

Upper Makefield Board of Supervisors September 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The September 3, 2024, public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chair Yvette Taylor at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Board of Supervisors: Chair Yvette Taylor, Vice Chair Ben Weldon, Treasurer Braun Taylor, Member Tom Cino and Member Tim Thomas. Also in attendance were Township Manager David R. Nyman, Assistant Township Manager Judy Caporiccio, Township Solicitor Mary Eberle, Esq., Township Engineer Jacob Rigg, P.E., and Chief Schmidt.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Taylor led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Taylor made the following announcements:

- Upper Makefield Community Day is only weeks away. Spend some time at Brownsburg Park on Saturday, September 21, and meet Township volunteers, staff and supervisors. Learn more about our township while enjoying games, activities, and refreshments. Join us at Brownsburg Park from 10 -3 on September 21.
- Reminder that today was the first day of school for Council Rock students. Please be aware of bus stops and school buses now that school is back in session.
- The Board of Supervisors first Budget Workshop will be held before our next meeting on Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m. here at the Township Building. The meeting is open to the public and is followed by our Regular Board of Supervisors meeting at 7:30.

Bridge Update:

- The Washington Crossing Bridge is reduced to a single alternating travel lane from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. starting today and continuing weekdays through September 13, weather permitting, as engineers hired by the Toll Bridge Commission begin their initial assessment of the bridge.
- We encourage residents to continue to attend the monthly meetings of the Toll Bridge Commission to voice your opinions about the Washington Crossing Bridge project. Their next meeting is on Monday, September 30 at 10:30 a.m. Attend in person or virtually. Visit drjtbc.org for meeting information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Ruggles, 5 London Court, represented the London Court HOA. He expressed concerns regarding the Jericho Creek log jam on the Kudra property, its effect on the neighboring properties and the reoccurring flooding concerns. Additionally, he noted that invasive bamboo on the Kudra property is invading London Court properties. Mr. Ruggles asked the Township to help resolve these continuing problems.

Kevin Holmes, 476 Stoneybrook Road, stated that his property is downstream from the blockage on Jericho Creek, which has caused problems for years and continues to cause flooding concerns from the redirected water. He expressed frustration about the Bucks County tax claim process and that his driveway is now listed as a paper road on the Bucks County GIS map.

Ms. Eberle provided background on the tax sale process and stated that the Township's is communicating concerns about clearing the blockage to anyone interested in the property.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the August 20, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Weldon and seconded by Mr. Cino to approve the amended September 3, 2024 Bills Payable List in the amount of \$983,367.19. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PLANNING & ZONING ISSUES

There were no Planning and Zoning Issues.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Grinder Pump Ordinance

Ms. Eberle provided an overview of the Grinder Pump Ordinance as required by DEP in their 2016 approval of the potential Creamery Road Sewer Line Extension project. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to authorize advertisement of the Grinder Pump Ordinance. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Update Jointure Ordinance No. 2024-01 – LI/O-LI Newtown Commons Overlay Zoning District

Ms. Eberle provided an update of Jointure Ordinance No. 2024-01 – LI/O-LI Newtown Commons Overlay Zoning District, which was tabled by the Board at their June 18, 2024 meeting. Ms. Eberle noted that the ordinance has been readvertised for consideration at the next meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Resolution No. 2024-09-03-01 – Winter Services Agreement

Mr. Nyman provided an overview of the resolution approving the five-year Winter Service Agreement with PennDOT from 2024/25 through 2028/29. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve Resolution 2024-09-03-01. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Pension Funds – Annual Minimum Municipal Obligation

Mr. Nyman provided an overview of the Police and Non-Police Pension Fund Annual Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMOs). Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to authorize Township Manager to sign the Police MMO and Non-Police MMO. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ENGINEERS REPORT

2024 Road Program

Change Order #1

Mr. Rigg noted that the project is complete and recommended approval of the 2024 Road Program Change Order #1 to reduce the contract amount by \$43,002.93 for quantities not used. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve the 2024 Road Program Change Order #1. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Payment Request #2 (Final)

Mr. Rigg recommended approval of the 2024 Road Program Payment Request #2 (Final) in the amount of \$162,402.25. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve the Payment Request #2 (Final). Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David R. Nyman
Township Manager

Approved: September 17, 2024