

**Upper Makefield Board of Supervisors**  
**March 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

The March 7, 2023 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, Township Solicitor Mary Eberle, Esq., Township Engineer Larry Young, P.E. and Chief Mark Schmidt.

**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. Thomas announced a planned litter pickup for the Taylorsville Road area on March 25, with support from the local Kiwanis Club. He invited volunteers to participate and asked that details be posted on the Township website.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike Spiro, 1151 Eagle Road, shared concerns about a property neighboring one he owns at 725 Eagle Road. He said issues with traffic, livestock, odor, septic and stormwater management are hindering his ability to sell his property, and he believes that a police presence is needed for traffic control on weekends. Ms. Eberle then provided a status on litigation regarding the referenced property.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS PAYABLE**

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve the February 21, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Dr. Ford and seconded by Ms. Taylor to approve the March 7, 2023 Bills Payable List in the amount of \$178,268.58. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**PLANNING & ZONING ISSUES**

There were no Planning & Zoning issues.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

**Ordinance No. 330 – Verizon Franchise Agreement**

Ms. Eberle provided an overview of the ordinance authorizing execution of the 5-year Verizon Franchise Agreement. Mr. Cino opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public and no comments from the Board. Mr. Cino closed the public hearing. A motion was then made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Weldon to adopt Ordinance No. 330. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Generator Replacement**

Mr. Nyman provided an update on the replacement generator for the Municipal Complex. He noted that this is an unbudgeted expense for replacement of the 30-year-old generator, and staff has learned while seeking proposals that delivery times are several months out due to supply chain issues. Mr. Nyman then requested authorization to proceed with purchase of a replacement generator for an amount not to exceed \$155,000. A motion was made by Dr. Ford and seconded by Ms. Taylor to authorize purchase of a replacement generator for an amount not to exceed \$155,000. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### **Special Event Request – Upper Makefield Fire Company Carnival**

Mr. Nyman provided an overview of the Special Event Application for the 2023 Upper Makefield Fire Company Carnival scheduled for April 25 - 29 from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. Police staffing is requested however, no road closure will be required. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Mr. Weldon and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the request for Township police staffing during the Upper Makefield Fire Company Carnival. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### **Bucks County Health Department West Nile Program**

Mr. Nyman provided an overview of a letter received from the Bucks County Health Department requesting the Township's participation in their West Nile Virus Program. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Thomas to authorize participation in the 2023 Bucks County Health Department West Nile Virus Program. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

#### **2023 Road Paving Project**

Mr. Young provided a summary of the 2023 Road Paving Project. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Mr. Weldon and seconded by Ms. Taylor to authorize advertisement of 2023 Road Paving Project, including Alternate 1 and Alternate 2. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Weldon and seconded by Dr. Ford to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David R. Nyman

Township Manager

Approved: March 21, 2023