

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township was held on October 4, 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, Solicitor 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 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 Earley presented the bills for the month of September totaling General Fund \$1,716,131.29 and Sewer Fund \$103,172.08. Upon motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Secretary Rader and unanimously approved, Treasurer Moyer is authorized to pay the General Fund bills for the month of September in the amount of General Fund \$1,716,131.29 and Sewer Fund \$103,172.08.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - NONE

**RECREATION BOARD** - Policy for removal of Members for lack of attendance.

Secretary Rader reviewed the Recreation Board report. Copies are available on the table in the back of the room. This Sunday, October 7th, is the 5K Run - so far 50 persons have registered. There is a problem with board members attendance at the meetings. Some Board members have missed 3 and more meetings. The Board would like to have some guidelines on attendance policy. Upon motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved it was RESOLVED that should any Recreation Board member miss more that 3 unexcused continuous meetings his seat shall be declared vacant.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** - No Report

**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT & BERKS/LEHIGH POLICE**

UMT Police Department - Update - Chief Colon then reported he has been busy with purchasing equipment and hiring officers, all to make sure the new UMT Police Department will be ready to start operations on January 1, 2013 @12:00 AM. There are two groups to keep police accreditation uniform across the State, the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (PLEAC) and the Commission on Law Enforcement Accreditation (COLEA), he recommends UMT join the PLEAC. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Ashmar, seconded by Secretary Rader and unanimously approved it was agreed that UMTPD work with the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (PLEAC) for accreditation.

New Police Station - Update - DCD Molony reports that the General Contractor is working on the punch list. Final walk-thru will be next week.

BLRP Police Commission - Update - Vice-Chairman Ashmar reports that to his dismay, there is not much happening. They are working on pension problems. They are still working on the split of the assets.

**FIRE COMMISSIONER REPORT**

Fire Commissioner/Emergency Management Coordinator Grant Grim is with us this evening. His report shows that the fire companies answered 83 emergency responses with 169 EMS responses during the month of September.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

October 15th is the first leaf collection in the Township. On Wednesday October 10 there will be a one time curbside collection for yard waste.

**ZONING REPORT**

The report of the Zoning Officer, Al Geosits, for the month of September was received and showed 99 permits issued, 1 for a new residence, 16 for residential additions/alterations, 1 for new commercial/industrial buildings, 31 for commercial/industrial additions/alterations, 50 miscellaneous, plus 6 electrical licenses and 1 plumbing license.

In September, 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 - GRANTED

#91220 - The appeal of Glen & Vivian McCartney, 1643 Fieldstone Street, for a variance to front yard setbacks to construct a shed. The property is zoned R1. - GRANTED

#91221 - The appeal of Brad Eck, 317 Indigo Way, for a variance to side and rear yard setbacks to construct a shed. -GRANTED

#91222 - The appeal of Ethia Dulorie, 1603 Silo Hill Lane, for an interpretation and/or variance to operate a Group Family Daycare (i.e. up to twelve (12) unrelated children from her home. The property is zoned R2. - DENIED

#91223 - The appeal of Hridayesh Nat., 10282 Commorant Drive, for a variance to maximum driveway slope. The property is zoned RU1.5. - INTERPRETATION GRANTED

#91224 - The appeal of Beth & Jeff Hershey, 6716 Windermere Court, for a variance to side yard setback to construct an addition to attached garage. The property is zoned R2. - GRANTED

#91225 - The appeal of Ryan & Jacqueline Murray, 9532 Dogwood Land, for a variance to allow recently installed fence in a drainage easement. The property is zoned R2. GRANTED

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Fogelsville Dam - Update** - Engineer Haas reported that the emergency action plan has been submitted to the DEP. The next step is to apply for a grant to help cover the cost. Upon a motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Chairman Earley and unanimously approved the Township will apply for a DEP grant to help cover the cost of improvements to the Fogelsville Dam.

**Refuse/Recycling Contract - Update** - Solicitor Schantz reports that the bid package is ready to be advertised. A pre-bid meeting will be held on October 10 and the bid opening will be October 24, 2012.

