

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township was held on September 7, 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, J. Scott Stenroos; Keystone Consulting Engineer, David Alban; Director of Community Development, Daren Martocci; Solicitor, Andrew V. Schantz, Esq.; Parks and Recreation Coordinator, Lynn Pigliacampi; Township Secretary, Ashley Godshall; Bureau of Fire Director, Grant Grim; Finance Director, Bruce Koller; and Lt. Peter Nickischer of the UMT Police Department (UMTPD).

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 August 3, 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.**

### **PRESENTATIONS**

***PA Game Commission Award to UMTPD Officers*** – PA Game Warden Officer Tyler Kreider presented Officer Timothy Peters and the UMTPD with a commemorative photo and award for their assistance dealing with a dangerous bear situation.

***Distinguished Service Award - Daniel P. Olpere, Township Manager*** – Chairman Brunell presented Township Manager Daniel P. Olpere with a Distinguished Service Award for his time and dedication to Upper Macungie Township as he prepares for retirement on September 30, 2017. Manager Olpere expressed his gratitude to the Board, the Township, and Assistant Township Manager Ibach for their support.

***Distinguished Service Award - David C. Etowski, Planning Commission Chairman*** – Chairman Brunell presented Planning Commission Chairman David C. Etowski with a Distinguished Service Award for his time and dedication to Upper Macungie Township as he steps down to pursue other interests.

### **DISCUSSIONS & UPDATES**

***Public Comment: Pickleball*** – Bret Spangler (1117 Covered Bridge Crossing) – represented the many pickleball enthusiasts who attended the meeting. He has seen pickleball interest grow in the area over the past few years. The pickleballers would like to see pickleball courts built at Grange Road Park. Mr. Spangler offered up to \$10,000 of his own funds, if necessary, in addition to fundraising and Township funding, to further the development of pickleball courts at Grange Road Park.

**Grey Berrier** (315 Cressman Dr) – expressed his support of pickleball and the provision of courts.

**VC Gill made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Rader and unanimous, to update the Grange Road Park Recreation Plan, replacing the two planned tennis courts with eight pickleball courts and to have Keystone Consulting Engineers look into price difference of putting in ten pickleball courts versus eight.**

***Recreation Center Survey Winner Drawing*** – Recreation Coordinator Lynn had four volunteer audience members choose random numbers between 1 and 360. The numbers correspond to a list of 360 e-mail addresses of residents who entered the drawing after filling out the Recreation Center Survey. The winners were #181, 8, 279, 95. They will be notified by Parks and Recreation Coordinator Pigliacampi.



**1234 Avocet Drive Update** – Director Martocci updated the Board as to the progress at 1234 Avocet Drive. A survey was completed today and a design and cost estimate will follow in the next few months.

**Route 100 Quadrant Project Update** – Engineer Stenroos stated UMT is on track for completing the project in 2019.

**Farmland Preservation Update** – Director Martocci said, of the 4 properties that UMT submitted for application and the 82 locations received by Lehigh County, the UMT properties ranked #2, #5, #6, and #7. The County asked the Township to preserve 2 properties this year and save the other two for next year to allow the County to distribute funding to other entities. At the recommendation of Director Martocci, **Chairman Brunell made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Rader and unanimous, to move forward with the 2017 Lehigh County Land Preservation Agricultural Security Applications #501 (1191 Dorney Road for 32.22 acres) and #502 (10482 Trexler Road for 23.29 acres).**

Public Comment:

**Sunny Ghai** (6910 Lehigh Ct) – would like the Township to look into the potential Agricultural Security funding reductions in the coming years from the State.

**No Parking Rupperville Road Update** – Engineer Stenroos is waiting to hear back from PennDot regarding the Township's request to place No Parking signs along Rupperville Road near the Game Changer intersection.

**Fair Districts PA** – Supervisor Rader addressed last month's request to support gerrymandering reform. After much discussion, no action was taken.

