

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township was held on September 1, 2011 in the Municipal Building at 7:00 P.M. Those present were Chairman Edward J. Earley, Vice-Chairman Samir P. Ashmar, Secretary Kathy A. Rader, Solicitors William and Andrew Schantz, Township Engineer Dean Haas, DCD Bruce Wlazelek and Assistant Secretary Owen M. Bastian.

Chairman Edward J. Earley opened the meeting and asked all present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

Chairman Edward J. Earley stated that the minutes of the previous meetings would not be read unless there was some objection. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Samir P. Ashmar, seconded by Chairman Edward J. Earley, and unanimously approved it was agreed to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes of the previous meetings are approved as presented.

Chairman Edward J. Earley presented the bills for the month of August totaling General Fund \$1,554,240.38 and Sewer Fund \$88,626.80. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Samir P. Ashmar, seconded by Secretary Kathy A. Rader, and unanimously approved Treasurer Barry Moyer is authorized to pay the bills for the month of August, General Fund \$1,554,240.38 and Sewer Fund \$88,626.80.

Vice-Chairman Ashmar reviewed the report of Treasurer Moyer:

General Fund Expenses 2010	\$ 1,204,911.30
General Fund Expenses 2011	\$ 1,554,240.38
Year to Date Revenues	\$10,775,175.43 (72.93%)
Year to Date Expenses	\$ 9,995,919.92 (67.65%)
Year to Date Balance	\$ 779,255.51
2011 Budget	\$14,775,200.00

Vice-Chairman Ashmar thanked Treasurer Moyer for the report.

### COMMENTS - NONE

### RECREATION BOARD

Chairman Earley reported that there was no meeting in August and reviewed the work of the Recreation Board:

Second Family Fishing Program at Apple Ponds on August 6th was full and a success.

Third Movies in the Park at Breinigsville Park featuring "How to Train a Dragon" on August 12th was also a success, about 400 people attended.

Geo-caching Event on September 24th.

5K Run/1 Mile Walk on October 9th.

### PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The Planning Commission met on August 18, 2011, reviewed the following sketch plans:

Docket #2068 - Above and Beyond Personal Care Facility - Sketch Plan - 5844 Daniel St. Proposed Personal Care Facility.

Docket #2084 - Lehigh Hills Lot 5 - 250 Single Family Dwelling Units

Docket #2105 - Lehigh Hills Lot 5 - 24 Townhouses/Condominiums

Docket #2106 - Lehigh Hills Lot 5 - 252 apartments

Developers to return using comments of the Township Staff as recommendations of the Commission.

### FINAL PLAN APPROVAL - NONE

### FIRE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Fire Commissioner/Emergency Management Coordinator Grant Grim's report read by Vice-Chairman Ashmar showed that the fire companies answered 167 calls during the month of August. The Emergency Services Day event will be held September 17, 2011.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Public Works Director Scott Faust's report was received. Regular maintenance work is proceeding. Vice-Chairman Ashmar congratulated the PWD for the excellent condition of the roads in the Township.

**ZONING REPORT**

The report of the Zoning Officer, Al Geosits, for the month of August was received and showed 124 permits issued: 9 for new residences, 17 for residential additions/alterations, 0 for new commercial/industrial buildings, 18 for commercial/industrial additions/alterations, 80 miscellaneous, plus 7 electrical licenses and 1 plumbing licenses.

The Zoning Hearing Board of Adjustment heard the following appeals during the month.

#71110 - The appeal of Minukumar Desai, 5650 W. Tilghman St. - for a special exception to expand the Iron Run Motel and to construct a 4 story, 50 room hotel. WITHDRAWN

#81111 - The appeal of David & Annamarie West - 9699 Crescent Lane - variance from rear property line for a shed - GRANTED

**LEHIGH TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE REPORT - No Report****OLD BUSINESS**

**Cetronia Ambulance Corps Agreement** - Update - Work in progress.

**Terrace at Lehigh Atlantic Development** - Update - Engineer Haas reports that the escrow funds are being used to complete the remaining punch list items such as paving, street lights, line painting, etc., and costs are covered by the escrow account. He will contact the Homeowners Association to finalize their concerns. The Township can now plow snow in the development.

**Fogelsville Dam** - Update - Engineer Haas reports that the Township has applied for a \$100,000 grant to do a breach analysis of the dam.

