

I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township was called to order on June 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Trexlertown Fire Company Station #25, 7723 Hamilton Boulevard, Breinigsville, PA 18031. Present were James M. Brunell, Chairman; John P. "Sean" Gill, Vice-Chairman; Kathy A. Rader, Supervisor; Robert R. Ibach, Jr., Township Manager; Kalman A. Sostarecz, Jr., Township Secretary; Grant Grim, Director, Bureau of Fire

Chairman Brunell opened the meeting and asked all present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

II. OLD BUSINESS**A. Action Item List Update**

Mr. Grim reviewed the list of action items developed after the August 28, 2018 meeting – most have been completed, others were updated as follows:

- Training Certification List – Not complete as it is too large to consolidate with all three departments. Trexlertown does keep a good spreadsheet for their own training; however, the other two department do not.

Grant Assistance for Building Expansion – Manager Ibach spoke with Senator Browne's office and their advice is to keep them informed of what plans are and if they hear about a grant that would fit well, they will act on it.

Newsletter Items – An article on our fire departments has been in the bi-annual Township Newsletter. Supervisor Rader suggested that it be made a cover story in the upcoming edition to emphasize that they are all-volunteer departments.

III. NEW BUSINESS**A. PennDOT Construction Easement**

PennDOT paid \$25,000 for the temporary construction easement associated with the bridge but overextended the use and damaged the parking lot, and therefore paid an additional \$12,500. They later drove a low-boy over the parking lot apron and did an additional \$2,500 in damage, and they are working with PennDOT to have that taken care of as well.

B. Sediment in Creek

There was discussion as to sediment removal from the creek to help with flooding and erosion. Supervisor Rader stated that there was a meeting several years ago with Rep. Reichley and the answer was "no" at that time. Chairman Brunell stated it may be worth trying again. Manager Ibach stated that LCA is getting involved too and it may be time to try again. He will work with Grant and the LCA and check for grants for streambank erosion.

C. New Building Construction

Over the past year a committee has been looking at the vision of the department for the future and in 2018 began working with Valley Builders in Emmaus to get onto paper their ideas and generate a set of preliminary plans. The committee also met with Representative Day who is willing to help but indicated that they need a shove-ready project, which they are not yet at. They have a detailed plan and up to date budgeting. In a multi-phase plan, they would prioritize an Engine Bay first, then Live-In Quarters, and finally the Social Hall. Chairman Brunell stated it may be better to place the social hall second in the list, as it could generate funds, and change its name to multi-purpose room. Chairman Brunell also described the differences between design/build and design/bid/build, and how going the different routes will dictate if it is a grantable project.



D. Quarry Training Facility

Mr. Grim stated that the stone work and paving will be completed by the end of this year, and remaining items will be budgeted for next year.

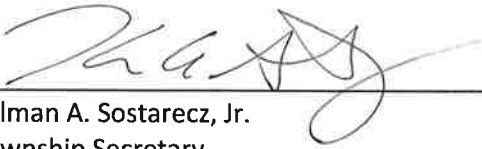
E. Stipend Legislation

Supervisor Rader stated that she has attended recent conferences in which the legislation proposed to raise the limit of the stipend that can be provided to firefighters without it being claimed on taxes was discussed. Unfortunately, the bill is always attached to other less-popular legislation and has yet to pass, but they keep trying. Vice-Chairman Gill stated that he and the rest of the Board very much appreciates the volunteer work that everyone puts in.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, **Chairman Brunell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Gill. The motion passed unanimously.**

Submitted by:



Kalman A. Sostarecz, Jr.
Township Secretary