Public Comment:

**Carla Colangelo** (5535 Kurt Dr) and **Mary Erdman** (5533 Heather Ln) – expressed their support and offered more explanation as to the negative effects of gerrymandering, stating the purpose of passing a resolution would be to help move the proposed state bill reform out of committee. **James Caffrey** (318 McBride Ln) – is in support of a resolution.

**ORDINANCES** – None

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution #2017-26 – Docket #2124 – Heather Glen Conditional Use, Reduction in Parking** After much discussion, **Chairman Brunell made a motion, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, to deny the parking reduction conditional use.**

**MOTIONS**

**Park 100 Logistics** – Attorney Blake Marles offered an update on the preliminary plans. They have worked with Ridgeline and presented the preliminary plans for the former Kraft facility site to the Planning Commission (PC). They will present to the PC again in the fall. After some discussion, no action was taken.

**Berks-Lehigh Regional Police Officers Association Appeal** – Township Manager Olpere offered some background information on the law suit filed against four municipalities, including Upper Macungie Township, by the Berks-Lehigh Regional Police Officers Association. **Supervisor Rader made a motion, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, to have the UMT solicitor file an appeal of the decision against the Township.**

Public Comment:

**Peg Konnick** (10543 Schantz Rd) - is in favor of filing the appeal.

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**Authorization to Proceed with Planning Commission Review of SALDO Updates** – KCE prepared a SALDO updated for the PC to review JB made motion, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous authorizing

**Authorization to Proceed with Sealcoat for State Police Parking Lot** – Upon a recommendation by Public Works Director Faust, Chairman Brunell made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Rader and unanimous, to award the parking lot seal coating and line painting contract to Martelli Pavement in the amount of \$10,665.00 for the Pennsylvania State Police barracks.

**Authorization to Proceed with SSI IT Improvements** – At the recommendation of Assistant Township Manager Ibach, Chairman Brunell made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Rader and unanimous, to proceed with upgrades to the Township's IT and phone system in the amount of \$24,123.96.

**Motion to Adjust Permit Coordinator Wage to \$23.11/hr** – At the recommendation of Assistant Township Manager Ibach, Chairman Brunell made a motion, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, to adjust the Permits Coordinator wage to \$23.11 per hour.

**Motion to Hire Duane Dellecker as Building Code Administrator at \$62,400/yr & Motion to Appoint Duane Dellecker as Township Building Code Official (BCO)** – At the recommendation of Assistant Township Manager Ibach, Supervisor Rader made a motion, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, to hire Duane Dellecker as the Building Code Administrator and appoint him Building Code Official at the rate of \$62,400 per year.

**Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMOs) for 2 Pensions** – At the recommendation of Finance Director Koller, Chairman Brunell made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Rader and unanimous, to acknowledge and accept the new MMO obligations.

**Fire Police Requests:**

At the request of Fire Director Grim, Chairman Brunell made a motion, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, to provide fire police assistance for the following events:

- Carbon County Veterans Day Parade and Twp Message Board (11/5/17) –
- Emmaus Halloween Parade (10/21/17) –
- Lily's Hope Foundation 5K Run at Valley Preferred Cycling Center (10/14/17) –
- City of Allentown Halloween Parade (10/15/17) –
- Nittany Lion Bike Race at Valley Preferred Cycling Center (9/16/17 & 9/17/17)



**REPORTS**

**Treasurer's Report – August:** Total bills from all funds – \$2,609,673.95. Total transfers – none. A motion was made by Chairman Brunell, seconded by Supervisor Rader and unanimous, to pay the August bills.

**Recreation Board Report – Recreation Coordinator Pigliacampi:** The Lemonade in the Park events came to a close, in which the Recreation Board successfully handed out giveaways, flyers, and packaged juice drinks on three separate occasions to residents utilizing the parks. BarktoberFest will occur on Oct 7<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Oct 8<sup>th</sup>. Further details in the August Recreation Board Report.

**Planning & Zoning Report – Daren Martocci:** During the month of August, 81 permits were issued (Commercial – 16; Residential – 40; and Zoning Permits – 25); 1 Plumbing License; and 6 Electric Licenses. Further details in the August Planning & Zoning Report.

