

Upper Makefield Board of Supervisors
December 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The December 5, 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, 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 6th Annual Shop with a Cop event is this Saturday, December 9. Donations are appreciated and will be accepted by check or Venmo through tomorrow. Please check the Township website, UpperMakefield.org, for more information or call the Department at 215-968-3020 for details.
- Upper Makefield Fire Company's Santa parade and Betsy's Basket Food Drive will take place on December 17. Check umfc.org for the parade route and to track Santa on the 17th.
- The First Crossing Re-enactment is this Sunday, December 10 at Washington Crossing Historic Park. Activities begin at 11. The 71st Annual Christmas Day Crossing festivities begin at noon. The actual Crossings on both days happen around 1:00.
- An Executive Session will be held following this meeting for personnel matters.
- Finally, on July 15, our community experienced a tragedy when 7 innocent lives were lost in a flash flood. The outpouring of support from our community has made us proud and has been a tremendous comfort to their families. We will always remember that day and those families. As a way to honor the memories of the victims and provide a place for comfort and reflection, we are planning to create a Butterfly Garden at Brownsburg Park with the blessing, input and guidance from the families. We are in the very early stages and the project will soon be turned over to the Park and Recreation Board and the Environmental Advisory Council for development. We know and understand that this project is important to many of you. As plans progress, there will be opportunities for community support.

SPECIAL ITEM

Revolutionary Run

Matthew McElroy, President of the Upper Makefield Business Association and members of the UMBA executive board provided an overview of UMBA's 2023 activities and presented the Township with a \$10,000 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.

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 21, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Dr. Ford and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve the December 5, 2023 Bills

Payable List in the amount of \$365,299.41. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PLANNING & ZONING ISSUES

There were no Planning & Zoning issues.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Jointure Riding Academy Ordinance 2020-03

Ms. Eberle introduced the Jointure Riding Academy ordinance requiring a minimum lot size, additional parking spaces, the presence of the owner or full-time employee on the property, setbacks for manure storage and remediation of insect infestation. Mr. Cino opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public or the Board. A motion was then made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Dr. Ford to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-03. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MANAGER'S REPORT

EMS Agreement

Mr. Nyman provided an overview of the three-year EMS Agreement with Newtown Ambulance at a cost of \$485,000 per year noting that the agreement specified ALS service at least 90% of the time. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Dr. Ford to approve the three-year agreement with Newtown Ambulance to provide emergency medical services to the Township. 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 Mr. Weldon and seconded by Ms. Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Caporiccio

Assistant Township Manager

Approved: December 19, 2023