**Township Line Road Bridge Repair - Update** - DPW Faust expects the work to start on October 5, 2012.

**NEW BUSINESS**

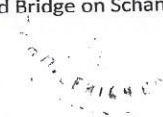
**Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc. & Dosch-King Co, Inc. Settlement & Release** - was discussed in executive session Upon motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Chairman Earley and unanimously approved it was agreed to sign a settlement and release agreement in the Dosch-King Co. lawsuit.

**Multiway Stop Traffic Analysis - Ruppssville & Chapmans Roads** - Traffic Engineer Scott Stenroos - Based on the requirements found in PennDOT Publication 212 and the MUTCD 2009 edition, the traffic analysis shows a multi-way stop is warranted at this intersection. Upon a motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved the Traffic Analysis for Ruppssville Road (T-570) and Chapmans Road (SR-3009) is to be submitted to PennDOT for their review and approval.

**CHAIRMAN EARLEY**- Nothing more

**VICE-CHAIRMAN ASHMAR** -

Vice-Chairman Ashmar thanked Scott Stenroos and Scott Faust for placing signs concerning the low Railroad Bridge on Schantz Road.





Upon motion by Ashmar, seconded by Earley, and unanimously approved it was ordered that a 35 MPH speed zone and a no parking zone be established along Morris Court.

Upon motion by Ashmar, seconded by Earley and unanimously approved it was agreed to hire a receptionist for the new UMT Police Department at a salary of \$35,000.00 per year.

Upon motion by Ashmar, seconded by Earley and unanimously approved it was agreed that all employees be given a \$.45 per hour salary increase and contribute 12.5% to medical insurance premiums.

Upon motion by Ashmar, seconded by Earley and unanimously approved it was agreed that the Supervisors will not take any salary increases for the year 2013.

**SECRETARY RADER -**

Executive sessions: Thursday, October 4, 2012 @ 5:00 PM - Personnel & Possible Litigation  
 " " 6:40 PM Personnel issues

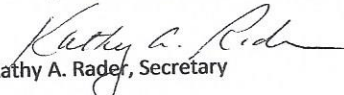
In the matter of Blanchette v. Upper Macungie Township, et al. The attorneys need a conflict of interest letter signed by UMT since the firm represents another client in the matter. Upon motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved Secretary Rader is authorized to sign the conflict waiver letter for the matter of Blanchette v Upper Macungie Township.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Desai and Attorney Lawrence Fox appeared to update any information needed by the Township in regards to their application to build a new Best Western Hotel at the site of the Iron Run Motel. With them were Jack Barry of Best Western and Stefan Cihylik, a commercial real estate broker.

Complaint received about security alarm at Independent Park.

Upon motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Secretary Rader and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M. , next regular meeting November 1, 2012

  
 Kathy A. Rader, Secretary



UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

A special meeting of the Upper Macungie Township Authority was held on October 4, 2012, in the Municipal Building at 6:30 P.M. Those present were Chairman Edward J. Earley, Vice-Chairman Samir P. Ashmar, Secretary Kathy A. Rader, Solicitor Andrew Schantz, Treasurer Barry Moyer, and member 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.

Purpose of meeting to act on Air Products Easement (Release of Old Easement & Relocation), the 2012 Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation Project, and any other business that may come before the Authority.

Air Products Easement (Release of Old Easement & Relocation). Air Products is selling some of their property to Liberty. UMTA has an existing easement on the tract being sold. Upon motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved Chairman Earley is authorized to sign the release agreement.

2012 Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation Project - Cured in Place Pipe Lining (CIPPL) Bids were received on Monday August 20, 2012. Bids ranged from \$878,347.25 to \$1,941,540.23. Contract was bid for similar rehabilitation in four municipalities. Seven proposals were received, the low bid is consistent with or lower than current market value for similar type projects. Township Engineers KCE recommend that the Authority award the project to JMF Underground, Inc., the apparent low bidder, in the amount of \$292,897.25, the UMTA's share of the total construction cost.

Upon a motion by Vice-Chairman Ashmar, seconded by Chairman Earley and unanimously approved the low bid of JMF Underground, Inc. for the 2012 Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation Project for the sum of \$292,897.25 is hereby accepted.

Upon a motion by Vice-Chairman Ashmar, seconded by Chairman Earley and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

*Kathy A. Rader*  
Kathy A. Rader, Secretary

