BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township was held on October 6, 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 meetings. The minutes of the previous meetings are approved as presented.

Chairman Edward J. Earley presented the bills for the month of September totaling General Fund \$1,639,246.72 and Sewer Fund \$280,014.46. Upon motion by Chairman Edward J. Earley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Samir P. Ashmar, and unanimously approved Treasurer Barry Moyer is authorized to pay the bills for the month of September, General Fund \$1,639,246.72 and Sewer Fund \$280,014.46.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

RECREATION BOARD

Secretary Rader reported that the Geo-caching Event on September 24th was a success with over 60 people enjoying the hunt.

The 5K Run/1 Mile Walk on October 9th has over \$1,500 in prizes and over 100 entrants are expected.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The Planning Commission met on September 21, 2011, reviewed the following plans and makes the following recommendations:

APPROVALS;

Docket #2068 - COMPASS BUSINESS CENTER - Subdivision and Land Development Plans - as shown on plans of Base Engineering Inc., drawing No. 2011069, dated 8/25/2011, sheets 1 through 14, approved as follows:

Waiver Granted:

SALDO sections 403.4.H and 504.2 regarding the depiction of existing underground structures, easements and utilities within 200 feet of the subject tract.

Conditions:

- 1. Comments of the Township Staff must be complied with.
- 2. Outside agency approvals are required.

Docket #2109 - ACT 537 PLAN SUPPLEMENT - Motion passed recommending Board of Supervisors approve the Act 537 Plan Supplement as prepared by Keystone Consulting Engineers Inc.

REVIEW WITH NO DECISION - Docket #2108 - JAINDL LAND COMPANY - Re-Zoning request, LV West 2, Industrial Subdivision - Plan reviewed with no decision, developer to return.

FINAL PLAN APPROVAL

Docket #2107 - PARKLAND FARMS PHASE 1A - Request from K & M Associates to modify the conditions of final approval contained in resolution #2011-9. The proposal is to provide sidewalks on only one side of internal roads, similar to Heatherfield adjacent development.

pocket #2011-9 - RABENOLD FARMS II - Request from K & M Associates to modify the conditions of preliminary approval contained in Resolution #2010-7. The applicant has performed an updated traffic study and now proposes improvements to only Werley Road to address the forecasted heaviest traffic

movements. The proposed improvements are adequate to address future impacts from the development. The Township Staff approves both requests.

DECISION

Upon motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved the requests of K & M associates to modify the conditions of final approval contained in Resolution #2011-9 pertaining to sidewalks in the Parkland Farms Phase 1A project and their request to modify the conditions of preliminary approval contained in Resolution #2010-7 pertaining to Rabenold Farms II improvements to Werley Road are hereby approved by the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township.

FIRE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Fire Commissioner/Emergency Management Coordinator Grant Grim's report showed that the fire companies answered 148 calls during the month of September.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Director Scott Faust's report was received. Regular maintenance work is proceeding. Leaf collection begins on Monday October 10, 2011.

ZONING REPORT

The report of the Zoning Officer, Al Geosits, for the month of September was received and showed 113 permits issued: 9 for new residences, 23 for residential additions/alterations, 1 for new commercial/industrial buildings, 19 for commercial/industrial additions/alterations, 61 miscellaneous, plus 6 electrical licenses and 5 plumbing licenses.

The Zoning Hearing Board of Adjustment heard no appeals during the month.

<u>LEHIGH TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE REPORT -</u> Ordinance #2011-6 - Earned Income Tax Ordinance - This ordinance is required to establish conformity with the Local Tax Enabling Act. Upon motion by Vice -Chairman Ashmar, seconded by Secretary Rader, and unanimously approved it is RESOLVED that "Ordinance #2011-6 "AN ORDINANCE RE-ADOPTING, RESTATING AND AMENDING IT'S EARNED INCOME TAX ORIDNANCE TO ESTABLISH CONFORMITY WITH THE LOCAL TAX ENABLING ACT AS AMENDED BY ACT 32 OF JULY 2, 2008" be and is hereby adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township.

OLD BUSINESS

Cetronia Ambulance Corps Agreement - Update - Work in progress. There are now two crews in the Township.

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.

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. Their operation is a burden on township roads, police and ambulance service. The illegal left turns at their entrance are a serious problem. DCD Wlazelek reports they have requested another entrance on Grim Road. Solicitor Andrew Schantz to check for legal recourse if Amazon does not respond.

NEW BUSINESS

Insurance for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) - Chairman Earley reports the Team has approximately 30 volunteer members with no insurance of any type. He recommends the Township purchase insurance for volunteers when on duty. Chairman Earley said the insurance for members would be inexpensive when working for the Act 35 Team. Upon motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar, and unanimously approved the Township will purchase insurance for the CERT Team, liability and disability, for the sum of approximately \$300.00 per year.

Bid Awarding - Pavilion Restroom at Grange Road Park

Six Bids were received:	GENERAL	PLUMBING	ELECTRICAL
Dirt Works Solutions	\$51,560.00	\$11,235.00	\$13,860.00
John G. Membrino	\$61,941.00	\$14,807.00	\$11,790.00
Ashwood Entrerprises	\$57,319.00	N/A	N/A
CMG of Easton Inc.	\$62,600.00	N/A	N/A
CC Inc. Construction Services	\$73,400.00	N/A	N/A
RGC Development	\$73,985.00	N/A	N/A

Engineer Haas recommends the low bid of Dirt Works Solutions for General and Plumbing be accepted and all electrical bids be rejected.

