

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township was held on February 7, 2013, 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, Treasurer Barry Moyer, DCD Ken Molony, 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 Secretary Kathy A. Rader, 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 January totaling General Fund \$976,978.52 and Sewer Fund \$971,705.36. Upon motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved, Treasurer Moyer is authorized to pay the General Fund bills for the month of January in the amount of \$976,978,52 and the Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$971,705,36.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

**RECREATION BOARD** -

Secretary Rader reviewed the Recreation Board report. Copies of the complete report are available on the table in the back of the room.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** - No Report

**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT**

**UMT Police Department - Chief Colon** - Ryan A. Mertus has been trained and is ready to be added to the UMTPD. Upon motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Chairman Earley and unanimously approved Ryan A. Mertus is hereby hired a Patrol Officer with a salary of \$51,000 per year.

The Chief then gave the following report:

Total Incidents	627	Arrest Information	
Reportable MVAs	15	DUI	10
Non-Reportable MVAs	29	Theft by Deception	1
Criminal Arrest (Non DUI)	7	Drug Act Violation	3
DUI	10	Robbery	1
Traffic Citations	535	Aggravated Assault	1
Non-Traffic Citations	8	Simple Assault	1
Parking Tickets	1	False Alarms	5

The Chief then described a case where an officer saw an individual who looked suspicious wearing a hooded sweatshirt near the rear Redners Warehouse Market. He followed him and ordered him stop and he refused, the officer apprehended the suspect. Lehigh County radio advised they had received a call about a robbery at Redners. The clerk identified the man as the individual who robbed him.

**Authorize Township Representative for Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System (PMRS).**

Upon motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved Barry Moyer is hereby appointed as UMT Representative on the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System.

**BERKS/LEHIGH POLICE REPORT**

**BLRP Police Commission - Update**

Vice-Chairman Ashmar reported the BLPD Commission is scheduled for a meeting on February 18 at Maxatawny Township. The excess equipment auction should be held in April. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Ashmar, seconded by Chairman Earley and unanimously approved all Township Department heads are hereby authorized to bid on needed vehicles and any needed equipment at the auction and to put excess Township equipment up for bid.

**FIRE COMMISSIONER REPORT**

Fire Commissioner/Emergency Management Coordinator Grant Grim is not with us this evening. Vice-Chairman Ashmar reviewed his report. Emergency responses, Station 8 had 33, Station 25 had 41 and Station 56 had 49, for total of 123 calls. (76 separate incidents). There were 206 EMS responses.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Director Faust is not with us this evening. A copy of his report is available on the table at the back of the room.

**ZONING REPORT**

The report of the Zoning Officer, Al Geosits, for the month of January was received and showed 96 permits issued, 12 for new residences, 24 for residential additions/alterations, 0 for new commercial/industrial buildings, 18 for commercial/industrial additions/alterations, 42 miscellaneous, plus 37 electrical licenses and 27 plumbing licenses.

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

#11301 - The appeal of TH Properties, Inc. 345 Main Street, Harleysville for a variance to maximum building height for new low rise apartments. The applicant is proposing 39 feet 8 inches which exceeds the maximum building height requirement of 35 feet. The property is located at 1230 Route 100 and is zoned R5. CONTINUED until March 27th meeting.

Secretary Rader reported receiving a letter of resignation from Zoning Officer Al Geosits. Upon a motion by Vice-Chairman Ashmar, seconded by Chairman Earley the resignation of Al Geosits as Zoning Officer and Code Enforcement Officer is hereby accepted.

Upon a motion by Vice-Chairman Ashmar, seconded by Chairman Earley and unanimously approved Daren Martucci of Keystone Consulting Engineers Inc. was appointed Zoning Officer and Code Enforcement Officer for a period of ninety days.

**OLD BUSINESS -**

**Terry Trumbauer Mechanic Position** - The need for a full time mechanic was previously reviewed. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Ashmar, seconded by Secretary Rader and unanimously approved Terry Trumbauer is hereby hired as a full-time mechanic for UMT at a rate of \$21.50 per hour.

**NEW BUSINESS****Lehigh Valley Wheelmen Association, Inc.**

A request has been received from the LV Wheelmen Association Inc. to use the roads in the William Penn Business Center for the annual March training series. The event will be held every Sunday in March from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM. The Wheelmen have used the road for the same event for several years.