**Amazon.com** - Vice-Chairman Ashmar reported that there was a meeting with the parties involved on July 29th but has received no response or update.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Rezoning Petition of Jaindl Land Company** to be referred to Planning Commission. An e-mail was received from Atty. Joseph A. Zator II in reference to the rezoning petition outlining a proposed modification to the UMT Zoning Map requested by Jaindl Land Company. Atty. Zator represents the Jaindl Land Company. He recommended required advertising for a public hearing be placed so that the vote for adoption could occur October 6 at the BOS meeting immediately following the public hearing. He said it is a moving land swap. Vice-Chairman Ashmar said he has issues with the plan, more trailers, rush to conclusion, need time to digest the consequences, why should the Township rush to conclusion. Secretary Rader said if the Supervisors decide to approve the request, a special meeting could be held. Several members of the audience questioned if this was normal procedure or if special action is being requested. They suggest normal procedure be followed.

Mr. David Jaindl responded that the exchange of zoning districts would help limit truck traffic and bring about 200 new jobs to the area.

Upon motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar, and unanimously approved the rezoning Petition of Jaindl Land Company will be referred to the UMT Planning Commission and the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission and standard procedure will be followed.

**BERKS/LEHIGH POLICE**

Officer Nickisher is with us this evening. He reports an increase in thefts from vehicles and urges all residents to keep their car doors locked.



**Police Charter - Update**

Vice-Chairman Ashmar reports that a fact finding discussion is being held on September 6th.

**BLRP Substation Building Update**

Chairman Earley reported that the old station has been razed for the new building. The BLRP is working out of a trailer in the public works area. Engineer Haas reported that bids for foundation and masonry for the new building will be received on September 14th and an award could be made on the 15th, with work starting on the 19th. Upon motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved a special meeting is to be held on September 15th at 5:30 P.M. to award bid for BLRP building for foundation and masonry work.

**CHAIRMAN EARLEY -**

Work on the 2nd floor of the Community Center at Independent Park should be completed and ready for use by January of 2012.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN ASHMAR -**

Asks Solicitor to check a questionable invoice for services.

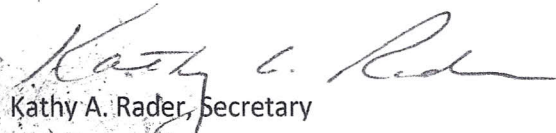
**SECRETARY RADER -**

Executive session was held on August 4 @9:07 PM concerning personnel problems.

A request was received from Chad Bruckner to have a block party in the Manors at High Gate Community on September 24, 2011, from 2 to 10 PM. They request permission to close down Yorkshire Drive, between Kingston Lane. Kingston Lane is the border on both sides of Yorkshire Drive. Battersby Way divides Yorkshire Drive and connects Twin Ponds Road to Kingston Lane. Also the request is to block both sides of Yorkshire Drive at Battersby Way. Kingston Lane and Battersby Way will be open to vehicle traffic and no other streets in the development will be impeded other than Yorkshire Drive. Upon motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Secretary Rader and unanimously approved permission is given to the Manors at High Gate Community to hold a block party in their Community with the Township providing barricades to assist in closing of streets.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Complaint received about dead trees in the Heatherfield Development. PWD Scott Faust will check.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Ashmar, seconded by Secretary Rader, and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M. Next regular meeting October 6, 2011, at 7 P.M, special meeting to act on bid received for the BLRP building foundation and masonry work will be held on September 15 at 5:30 P.M. .

  
Kathy A. Rader, Secretary

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A special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township was held on September 15, 2011, at the Municipal Building at 5:30 P.M. Purpose of the meeting as advertised to act on bids received September 14th for building foundation and masonry for the new BLRP building, and to act on request of the BLRP Commission for additional time to review request of the UMT Supervisors for additional voice on the BLRP Commission. Those present were Chairman Edward J. Earley, Vice-Chairman Samir P. Ashmar, Secretary Kathy A. Rader and Assistant Secretary Owen M. Bastian.

Chairman Edward J. Earley opened the meeting and asked all present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

The following bids were received for masonry:

Roth & Ellis	\$229,000.00
T. A. Silfies	\$177,000.00
Nester	\$285,700.00
ARK	\$264,786.00

The following bids were received for (Concrete) building foundation:

Center Valley	No Bid
Zqura	\$122,000.00
Bazella-Stear	\$ 98,547.00
F. A. Rohrbach	\$130,795.00
Gruber	No Bid

Upon motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved the following low bids are hereby accepted:

Concrete Work	Bazella-Stear Masonry, LLC	\$ 98,547.00
Masonry Work	T. A. Silfies Masonry, LLC	\$177,000.00.

A request has been received from the BLRP Commission to extend the date of September 19th for action on the request of UMT for a change in the BLRP Charter. Upon motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved an extension for action on the BLRP is hereby granted with no new date set.

Upon motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Vice--Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 5.36 P.M.

  
Kathy A. Rader, Secretary

