

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township was held on January 3, 2017, 7:00 PM, in the Municipal Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031. Those present were Chairman, James M. Brunell; Vice-Chairman, John P. "Sean" Gill; Supervisor, Kathy A. Rader; Township Manager, Daniel P. Olpere; Sewer & Refuse Director/Assistant Township Manager, Robert Ibach; Township Engineer, David Alban; Director of Community Development, Daren Martocci; Solicitor, Andrew V. Schantz, Esq.; Township Secretary, Ashley Godshall; Fire Commissioner, Grant Grim; Public Works Director, Scott Faust; and, Chief of Police, Edgardo Colón.

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

MINUTES - Chairman Brunell stated the minutes of the previous meetings of December 1, 2016 and December 30, 2016 would not be read unless there was some objection. **Upon a motion by Chairman Brunell, seconded by Gill and unanimously approved, it was agreed to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings and approve the minutes as presented.**

DISCUSSIONS & UPDATES

Whispering Farms Paving

Solicitor Schantz gave update. A letter was sent to the developer's attorney, Christopher McLean, Esq. on December 22, 2016, and a meeting has been scheduled with Pulte Group and Township staff for January 11th to obtain schedule commitment. In the meantime, safety concerns have all been addressed. Pulte Group has been asked to appear at February BOS meeting to provide an update.

List of Township Properties Suitable for Agriculture Security

Director Martocci is constructing a database and should have a list of suitable properties and farmable areas for the February BOS meeting.

Colonel John K. Schafer Award Recognition for Chief Colón

Manager Olpere recognized Chief Colón for his receipt of the Lehigh County Chiefs of Police Association's Colonel John K. Schafer Award for those who have demonstrated exemplary service in the law enforcement profession. Criteria also includes respect from peers, integrity, initiative and motivation, honesty, loyalty, sincerity, and professional excellence.

Lehigh Hills Pump Station

David Jaindl appeared with Attorney Joseph Zator, Esq. and Bruce Anderson to get resolution on Lehigh Hills Pump Station. Jaindl claims Lehigh Hills will occupy 21% of capacity and proposes to contribute 22% cash plus 5% in-kind donation toward costs for the new pump station. The approximate cost of new pump station is \$2.7 million. Or the existing Applewood Pump Station renovations would cost approximately \$375,000. The Township believes, even renovated, the Applewood Pump Station would be too small to accommodate the incoming development. Bruce Anderson says Applewood Pump Station operates at 37.2% at peak flow. Mr. Jaindl wants UMT to consider an upgrade of the existing station instead of constructing a new one. Mr. Jaindl's consultants will speak with Director Ibach and Joe Santilli, and present the outcome of said discussions at the February BOS meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #2017-01 – Adopt 2017 Fee Schedule – RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2017 FEE SCHEDULE BY UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP SETTING, ESTABLISHING AND AMENDING CERTAIN FEES IMPOSED BY UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP AS SET FORTH IN GREATER DETAIL IN THE BODY OF THIS RESOLUTION.



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Upon a motion made by Chairman Brunell, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, BE IT RESOLVED, Resolution #2017-01 is hereby approved, adopting the 2017 Fee Schedule as it has been prepared and presented.

MOTIONS

Aerial 831 Refurb Contract – Chairman Brunell made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Rader and unanimous, to enter into contract with Ladder Tower Co. for the refurbishment of Unit #831 in the amount of \$341,357.17.

Assistant Permits Clerk – Susan Dilcher – Appointment to begin 1/3/17 – A motion was made by Chairman Brunell, seconded by Supervisor Rader and unanimously approved, to ratify the appointment of Susan Dilcher at \$15.00/hr.

Capital Improvements Itemization Bill

A motion was made by Supervisor Rader, seconded by VC Gill and unanimously approved, to ratify the submittal of a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Projects (RACP) Application, through Senator Browne’s office, for a requested \$1,750,000.00, to be utilized in the development and construction of the new Recreation Community Center.

Public Improvements to New Rec Center

Tabled pending new report from consultant, Dean Haas.



