

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township was held on April 6, 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, Scott Pasterski; Township Engineer, J. Scott Stenroos; Director of Community Development, Daren Martocci; Solicitor, Andrew V. Schantz, Esq.; Township Secretary, Ashley Godshall; Fire Commissioner, Grant Grim; Public Works Director, Scott Faust; Finance Director, Bruce Koller; 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 meeting of March 2, 2017 would not be read unless there was some objection. **Upon a motion by Chairman Brunell, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, it was agreed to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and approve the minutes as presented.**

DISCUSSIONS & UPDATES

The Vineyard Subdivision – Street Trees

At the request of Director Martocci, **Chairman Brunell made a motion, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, to allow Director Martocci and Staff to review the developer's plans and meet with residents about relocating the currently approved position of the street trees.**

Public Comments:

Robert Price (9339 Merlot Cir) – concerned that the street trees will be too far into the properties.

Katherine Wright (9335 Newtown Rd) – concerned about the retention pond behind her property.

Kenneth Gibat (9336 Merlot Cir) – concerned about the lack of response and property maintenance by the developer.

DCT Industrial, 7175 Tilghman Street, Land Development – Attorney Blake Marles updated the Board as to the status of the project and inquired as to whether the Board had any questions or concerns for the developer to address before bringing the project for approval at the next BOS Meeting. No action was taken.

Public Comments:

Andrea Russell (1638 Fieldstone St) – wanted clarification on the plan's primary proposed truck routes and is concerned about truck traffic.

Tilghman Street Traffic Improvements

Engineer Pasterski updated the Board on the proposed Tilghman Street Traffic Improvements project that has been added to the Township's long range transportation plan, the approximated \$2.5M total cost of which will be supplemented by a dedicated \$1M of funding from the developer. **Chairman Brunell made a motion, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, to authorize Keystone Consulting Engineers (KCE) and Staff to move forward with the KCE-proposed "Conceptual Roadway Improvements Plan Option 2" and work with PennDot for further progress.**

Public Comments:

Mark Deery (8093 Cross Creek Cir) – wanted Staff to consider adding a 200-yard acceleration lane on Tilghman near the proposed improvements.



Jacques Kramer (1028 Covered Bridge Crossing) – concerned about bottle-necking at rush hour and wants to know what plans are in the works to address the issue. Keystone Consulting Engineers informed him that the issue is on a long range plan but not this specific plan.

Andrea Russell (638 Fieldstone St) – concerned about bottle-necking increasing as the proposed Nursey Road development progresses.

Chuck Deprill (5421 Chapmans Rd) – concerned that the improvements to the traffic issues may only be temporary.

RCN Cable Installation – Director Martocci updated the Board on the status of the continued RCN cable installation occurring throughout the Township. If anyone has any issues, the RCN contact information can be found on the back table of the meeting room.

Applewood Pump Station – Removed from the agenda per the developer's request.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #2017-09 – Docket #2218 – Iron Run Industrial Park, Lot #5, Proposed

Warehouse/Distribution Facility, Final Land Development Approval – RESOLUTION GRANTING CONDITIONAL FINAL PLAN APPROVAL TO RIVERBEND UPPER MACUNGIE PROPERTIES I, LLC FOR A LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN PROPOSING TO CONSTRUCT A 134,000 SQUARE FOOT WAREHOUSE/ DISTRIBUTION BUILDING AND RELATED 115 PARKING SPACES AND STORMWATER FACILITIES UPON AN EXISTING PARCEL HAVING APPROXIMATELY 13.91 ACRES AND HAVING AN ADDRESS OF 6975 AMBASSADOR DRIVE IN UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP, PENNSYLVANIA. **Upon a motion made by Chairman Brunell, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, BE IT RESOLVED, Resolution #2017-09 is hereby approved, conditioned upon staff and engineer review comments, including the six waivers, as outlined in Keystone Consulting Engineers' letter dated April 6, 2017.**

Resolution #2017-10 – Breinigsville Park Pedestrian Crossing PennDot TE-160 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT TO INSTALL A NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL FOR A PEDESTRIAN ACTIVATED ADVANCED FLASHING BEACON WITH PEDESTRIAN RIGHTS FOR A CROSSWALK LOCATED AT BREINIGSVILLE ROAD (T-858) AND BUTZ ROAD (SR 3007), UPPER MACUNGIE, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA. **Upon a motion made by Supervisor Rader, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, BE IT RESOLVED, Resolution #2017-10 is hereby approved, authorizing Assistant Township Manager Ibach to submit an application for Traffic Signal Approval to PennDot.**

Public Comment:

Mark Deery (8093 Cross Creek Cir) – wanted the Board to consider adding "Yield to Pedestrian" signage to the traffic signal area and also consider utilizing striping to indicate a pedestrian crosswalk.

