

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township was held on October 3, 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 Andrew and William Schantz, Township Engineers Dean Haas and Scott Stenroos, Director of Public Works Scott Faust, Treasurer Barry Moyer, Chief Edgardo Colon, DCD Ken Molony 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 of September 4th and September 5th, 2013, minutes approved as presented.

Chairman Earley presented the bills for the month of September totaling General Fund \$1,502,703.36 and Sewer Fund \$124,831.51. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Ashmar, 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 \$1,502,703.36 and the Sewer Fund bills for \$124,831.51.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None -

RECREATION BOARD -

Secretary Rader reviewed the upcoming Barktoberfest on October 19th, rain date October 20th at the Route 100 Park. Chairman Earley noted the great job being done by the Recreation Board. Mr. DeVeechio also commended the Recreation Board for a job well done. A view of things to come in Recreation is available on the table in the back of the room.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Docket #2124-Heather Glen Commercial Development - Subdivision and Land Development. The Planning Commission has reviewed both the Preliminary Subdivision and Land Development plans and recommends approval of both with conditions. - Upon motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved Docket #2124 - The Preliminary Plan for Heather Glen Commercial Development, both the subdivision and land development plans, as shown on plans of Maser Consulting sheets 1 to 17, dated August 1, 2013, are approved as follows:

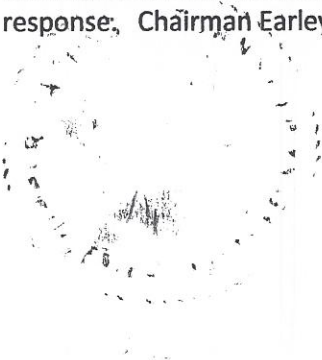
1. PennDOT approval must be received for land transfer.
2. Comments of Township Engineer must be complied with.

UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT

UMT Police Department - Chief Colon told of investigations and arrests for the month of September.

Total Incidents	682
Reportable MVAs	18
Non-Reportable MVAs	42
Criminal Arrest (Non DUI)	16
DUI	8
Traffic Citations	632
Non-Traffic Citations	28
Parking Tickets	3

Chief Colon then described several robberies in the area. He urged all residents to lock their vehicles and notify the PD of any suspicious activities in their area. Officer Pamela Mathias has started the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistant Education) program in local schools to teach youngsters about cooperation between officers and students. On Emergency Preparedness Day visitors showed an excellent response. Chairman Earley said all the officers were doing an excellent job.



BERKS/LEHIGH POLICE REPORT

BLRP Police Commission - Update -Vice-Chairman Ashmar reports the Commission is waiting for more information from the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System. The next meeting of the Commission is October 21 at Station 56.

FIRE COMMISSIONER REPORT

Fire Commissioner/Emergency Management Coordinator Grant Grim is not with us this evening. In the month of September: Emergency responses, Station 8 had 30, Station 25 had 41 and Station 56 had 47, for total of 118 calls.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Director Faust - The full report is on the table. October 9 is the yearly yard waste curb-site pick-up date. October 12th from 9 AM to 12 PM is the electric item recycling and shredding event at the Municipal garage area.

ZONING REPORT

The report of the Zoning Officer for the month of September was received and showed 48 permits issued, 11 for new residences, 15 for residential additions/alterations, 0 for new commercial/industrial buildings, 4 for commercial/industrial additions/alterations, 18 zoning permits, plus 3 electrical licenses and 4 plumbing licenses.

In September the Zoning Hearing Board of Adjustment heard no appeal.

OLD BUSINESS

Fogelsville Dam - Engineer Haas reports that DEP has not responded to his letter. If no response he will ask the BOS approval for cutting 2' off the dam breast this winter. This work should be done with or without the grant request so the Township can use the awarded grant funds to restore upper reach of Hassen Creek.

Kay Construction Inc. - Commercial Development on Blue Barn Road - Solicitor Schantz reports that he has had no response from PennDOT on vacation of a portion of Blue Barn Road.

Ocean Spray - Vice-Chairman Ashmar reported that when the traffic study is complete, Ocean Spray will meet with the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

Bid Awarding:

2013 Ultra-Thin Friction Course - 2 bids received

E. J. Breneman \$77,513.50

AMS 79,798.00

Upon a motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Secretary Rader and unanimously approved the low bid of E. J. Breneman of \$77,513.50 for the 2013 Ultra-Thin Friction Course is hereby accepted.

Grange Road Park, Phase 1, Stage 5A & 5B, Site Improvements - 5 bids were received from a low of 175,970.00 to a high of \$444,207.75.

Upon a motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Secretary Rader and unanimously approved the low bid of Semmel Excavating Inc. of \$175,970.00 for the Grange Road Park, Phase 1, Stage 5A & 5B site Improvements is hereby accepted.

