

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township was held on September 6, 2012, 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 Engineers Dean Haas and Scott Stenroos, Treasurer Barry Moyer, DPW Scott Faust, DCD Ken Molony, Fire Commissioner Grant Grim, Chief Edgardo Colon 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 Earley stated that the minutes of the previous meeting would not be read unless there was some objection. Upon motion by Chairman Edward J. Earley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Samir P. Ashmar 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 Earley presented the bills for the month of August totaling General Fund \$1,580,049.34 and Sewer Fund \$171,926.34. Upon motion by Secretary Kathy A. Rader, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved, Treasurer Moyer is authorized to pay the General Fund bills for the month of August in the amount of General Fund \$1,580,049.34 and Sewer Fund \$171,926.34.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

RECREATION BOARD

Secretary Rader reviewed the Recreation Board report. Copies are available on the table in the back of the room. Upon a motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved the following activities were approved:

- AARP - Safe Drive Program to be held in November;
- SAT Practice Test to be held on Saturday, January 19, 2013;
- Women's Self Defense Class to be held November 7th;
- All the programs to be held at the Independence Park Community Center at 150 Independent Road, Breinigsville, Pa. For more information on any of the programs, please call Valerie at the Township Building at 610-395.4892. Volunteers are needed to assist with all the programs.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Upper Macungie Township Planning Commission met on August 15, 2012, reviewed the following plans and makes the following recommendations:

APPROVALS:

- Docket #1946 - The Majestic Land Development, Boulder Drive, LVW Lot #10, as shown on plans of Pennoni Associates Inc., sheets 1 through 18, including seven (7) waivers.
- Docket #1892 - The Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan for Highgate, Phase III, 1085 Twin Ponds Road, as shown on plans of Langan Engineering, consisting of 26 sheets, sheets #00.01A to 27.06A, dated 7/02/12 and 8/02/12 approved as follows:

CONDITIONS:

1. Comments of Township Staff and Engineers must be complied with.
2. Note to be added to plan - Developer must pay for LOMAR if the LOMAR is required.
3. Developer must provide a budget for ownership and maintenance of all HOA common facilities as part of the final plan to all prospective homeowners.

FINAL PLAN APPROVALS:

Docket #1946 - Lehigh Valley West Lot #10 (Majestic) - Land Development Plan - DCD Molony reviewed the plan showing a manufacturing facility. The plan has been reduced from three buildings to one of 220,000 square feet with 132 employee parking spaces. Upon a motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved it is RESOLVED that RESOLUTION # ,2012, "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP APPROVING DOCKET #1946, MAJESTIC LAND DEVELOPMENT, BOULDER DRIVE, LVW LOT 10, AS SHOWN ON PLANS OF



PENNONI ASSOCIATE, INC., SHEETS 1 THROUGH 28, INCLUDING SEVEN (7) WAIVERS" is hereby adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township.

Docket #1892 - Highgate Phase III (Dunbar Tract) - Preliminary/Final Plan
 Engineer Haas reviewed the history of the plan. The plan shows 22 single-family units and 63 townhouses for a total of 85 housing lots and 1 conservation space and more open space to be owned and maintained by the HOA. Mr. William Sabol who lives in the development appeared to object to the approval. He said he was never notified that the single homes proposed originally were being changed to townhouses, was a traffic study done to see what the extra traffic will do to the development, why were the property owners not notified? Engineer Haas explained that the Planning Commission held public meetings attended by many property owners in the development and notices were published of the meetings in the local newspapers. The location of Phase III of the large development was explained. Upon a motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Chairman Earley and unanimously approved it was RESOLVED that RESOLUTION # 2012 "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP APPROVING DOCKET #1892, HIGHGATE PHASE III (DUNBAR) PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAN, 1085 TWIN PONDS ROAD, AS SHOWN ON PLANS OF LANGAN ENGINEERING, CONSISTING OF 26 SHEETS, SHEETS #00.01A TO#27.061, DATED 7/02/12 AND 8/02/12" is hereby adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township.

Docket #2121 - Woodmont - Authorization to draft ordinance - Solicitor Andrew Schantz reported that a developer of the Rabenold tract has requested a change in the Township SALDO, which would allow three (3) story buildings in his development with more units per building. His reason is fewer buildings with more open space. Vice-Chairman Ashmar asked if approval might open up more developers asking for the same thing. Secretary Rader needs more information, Engineer Haas said it might change the density requirements. Chairman Earley made a motion that the request to change the SALDO to approve three story buildings be changed, no second was made, motion died. Chairman Earley then asked that the item be tabled until the September 14th meeting.

UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT & BERKS/LEHIGH POLICE

UMT Police Department - Update - Chief Colon then reported that some of the present officers have applied to Maxatawny for positions in their new department. On September 11th he will be hosting the Lehigh County Police Chief's Association. He also has a request to purchase officer's uniforms and equipment, including uniforms, double mag pouch, Hooded Tyvek suit, duty belt, etc. for a cost of approximately \$141,695.00. Upon a motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved Chief Colon is authorized to purchase uniforms and equipment for officers in the Police Department for a cost not to exceed \$143,695.00.

New Police Station - Update - DCD Molony reports that the General Contractor is working on the punch list. Parking lot lights are being addressed.

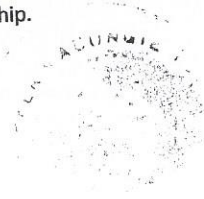
BLRP Police Commission - Update - Vice-Chairman Ashmar reports the next meeting is scheduled for September 17th.