**Upper Macungie Township Police (UMTPD) Report – Lt. Peter Nickischer:** A Township resident was successfully scammed by someone utilizing the “grandparents scam” for over \$6,000. Please contact the UMTPD if you have concerns over similar phone calls. The Adult Police Academy is starting October 14<sup>th</sup>

from 10:00am-12:00pm and will run four concurrent Saturdays – further details can be found on the UMT website. Crime Watch meetings are currently being held at different parks within the Township. *Further details in the August UMTPD Report.*

923	Total Calls for Service
18	Reportable MVAs
36	Non-Reportable MVAs
6	Private Property MVAs
17	Criminal Arrest (Misdemeanor/Felony)
27	Non-Traffic Citations (summary)
302	Traffic Citations
22	Parking Tickets
116	Written Warnings
124	False Alarms
0	Arsons
3	Assaults
1	Burglaries
2	Disturbing the Peace Crimes
10	Drug/Alcohol Violations
16	DUI Offenses
6	Fraud Crimes
0	Homicides
2	Motor Vehicle Thefts
0	Robberies
0	Sex Offenses
10	Thefts
7	Vandalism/Criminal Mischiefs
0	Vehicle Break-in/Thefts
1	Weapons Offenses

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**Fire/EMS Report – Bureau of Fire Director Grim:** August Fire Inspections – 61. Emergency responses: Station 8 – 53; Station 25 – 37; Station 56 – 59; Total of 149. Get Prepared Parkland will be held on September 30<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 3:00pm at Lone Lane Park. The Fire Department received an exceptional ISO classification rating of 2, moving up from its last rating of 5. *Further details in the August Bureau of Fire Director's Report.*

Public Comment: Makala Ashmar (212 Briarwood Ct) – would like to recognize Bureau of Fire Director Grim for his leadership which helped result in this new rating.

**Public Works Report – Scott Faust:** Nothing to add. *Further details in the August Public Works Report.* Chairman Brunell would like Director Faust and Engineer Stenroos to look into bridge and drainage issues near the Sunset Grille.

**Township Manager's Report** – Manager Olpere would like to thank the Upper Merion Township community and residents for their interest and civility in regard to Township affairs.

**Assistant Township Manager's Report** – Assistant Manager Ibach reported that staff have started preparing the 2018 budget. He and Attorney Schantz have worked extensively with the Lehigh County Authority (LCA) regarding upcoming mandatory infiltration and inflow improvements. The Electronic Recycling Event will be held Oct 14<sup>th</sup> at Grange Rd Park from 9am-12pm, and possibly a bit later, to accommodate everyone in line. The Shredding Event will be Oct 28<sup>th</sup>. There is a free household hazardous waste disposal event held by Lehigh County on Oct 28<sup>th</sup> at the Iron Pigs Stadium – online preregistration is required through the Lehigh County website.

**Supervisors: Chairman BRUNELL** – Nothing to add.

**Supervisors: Vice Chairman GILL** – Thanks to Manager Olpere for his service and professionalism during his time with UMT.

**Supervisors: Supervisor RADER** – It was a pleasure working with Manager Olpere and many thanks for all he did for the Township.

**Township Secretary:**

- Executive Sessions were held at 8:00am on August 6, 2017, regarding personnel issues; 5:00pm on August 10, 2017, regarding personnel issues and land acquisition; 3:00pm on August 19, 2017 and 4:00pm on August 28, 2017, both regarding personnel issues; and 6:00pm on September 7, 2017, regarding litigation and personnel issues.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

- **James Caffrey** (318 McBride Ln) – would like a status update on the potential UMT purchase of lots on the Oldt Road property from Jaindl Land Company and wants the Township to continue negotiations to pursue the purchase.
- **Kermit Wenner** (275 McBride Ln) – is concerned about the speeding at Oldt Road near McBride Lane.

After some discussion, **Chairman Brunell made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Rader and unanimous, to authorize Engineer Stenroos to review the speed limit at Oldt Road near McBride Lane.**

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*

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