PUBLIC COMMENTS

Director Martocci:

--**Zoning Amendment** – Director Martocci described a Zoning Amendment currently being drafted which includes amendments to the Conditional Use Process, Warehouse Distribution as a Special Exception, various definition amendments, and a new Property Rehab ordinance. **Supervisor Rader made a motion, seconded by Chairman Brunell and unanimous, to forward a draft of the Zoning Amendment to the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission for review; and to allow Township Staff to schedule a hearing to receive public comment on the amendments.**

--**Tractor Trailer Rooftop Snow Removal** – At the request of Director Martocci, on behalf of the UMT Planning Commission, **Supervisor Rader made a motion, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, to authorize Staff to research and draft an ordinance that would require tractor trailer rooftop snow removal devices at warehouse distribution centers for new land development projects.**

Solicitor Schantz:

--**International Fire Code Adoption** – Solicitor Schantz requested the Board consider adopting the 2009 International Fire Code in its entirety. This motion was tabled until January 9th Fire Meeting.

--**Traffic Violation Penalties** – At the request of Solicitor Schantz, **Chairman Brunell made a motion, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, to move forward with and advertise an ordinance that would amend the Traffic Violation Penalties section of the Township Code to bring fines for traffic violations in accordance with those in Title 75 of the PA Motor Vehicle Code.**

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – DECEMBER: Total bills from all funds - \$1,844,247.72; Total transfers: Fund 01 to Fund 31 = \$700,000; Fund 05 to Fund 01 = \$153,615; Fund 08 to Fund 01 = \$171,844; Fund 08 to Fund 18 = \$1,000,000; Fund 08 to Fund 18 = \$2,172,124.44.

Secretary Rader reported that she must abstain from the firefighter reimbursement/gratuity, in the sum of \$980.00 for Brad Rader. With Brad being her son, this creates a conflict of interest for this vote. She, therefore, requested that the full Board vote on the other payments, excluding Brad's reimbursement/gratuity. **A motion was then made by Supervisor Rader, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, to pay the bills and transfers, less the \$980.00 for Brad Rader's reimbursement/gratuity. A second motion was made by Chairman Brunell and seconded by VC Gill to pay the reimbursement/gratuity for Brad Rader.**

Recreation Board Report:

Supervisor Gill reported the Kid's Noon Year's Eve event was a success with a packed house. There is an upcoming Comedy Show on Jan 13th at Independent Park – doors open at 7:00pm, show starts at 8:00pm. The two openings on Recreation Board should be filled next month.

Further details found in the December Recreation Board Report.

Planning & Zoning Report – Daren Martocci:

During the month of December, 78 building permits were issued (Commercial – 7; Residential – 64; and Zoning Permits 7); 23 Plumbing Licenses, and 41 Electric Licenses.

There is currently one Alternate seat open on Zoning Hearing Board.

Further details found in the December Planning & Zoning Report.

Upper Macungie Township Police (UMTPD) Report –Chief Colón:

There have been significant reductions in crashes and thefts in 2016 compared to previous years. A fatal crash occurred on Christmas Eve night, resulting in one dead and two injured. In December, UMTPD participated in the successful Hero's and Helpers event; collected toys for Toys for Tots, and collected 326 coats in the Coat Drive.

928	Total Calls for Service
23	Reportable MVAs
60	Non-Reportable MVAs
11	Private Property MVAs
11	Criminal Arrest (Misdemeanor/Felony)
9	Non-Traffic Citations (summary)
258	Traffic Citations
14	Parking Tickets
68	Written Warnings
119	False Alarms
3	Assaults
2	Burglaries
2	Disturbing the Peace Crimes
3	Drug/Alcohol Violations
5	DUI Offenses
13	Fraud Crimes
2	Motor Vehicle Thefts
1	Robberies
7	Thefts
11	Vandalism/Criminal Mischiefs



Further details found in the December UMTPD Report.

Fire/EMS Report – Grant Grim: December Fire Inspections – 76. Emergency responses: Station 8– 35; Station 25 – 57; Station 56 - 49; Total of 141.

Further details in the December Fire Commissioner’s Report.

Public Works Report – Scott Faust: Nothing to add.

Further details in the December Public Works Report.

Township Manager’s Report – Nothing to add.

Supervisors: Chairman BRUNELL – Nothing to add.

Supervisors: Vice Chairman GILL – Nothing to add.

Supervisors – Supervisor RADER:

- An Executive Session was held at 1:20pm on December 30, 2016 for personnel issues.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

- **William Brunell** (409 Sawgrass Dr) – believes the public should not have to pay for a pump station utilized by an incoming development.

There being no other business, **upon a motion by Chairman Brunell, seconded by Supervisor Rader and unanimous, the meeting is adjourned at 8:10 PM.**

Ashley A. Godshall, Township Secretary