Upon a motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Secretary Rader and unanimously approved the LV Wheelmen Association Inc. is hereby granted permission to use the roads in the William Penn Business Center for their annual March training session on Sundays in March. The Association must furnish insurance certificates, as in previous years.

**General Code**

Secretary Rader said an update of the Township Code of Ordinance is needed. An estimate from General Code is between \$1,875 to \$2,460. Upon motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Chairman Earley and unanimously approved the quote of General Code to update the Township Code of Ordinances is hereby accepted.

**Sale of 2006 Dodge Charger to Coopersburg Borough Police Department**

Vice-Chairman Ashmar has an offer of \$5,000 from the Coopersburg Borough for the purchase of a 2006 Dodge Charger. The car is 7 years old with high mileage. By selling this vehicle to another municipality, putting it up for bid is not required. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Ashmar, seconded by Chairman Earley and unanimously approved the sale of a 2006 Dodge Charger to the Coopersburg Borough Police Department is hereby approved with the provision that the proceeds from the sale be placed in the UMT Police budget.

**Sale of Excess Township Equipment**

PWD Faust and Authority Manager Henderson have requested permission to sell excess Township equipment per Pennsylvania Laws regarding Municipalities. Upon motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved permission is hereby granted to all Department Heads to sell excess Township equipment per Pennsylvania laws regarding Municipalities.

23 Glock 22's purchased from BLRP for \$415.00 each to be offered to BLRP officers to purchase their service weapon. Upon motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Chairman Earley and unanimously approved an offer is to be made to officers of the BLRP to purchase their Gluck 22 weapons for the sum of \$415.00. Any gun not purchased by the officers will be sold at auction.

**Authorize Public Hearings for Zoning Ordinance Changes & Roadway Vacations**

Engineer Haas reported for need to update the Township Zoning Ordinance and an Ordinance for Roadway Vacations.

Upon motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously it was approved to start the next regularly scheduled meeting at 6:15 PM to allow for a public hearing on proposed zoning changes and roadway vacations.

**Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Policy**

Upon a motion by Vice-Chairman Ashmar, seconded by Chairman Earley and unanimously approved the Family Medical Leave (FMLA) policy is hereby adopted by the Board of Supervisors of UMT.

**Fire Truck Replacement Agreement**

Vice-Chairman Ashmar made a motion, seconded by Chairman Earley and unanimously approved that any used fire truck sold by UMT, Trexlertown or Fogelsville Fire Companies. that the funds received for the sale be returned to the Fire Equipment Fund. Solicitor Schantz will draft an agreement for the fire companies.

**Grass Cutting Bid**

Secretary Rader reported that it was time to advertise for bids for grass cutting. Upon a motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Secretary Rader and unanimously approved the Township will advertise for bids for grass cutting for the 2013 season.

**CHAIRMAN EARLEY - Nothing more**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN ASHMAR** - The Township Fire Police will be doing traffic control for St. Lukes Hospital Bike Race on Saturday May 11th starting about 8:30 AM.

**SECRETARY RADER -**

Executive session: January 21, 2013 @1:00 PM - Personnel issues  
February 1, 2013 @1:00 PM - Personnel issues  
February 7, 2013 @6:00 PM - Personnel issues

**Joint Work Session with South Whitehall Township - Wednesday, February 13, 2013 @6:00 PM**

A joint work session will be held to view two Command Vehicles at that work session. The vehicles will be on site at that time. Vice-Chairman Ashmar said that since the vehicle would serve both Townships it could be called the Parkland Command Vehicle.

**New 2013 Bidding Limits**

Secretary Rader reported that the new limit for bidding is \$18,900 and three telephone quotes needed for items between \$10,200 and \$18,900.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Nancy Snyder reported that several trees that are damaged along Grange Road and Oakview Drive during recent storms have not been removed. Some are on private property. Township will investigate.

Upon motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Secretary Rader and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M. , next regular meeting Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 7 P.M. A public hearing will be held at 6:15 PM to hear Zoning Ordinance Changes and Road Vacations.

  
Kathy A. Rader, Secretary