

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township was held on November 1, 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 Engineer Dean Haas, 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 then congratulated all the emergency service units including the Township Public Works Department for their services during recent hurricane SANDY. Many residents are still without power. They all deserve credit for a job well done.

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 October totaling General Fund \$1,686,246.58 and Sewer Fund \$941,186.22. 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 October in the amount of General Fund \$1,686,246.58 and Sewer Fund \$941,186.22.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - NONE

**RECREATION BOARD** -

Secretary Rader reviewed the Recreation Board report. Some of the events scheduled are:

- Women's Self Defense Class on November 7th
- AARP Safe Driver Class some time in November
- SAT Practice Test on January 19
- Game Night on January 25th
- Boater Safety Class February 9
- Tree Trimming Course March 5

There is an opening on the Recreation Board. Anyone interested please apply.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

With the Hidden Meadows (Sal Lapio Subdivision) there is a problem with a security deposit for a culvert. The design for the culvert is not complete and the culvert will not be installed for another year. The developer has asked to have the requirement for the security deposit for the culvert delayed until the design is complete and the culvert is needed. Upon a motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Secretary Rader and unanimously approved the security deposit for the Hidden Meadows culvert will not be required until design is complete and culvert needed.

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

UMT Police Department - Update - Chief Colon reported - Cars with equipment are arriving. Uniforms have been ordered. There will be a total of 28 officers including Chief and Lieutenants. Promotional process will begin early in December. Records will be transferred from the BLRP department to the UMTPD.

UMTPD Clerical Position - Chief Colon recommends Deborah Schnelman, currently employed by the PSP, working as a dispatcher at the Bethlehem HQ station. She could start on November 8th. Upon a motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved Deborah Schnelman is here by hired for a clerical position in the UMTPD.

CODY Systems - Vice-Chairman Ashmar - The Cody system is used by officers to keep records of arrests, inventory, etc. The system is available for a 3 year package for the sum of \$5,060.00. The annual

Licensed Software Support Services for Cody for the Property Bar Coding, Agency inventory and Express Bridge for the Firehouse Software is an additional \$1,760.50 (Due in March or April 2013). Upon a motion by Vice-Chairman Ashmar, seconded by Chairman Earley and unanimously approved the purchase of the Cody System for the sum of \$5060.00 is hereby approved.

New Police Station - Update - DCD Molony reports that the General Contractor is working on the punch list. Final invoices are being reviewed. The building will be ready by 1/1//13.

BLRP Police Commission - Update - Vice-Chairman Ashmar - Chief Colon and he attended a meeting of representatives from the Commission. They discussed assets of the Commission and made an offer on the items that UMT is interested in but have received no reply to date.

### FIRE COMMISSIONER REPORT

Fire Commissioner/Emergency Management Coordinator Grant Grim is with us this evening. His report shows that the fire companies answered 181 emergency responses. He thanked all the emergency units that responded during hurricane SANDY over the past weekend. He met some of the electrical workers from Alabama whom PP & L had called on to help restore power in the area. He also thanked local businesses like Air Products which helped in the emergency. He discussed the use of generators during an emergency. The fumes from a generator are dangerous and could be deadly. Generators should only be used outdoors. Generators should be at least 10 ft from your home.

### PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Winter Traffic Services Contract with PennDOT - Director Faust reports that PennDOT has asked UMT to renew the 5 year contract for winter traffic services. Due to the fact that he is already one man short and the new developments coming on line he recommends not to renew the contract. Upon a motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Secretary Rader and unanimously approved UMT will not renew the Winter Traffic Services Contract with PennDOT.

Director Faust reports that a new roof is needed at Independent Park and requests permission to get estimates and bids on a steel roof. Upon a motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved Director Faust is authorized to go out for bids for a new steel roof for the main building at Independent Park.

### ZONING REPORT

The report of the Zoning Officer, Al Geosits, for the month of October was received and showed 126 permits issued, 3 for new residences, 36 for residential additions/alterations, 0 for new commercial/industrial buildings, 15 for commercial/industrial additions/alterations, 72 miscellaneous, plus 15 electrical licenses and 3 plumbing licenses.

In October, the Zoning Hearing Board of Adjustment heard no appeals.

### OLD BUSINESS

Fogelsville Dam - Update - Engineer Haas reported that the emergency action plan has been submitted to the DEP. A DC&R Grant to help cover some of the costs involved has been applied for.

Refuse/Recycling Contract - Update - Mr. Ken Anderson of Raritan Valley asked the Board to hold off on awarding the contract due to a defect in Waste Management's bid. Solicitor Schantz said the possible defect did not affect the bids and he recommends the bid be awarded to the low bidder. The following five bids were received and it appears rates could be lowered about 17%.

AJ Blosenski Trash & Recycling Service	\$9,561,000.00
JP Mascaro & Sons	7,103,316.00
Berger Sanitation	10,428,000.00
Raritan Valley Disposal	6,945,624.00
Waste Management/Waste Management of PA, Inc.	6,848,352.00

Upon motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved the low bid of Waste Management/Waste Management of PA. Inc. for the collection and disposal of Municipal Solid Waste and the collection and marketing of recyclable materials for the years 2013-2017 is hereby accepted.

Township Line Road Bridge Repair - Update - DPW Faust reported that the project has been completed for the sum of \$12,000.00 . The original budget was \$50,000.00.