MOTIONS

Fire Ordinance – At the request of Attorney Schantz, **Chairman Brunell made a motion, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, to authorize Attorney Schantz to review and proceed with making any necessary revisions to UMT Ordinance #2009-08.**

Fire Police Request – At the recommendation of Fire Commissioner Grim, **Supervisor Rader made a motion, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, to assist the Valley Preferred Cycling Center with its Spring VeloFest on May 6, 2017, per the request letter dated March 10, 2017.**

Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month Proclamation – Upon Attorney Schantz reciting the proposed Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month Proclamation, **Supervisor Rader made a motion, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, to enact the Proclamation.**



Schedule Public Hearing for Zoning Ordinance Amendments – At the request of Director Martocci, Chairman Brunell made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Rader and unanimous, to schedule the Public Hearing on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 6:00pm for the Zoning Ordinance Amendments to the following sections: Section §27-118., Section §27-202., Section §27-306., Section §27-402.LLL., Section §27-402.OOO., Section §27-601, Table 6.1. , and Section §27-605.

Public Comment:

Michael Lansberg (of NFI) – wanted confirmation that his proposed projects would not be subject to the ordinance changes. No such confirmation was given.

UMT Recycling Building Bid Award – At the recommendation of Engineer Stenroos, Supervisor Rader made a motion, seconded by Chairman Brunell and opposed by VC Gill, to award the contract for the UMT Recycling Pole Building to Conestoga Buildings in the amount of \$134,900.00. Motion passed.

Online Recreation Center Survey Incentive – Recreation Board Member Andrea Russell requested the Supervisors allow a lottery formatted incentive be offered for the submission of the Online Recreation Center Survey. VC Gill made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Rader and unanimous, to have Recreation Coordinator Lynn Pigliacampi award incentive prizes in a lottery system with names to be randomly selected and announced in an upcoming public meeting.

SportsFest Proposal – VC Gill described a proposal from Lehigh Valley SportsFest to use Grange Road Park for its event at the rate of \$1,000 per day. VC Gill recommended the proposal be rejected as it did not provide enough compensation for the requested use. Chairman Brunell made a motion, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, to decline the request from SportsFest to utilize Grange Road Park on July 15th and 16th.

Public Comments:

Francis Stopp (6651 Schantz Rd) – agreed that it is not enough money and the proposal should be rejected.

Renew Grass Cutting Contract with Pennsylvania Lawn & Landscape, LLC – At the recommendation of Public Works Director Faust, Chairman Brunell made a motion, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, to renew the contracts for UMT's 2017 lawn maintenance services in the amounts of \$10,876.80 and \$15,803.75 for locations listed in the proposal dated March 9, 2017.

Services Agreement with Systems Solution, Inc. – At the recommendation of Assistant Township Manager Ibach, Chairman Brunell made a motion, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, to enter into a professional services agreement with Systems Solution, Inc. to host Microsoft Office 365 for Government and provide maintenance to UMT's IT system at a monthly cost not to exceed \$2,983.55.

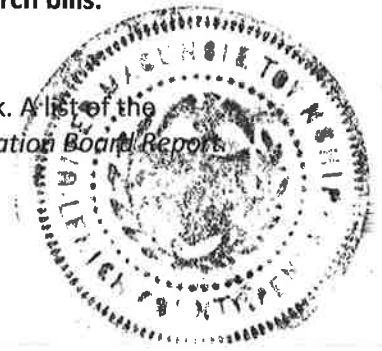
Open Space Encroachment: 176 Windermere Ave – At the recommendation of Assistant Township Manager Ibach, Chairman Brunell made a motion, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, to allow the encroachment at 176 Windermere Avenue, conditioned upon all conditions set by Attorney Schantz being met, including obtaining the necessary zoning relief before moving forward.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – MARCH: Total bills from all funds - \$2,243,456.03. A motion was made by Chairman Brunell, seconded by Supervisor Rader and unanimous, to pay the March bills.

Recreation Board Report – VC Gill & Recreation Board Member Andrea Russell:

There has been discussion about moving the Farmers Market to Grange Road Park. A list of the upcoming events can be found on the website. Further details in the March Recreation Board Report.



Public Comments:

Linda Gorr (1233 Avocet Dr) – concerned that a low compensation will be offered to the Township from the Farmers Market for the use of Grange Road Park.

