Ms. Taylor to approve Resolution No. 2022-12-06-03 establishing 2023 water/sewer rates for The Enclave. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **St. Mary's EMS Status**

Mr. Nyman provided an update on a recent meeting between staff and representatives from St. Mary's regarding the EMS services they provide to the Township. Due to financial reasons, St. Mary's will no

longer have the ability to provide EMS services after their contract expires in early 2023. Staff will explore services from current backup providers.

Ms. Taylor suggested also exploring other potential providers, including Capital Health. Mr. Weldon stated he has a conflict of interest due to contracted work with Capital Health, and he will therefore not participate in discussions regarding Capital Health. No further discussion took place.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

There was no Engineer's Report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Priscilla Linden, Dillon Way, stated that she was in agreement with Ms. Taylor to explore other potential EMS providers, including Capital Health.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Dr. Ford to adjourn the meeting into executive session at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David R. Nyman  
Township Manager

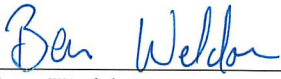
Approved: December 20, 2022

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

I, Ben Weldon, hereby disclose that I have a conflict of interest with regard to matters involving Capital Health as a potential EMS provider to the Township, an issuing currently being discussed.

The nature of my conflict of interest is that I have engaged in contracted work with Capital Health.

Date: December 6, 2022

  
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Ben Weldon