Upon motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved the low bids of Dirt Works Solution for GENERAL of \$51,560.00 and their low bid of \$11,235.00 for PLUMBING for the Grange Road Toilet Facilities Building No. 4 are hereby accepted. Upon motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Chairman Earley and unanimously approved all bids for ELECTRICAL for the Pavilion Restroom at Grange Road Park are hereby rejected.

Schaefer Run Riparian Buffer (Phase 2) Engineer Haas reports that bids received were far above original estimates. Part of the reason being the high labor cost to remove the existing cattails considered to be native invasive. He recommends rejecting all bids and re-design the project to reduce costs and rebid the project in accordance with the grant.

Upon motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Chairman Earley and unanimously approved all bids for the Schaefer Run Riparian Buffer (Phase 2) are hereby rejected and Township Engineers KCE are hereby authorized to re-design and rebid the project.

Statement of Support for PA National Guard & Reserves

Secretary Rader read the Statement of Support. The Statement urges all Employers to support the guard and reserves. Upon motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Secretary Rader, and unanimously approved the Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve is hereby approved by the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township.

Meals on Wheels

Vice-Chairman Ashmar said that this is an important service for home-bound seniors and made a motion to grant \$2,500.00 to the Meals on Wheels program, Secretary Rader seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

<u>BERKS/LEHIGH POLICE</u> - Police Commission - Update - Chairman Earley read a letter of resignation from Chief Michael Weiser effective December 31, 2011, unless terms can be reached for a contract extension through December 31, 2015. After much discussion, upon motion by Vice-Chairman Ashmar, seconded by Secretary Rader and unanimously approved the letter of resignation from Chief Weiser was accepted with regrets. Vice-Chairman Ashmar said that while the Chief may be leaving the members of the force need have no concerns about their future. All the members are doing a great job. The main concern that needs to be worked out is the future of the Police Commission.

BLRP Substation Building Bid Awarding

Five bids were received for the Plumbing including six Alternates

 Agentis Plumbing
 \$ 83,597.00

 William Elek Ltd.
 \$ 88,230.00

 Dual Temp Co.
 \$127,340.00

 Vision Mechanical, Inc.
 \$138,200.00

 K.C. Mechanical Inc.
 \$155,200.00

Upon motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved the low bid of Agentis Plumbing for the Plumbing for the new BLRP Station is hereby accepted.

Vice-Chairman Ashmar then reported that furniture for the new building was available for purchase by municipalities through the State COSTARS program. He then made a motion that all furniture for the

new police building be purchased through COSTARS program, Chairman Earley seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

CHAIRMAN EARLEY -

Another successful Citizens Police Academy is being held by our BLRP with about 30 people attending.

VICE-CHAIRMAN ASHMAR -

Lehigh County District Attorney James B. Martin is asking for a contribution in support of the Lehigh County Municipal Emergency Response Team (MERT). Officer Woodruff described the work of the team. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Ashmar, seconded by Secretary Rader, and unanimously approved the sum of \$2,500.00 is hereby granted to the Lehigh County District Attorney for the work of MERT.

Lehigh County District Attorney James B. Martin is asking for a contribution in support of the Child Abuse Investigator for the year 2012. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Ashmar, seconded by Secretary Rader and unanimously approved the sum of \$2,000.00 is hereby granted to the Lehigh County District Attorney for the work of a Child Abuse Investigator.

SECRETARY RADER -

Executive sessions were held on October 4th @11 "A.M. 1 P.M. and 2 P.M, concerning personnel issues. Attended the NAT&T Convention in Washington. Some of the items discussed were unfunded mandates, street signs, tax breaks for volunteer firemen, etc. There will be a special meeting on Friday, October 21, 2011, at 10 A.M. to discuss 2012 budget issues.

<u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u> - Solicitor William Schantz asked to be heard. He has been told that tonight is the last meeting Director of Community Development, Bruce Wlazelek, will be here in an official position. He therefore read a statement congratulating Bruce of his career in UMT. The statement contained many "whereas" clauses, which Bruce loved, in his work with the Township. Bruce started with the Township in 1979. All present congratulated Bruce for his work and he will be missed.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Ashmar, seconded by Chairman Earley, and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 8:05. Next regular meeting November 3, 2011 at 7:00 P:M., special meeting on Friday, October 21, 2011, at 10 A.M. to discuss the 2012 budget.

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Kathy A. Rader, Secretary

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township was held on October 21, 2011, at 10:00 A.M. Those present were Chairman Edward J. Earley, Vice-Chairman Samir P. Ashmar, Secretary Kathy A. Rader, Treasurer Barry Moyer, Engineers Dean Haas and Scott Stenroos, Fire Commissioner Grant Grim, Department of Public Work Chief Scott Faust and Assistant Secretary Owen M. Bastian. Purpose of the meeting as advertised in the Morning Call on October 12, 2011, to consider 2012 budget issues and any other matters that may come before the Board.

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 Earley asked Treasurer Moyer to review the proposed budget. The budget is balanced. There is no need for a tax increase. It is about \$760,000 above last year. Income from various permits is down. Refuse/Recycling budget is the same as 2011. Health insurance costs are up from 2011. Rent from the expanded State Police facility should cover most of the debt service for the new BLRP building.

Engineer Haas reported that a grant has been applied for to cover the cost for a study of the costs for breaching the dam in Fogelsville.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

Kathy A. Rader, Secretary