Planning & Zoning Report – Daren Martocci:

During the month of March, 106 permits were issued (Commercial – 18; Residential – 65; and Zoning Permits – 23); 2 Plumbing Licenses, and 12 Electric Licenses. *Further details in the March Planning & Zoning Report.*

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

The number of UMTPD calls for service has been steadily increasing. UMT has seen a reduction in injury crashes by about 6% compared to last year. UMTPD was involved in a drug investigation that resulted in the confiscation of more than 20 bags of heroin. A survey will be released to obtain feedback regarding the residents' satisfaction with the Department. National Night Out will be August 1st. *Further details in the March UMTPD Report.*

Public Comment:

Peg Konnick (10543 Schantz Rd) – concerned that the numbers involving tractor trailer crashes are misleading because the blame is assumed to be on the tractor trailer driver.

1,081	Total Calls for Service
28	Reportable MVAs
37	Non-Reportable MVAs
15	Private Property MVAs
30	Criminal Arrest (Misdemeanor/Felony)
16	Non-Traffic Citations (summary)
427	Traffic Citations
10	Parking Tickets
155	Written Warnings
110	False Alarms
0	Arsons
2	Assaults
0	Burglaries
2	Disturbing the Peace Crimes
8	Drug/Alcohol Violations
22	DUI Offenses
5	Fraud Crimes
0	Homicides
0	Motor Vehicle Thefts
0	Robberies
0	Sex Offenses
13	Thefts
2	Vandalism/Criminal Mischiefs
3	Vehicle Break-in/Thefts
0	Weapons Offenses



Fire/EMS Report – Grant Grim: March Fire Inspections – 60. Emergency responses: Station 8 – 46; Station 25 – 48; Station 56 – 59; Total of 153. *Further details in the March Fire Commissioner's Report.* Commissioner Grim reported one new member has joined Station 56. A new event will be held on September 30th at Lone Lane Park called "Get Prepared Parkland" that will have CPR training and emergency preparedness tools. The 2017 UMT Junior Emergency Services Academy will take place July 17th through the 21st; applications can be found on the website.

Public Works Report – Scott Faust: Nothing to add. *Further details in the March Public Works Report.*

Assistant Township Manager's Report – PennDot will be making a presentation on the rebuild of Route 100 on April 18th from 6:00-8:00pm at the Township Building. There will be an electronic recycling event on June 17th and a shredding event on June 24th, both from 9:00am to 12:00pm at Grange Road Park.

Township Manager's Report – Nothing to add.

Supervisors: Chairman BRUNELL –

- After hearing a presentation by Engineer Pasterski earlier this evening on potential traffic improvements to the Route 100 and Penn Drive area, **Chairman Brunell made a motion, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, to allow KCE and Staff to contact the impacted land owners and PennDot to obtain the necessary approvals to pursue the project.**
- Chairman Brunell would like Chief Colón review enforcement option to address some safety concerns and complaints at Whispering Farms from an anonymous resident.
- Public Works Director Faust would like permission to clean up some trees located in front of the UMT Building causing mold and clogging gutters. Permission was granted.

Supervisors: Vice Chairman GILL – VC Gill would like Chief Colón to monitor the influx of Uline tractor trailers on Grange Road and would like Engineer Stenroos to look into increasing the speed limit on the 222 Bypass. Discussions are currently happening between the Township and PennDot.

Public Comment:

Mark Deery (8093 Cross Creek Cir) – is concerned that increasing speed limits will create safety issues.

Supervisors: Supervisor RADER –

- Supervisor Rader wanted to know if the truck route signs that were on Ruppsville Road and taken down by PennDot would be put back up in the near future.
- Please read the Spotted Lantern Fly pest issue flyer in the back of the meeting room.
- Please be aware the Department of Health is expecting an increase in Zika virus cases.
- Executive Sessions were held at 5:30pm on March 20, 2017 regarding personnel issues; and 5:15pm on April 6, 2017 regarding land acquisition and personnel issues.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Mark Deery (8093 Cross Creek Cir) – wanted to know if the Township can prohibit Jacobs engine brakes on Township roads and wanted an update on the status of the Hamilton Boulevard bike path that was discussed several years ago.

Sunny Ghai (6910 Lehigh Ct) – wants the Township to be proactive regarding the possible effects on the Township that would occur with possible changes happening at the Air Products facility.

Andrea Russell (1638 Fieldstone St) – concerned about what properties the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments will affect and which will be exempt from the new regulations.

There being no other business, **upon a motion by Chairman Brunell, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, the meeting is adjourned at 9:36 PM.**



Ashley A. Godshall, Township Secretary



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