

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 January 11, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the Upper Macungie Township Municipal Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031. Present were James M. Brunell, Chairman; Sunny Ghai, Vice-Chairman; Kathy A. Rader, Supervisor; Robert R. Ibach, Jr., Township Manager; Kalman A. Sostarecz, Jr., Township Secretary; Andrew V. Schantz, Esq., Township Solicitor.

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. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

A. Authorizing Low Income Sewer Program

Mr. Ibach stated that there is a program through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for low-income households to avoid water and sewer shutoffs. The program would not cost the Township any money, however, we must sign on to the program for it to be available to our residents.

Motion by Chairman Brunell to add the low-income sewer program to the agenda. Seconded by Supervisor Rader. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Chairman Brunell to authorize the Township Manager to sign the agreement for the low-income sewer program. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Ghai. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Authorizing the Creation of a Twitter Account for UMT

Mr. Sostarecz stated that the Township’s Facebook account has been unpublished due to a problem with Facebook’s systems and therefore staff is unable to utilize it to communicate with the public. Facebook’s customer support is seriously lacking, and the Page may never be able to be utilized again. The Township does already have an Instagram account; however, because Instagram is under the umbrella company of “Meta,” it would be a good idea to have a social media account with a company that is not affiliated with them – staff suggests Twitter.

Motion by Chairman Brunell to add creation of a Twitter account to the agenda. Seconded by Supervisor Rader. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Chairman Brunell to authorize the creation of an Upper Macungie Township Twitter account. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Ghai. The motion passed unanimously.

III. RESOLUTIONS

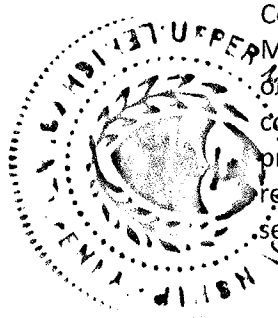
A. Resolution #2022-02 – Comments on Proposed Pennsylvania Legislative Redistricting

The Board discussed a draft resolution to be sent to the Pennsylvania Legislative Reapportionment Commission regarding the proposed redistricting map that they are considering adopting. Mrs. Mary Erdman, Township resident and representative of Fair Districts PA, provided a presentation outlining the current proposed map, what it gets right, and what it gets wrong, as well as corrections which could be made to improve it. Mr. Robert Martin also spoke regarding the process. They both made suggestions to add to the resolution. The Board outlined several revisions to the draft resolution which will be updated by the Township Solicitor and Staff, then sent to the Commission.

Motion by Chairman Brunell to adopt Resolution #2022-02 with the changes outlined during the meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Rader. The motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor Schantz stated that there is also an opportunity to submit written testimony to be entered into the record during hearings of the Commission that will occur later in the week. He suggests that he develop the written testimony based on the comments made at the meeting,

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with assistance of Townships Staff, then forward to the Board for review prior to submitting to the Commission with the Resolution.

Motion by Chairman Brunell to develop written testimony that can be submitted to the Commission with the Resolution. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Ghai. The motion passed unanimously.

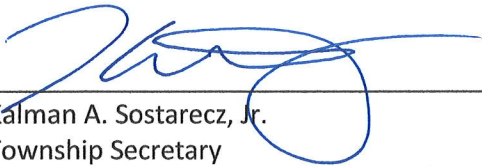
IV. PUBLIC COMMENT/COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Bruce Anderson of The Pidcock Company addressed the Board regarding the plowing of Nursery Street and the Glenlivet Extension which are associated with the Lehigh Hills project. Mr. Ibach stated that Township Staff and Consultants had a meeting with the developer's team and discussions are ongoing regarding maintenance responsibilities and road opening.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, **Chairman Brunell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. Seconded by Supervisor Rader. The motion passed unanimously.**

Submitted by:



Kalman A. Sostarecz, Jr.
Township Secretary



