

Upper Makefield Board of Supervisors December 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The December 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 Amanda Fuller, P.E., and Planning & Zoning Director Denise Burmester.

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:

- Shop with a Cop is this Saturday, December 7, 2024. There is still time to support this program until tomorrow, December 4. Please visit the township website for details.
- Bucks's County's burn ban remains in effect, which prohibits open fires, including burning yard waste.
The drought watch also remains in effect. The Pennsylvania Drought Task Force asks that residents and businesses to voluntarily conserve water at this time.

Bridge Updates:

- The next meeting of the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission is Monday, December 23 at 10:30 a.m. We continue to encourage residents to attend, either virtually or in person, as we continue to do, to stay apprised of the status of the Washington Crossing Bridge Project and provide comment on the project.
- The Toll Bridge Commission issued a press release today stating that a website has been created for the Washington Crossing Bridge Alternatives Analysis. They note that the website currently has limited content, but that situation will change over the next year or so as data-gathering, updates, and other materials become available. The new website's address is: www.washingtoncrossingbridge.com.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve the November 25, 2024 Special meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve the November 19, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve the December 3, 2024 Bills Payable List in the amount of \$272,461.40 Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PLANNING & ZONING ISSUES

There were no Planning & Zoning Issues.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

There was no Solicitors Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Nyman informed the Board that the voter-approved open space debt will be fully paid off following tonight's meeting.

He then requested an executive session following the meeting for personnel matters.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jericho Creek Stormwater Assessment

Ms. Fuller provided an overview of the proposal to conduct a stormwater analysis for Jericho Creek Watershed. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to authorize Township Engineer to conduct a stormwater analysis for Jericho Creek Watershed, including cost estimation for proposed projects, for a cost not to exceed \$45,000.00. Motion Carried by unanimous vote.

Houghs Creek Debris Removal – 991 Mt. Eyre Road

Following an overview of the project by Ms. Fuller, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to award the bid for debris removal in Houghs Creek on 991 Mt. Eyre Road to COSTARS vendor M.E.G. Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$20,680.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Decker, 36 Van Sant Road, inquired about the status of the Holly Ponds Farm property and compliance with the Stipulation of Settlement with the previous owner.

Dan Campbell, 42 Van Sant Road, referenced several items from the Holly Ponds Farm Stipulation of Settlement with the previous owner, including manure management, creek and pond protection and pasture management.

A meeting with staff was recommended.

Ron Smolow, 56 Betts Drive, requested renewed consideration of the Township providing services to undedicated roads, particularly snow removal.

Mr. Nyman informed the Board that the Brownsburg Park Memorial Butterfly Garden is being relocated between the playground and the tennis courts due to stormwater drainage concerns in the location behind the playground. The new area is staked for reference.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,



David R. Nyman
Township Manager

Approved: December 17, 2024