FIRE COMMISSIONER REPORT

Fire Commissioner/Emergency Management Coordinator Grant Grim is with us this evening. His report shows that the fire companies answered 103 emergency responses with 188 EMS responses during the month of August and 210 EMS responses in July. On September 28th a drill will be held at Country Meadows facility to test emergency crew's response times in case of an actual emergency. The annual Emergency Preparedness Day will again be held at the Expo Center on September 15, 2012. Mr. Phil DelVeechio questioned the need for an electronic message sign at Station #56. Commissioner Grim reported that the Township did not purchase the sign. Station 56 officers purchased the sign with a corporate contribution. Mr. DelVeechio said the sign is a distraction to drivers. In his opinion flyers to homes may be more effective. Commissioner Grim reported that more volunteers are needed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Director Faust reports that regular maintenance work is proceeding. October 15th is the first leaf collection in the Township.



ZONING REPORT

The report of the Zoning Officer, Al Geosits, for the month of August was received and showed 109 permits issued, 12 for new residences, 24 for residential additions/alterations, 0 for new commercial/industrial buildings, 12 for commercial/industrial additions/alterations, 61 miscellaneous, plus 6 electrical licenses and 5 plumbing license.

In August, the Zoning Hearing Board of Adjustment heard the following appeal:

#81219 - The appeal of Bruce Krause, d.b.a. Elite Lawn Care, 411 Grange Road, for a special exception for a general home occupation and variances for maximum sign area and total floor area used for home occupation. The property is zoned R2 - Continued until September 12th meeting.

LEHIGH TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE REPORT - No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Fogelsville Dam - Update - Engineer Haas reported on a meeting held with DEP, representatives of Senator Pat Brown's office and Representative Gary Day. The plan is to lower the dam and cut a "V" into the south side of the dam to put the stream channel back where it belongs.

Hridayesh Nat, 10282 Cormorant Drive - Their driveway is not built according to UMT requirements, they have appealed to the ZHB for a variance. Upon a motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar Solicitor Schantz is to appear on behalf of the Township as an objector at the hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

REFUSE/RECYCLING CONTRACT - Solicitor Schantz reports that the contract papers are ready for bidding, to provide the same services as in the current contract. Upon a motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Chairman Earley and unanimously approved the contract for refuse/recycling will be advertised for bids due in mid October 2012.

Minu Desai - Mr. Desai and Atty. Lawrence Fox appeared to discuss building a new Best Western Hotel on the former Iron Run Motel site. Chairman Earley likes the improvement over the existing condition. Vice-Chairman Ashmar says the lot is too small for a three-story hotel. Secretary Rader also feels the lot is too small and would like to see development plans. The developer has obtained a franchise for the hotel. The developer has appealed the case to L. C. Court and upon motion by Vice-Chairman Ashmar, seconded by Chairman Earley and unanimously approved Solicitor Andrew Schantz is instructed to intervene with the Court. Vice-Chairman Ashmar asked the developer to look at what other types of uses were possible. Chairman Earley suggested that discussion on this matter be tabled until the October 4th meeting. All agreed.

Awarding of Bridge Repair Bid - Six bids have been received for the Township Line Road Bridge Rehabilitation project.

DESSCO DESIGN	\$12,204.00	Baseline Contracting	\$16,948.00
Professional Construction	19,280.00	Mar-Allen Concrete	23,177.00
Heim Construction	28,905.00	Bill AnskisCo.	35,900.00

Upon a motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Secretary Rader and unanimously approved the low bid of DESSCO DESIGN for the Township Line Road Bridge Rehabilitation project for the sum of \$12,204.00 is hereby accepted.

Trick or Treat Date - After much discussion upon motion by Vice-Chairman Ashmar, seconded by Chairman Earley and unanimously approved Trick or Treat Night was set for October 31, 2012 from 6:00 to 8 P.M.

Industrial Boulevard and Boulder Drive - Traffic Engineer reported that construction for signalization of the intersection should start about September 10th. He recommends 4 way stop signs be erected until the signals are complete. Upon a motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved four (4) way stop signs to be erected until signals are complete.

CHAIRMAN EARLEY - The Township newsletter should be out by October 1, 2012. The three way stop signs at the intersection of Ruppssville Road and Chapmans Road erected for the bridge project may become permanent after PennDOT receives the results of a traffic study at the intersection.

VICE-CHAIRMAN ASHMAR - Complimented the Recreation Board for a job well done.

SECRETARY RADER -

Executive sessions: Wednesday August 29, at 3.30 P.M. possible litigation

Correspondence - Request received from Lucille Pradel, operator of the Kuhnsville Hotel to hold a pig roast on Saturday September 22, 2012. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Ashmar, seconded by Chairman Earley and unanimously approved the request of Kuhnsville Hotel operator to hold a pig roast on September 22, 2012 is hereby granted with the provision that they comply with all laws.


Complaints received about tractor trailers on Wood Lane, Oldt Road, Arrowhead Road and Weiss Road. The roads are all narrow and not built for tractor trailer traffic, at two spots there are blind curves. Traffic Engineer Stenroos suggests a traffic study be done of the roads. Upon motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Chairman Earley and unanimously approved Engineer Stenroos will complete a traffic study of the roads.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Larry Wink of Breinigsville complained about maintenance at the Breinigsville Park, water holes all over, grass overgrown, etc. DPW Faust will check the area.

Mr. Jim Burnell asked about work on the 2013 budget. Secretary Rader said the Township is making progress and still waiting for tax revenue figures from the County.

Upon motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Secretary Rader and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. , special meeting to review Police Pension system and any other business that may come before the Board on September 14, 2012 at 4:00 P.M., next regular meeting October 4, 2012, at 7 P.M.


Kathy A. Rader, secretary