Purchase of Leaf Machine from Lower Macungie Township - LMT has a 1995 Leaf Machine for sale. The machine is still in good shape and PWD Faust recommend the purchase, the price is \$6,900.00, a new machine costs \$42,000. Upon a motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved the purchase of the 1995 Leaf Machine from Lower Macungie Township is hereby approved.

Replacement of Front-end Loader - Director Faust requested to replace a 15 year old front-end loader. A new loader on COSTARS is for sale for \$154,000 dollars. The vendor will give UMT \$47,000 for a trade-in bringing the price to \$107,000, however, Director Faust feels UMT could get more for the old

loader with a sealed bid sale. Upon a motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved DPW Faust is authorized to purchase the front-end loader for the sum of \$154,000 thru COSTARS.

Resolution 2013-37 - Acceptance of Road Rights-of-Way- Solicitor Schantz reports that KCE has examined several roads in the Township which are now ready to be added to the Township Road System. He reviewed the names of the roads with the Supervisors. Upon a motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Chairman Earley and unanimously approved it was **RESOLVED** that **RESOLUTION #2013-37 "RESOLUTION OF THE UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL LANDS FOR ROADWAY RIGHTS OF WAY KNOWN AS BRAMBLE DRIVE, MONARCH LANE, AND SCHAEFER RUN ROAD IN TREXLER FIELDS SUBDIVISION AS PART OF THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY SYSTEM OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER MACUNGIE, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA"** be and is hereby adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township.

Memorial Garden - Grange Road Park - Vice-Chairman Ashmar reported that the Recreation Board has asked him about establishing a Memorial Garden, Secretary Rader reported having a similar request. After discussion, upon a motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Chairman Earley and unanimously approved KCE is to do a design and cost estimate for a Memorial Garden at Grange Road Park.

Kushner Real Estate Group (KRE) - Rezoning Proposal - Solicitor Schantz reported on request of KRE for rezoning a tract of land partly in UMT and SWT. They wish to built apartments and other commercial buildings. The request is to change Light Industrial to Neighborhood Commercial. The request is referred to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation.

CHAIRMAN EARLEY - Nothing

VICE-CHAIRMAN ASHMAR - Nothing

SECRETARY RADER -

Executive session: September 19, 2013, @12:40 PM - Personnel issues

A reminder to all residents with on-lot septic systems, who received notice, the systems must be pumped and inspected before December 31, 2013.

Secretary Rader has had inquiries about the recent newsletter showing large cash balances. The figures are correct. However, a further response is needed. The funds are all incorporated into the budget and are "earmarked" for specific needs. The Capital Reserve balance showing is just above the minimum for a township of UMT's size. The Local Services Account, used primarily for police, fire and public works, is showing a balance of \$1,623,042; however, the combined budgets for police, fire and public works equal over 4.7 million dollars.

For the month of September the total bills are \$1,502,703.36 and the total revenues were \$711,000. Presently there is only a balance of \$201,641.01, with a quarter of the year to go.

Resident Joe Corcoran questioned if more revenue is expected.

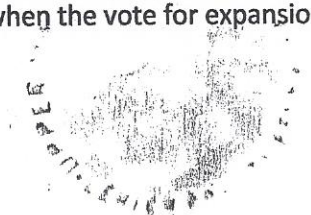
Most of the property taxes have already been received, and only a quarter of the EIT and LST are still to come.

Vice-Chairman Ashmar noted the Township is growing. He reported on several large expenditures the Township had the last few years, the Police Department, Independent Park, Public Works building expansion, State Police Building remodeling, supporting three fire stations including the new Station 56, still the average tax payer pays the Township about \$200. Compare that to all the services received.

Resident Jim Brunell reminded the Board that taxes were doubled, a few years ago. Rader stated that the Local Services Tax also started a few years ago.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Joe Corcoran recommended that the Township go to a 5 member Board. After discussion, upon a motion by Vice-Chairman Ashmar, seconded by Chairman Earley and unanimously approved Solicitor Schantz is prepare a Resolution for the next BOS meeting and research when the vote for expansion of the BOS to five (5) can be placed on the ballot.



Mr. DelVeechio reported on speeding in Lone Lane Park. Chief Colon will investigate.

Mr. Mohammed Khaku and Mr. Nagi Latefa questioned a problem that UMT had with them renting at Lone Lane Park. V-C Ashmar said he thought the problem was taken care of. The Township is trying to manage and maintain all of the parks with park rules. The problem will be reviewed with the Parks Foreman and before any future rentals, Mr. Khaku and Mr. Latefa must meet with Township staff to review their intentions when renting the park.

Engineer Scott Stenroos reported that the right-of-way had been received for the gas line for the Route 100, Industrial Boulevard project. An agreement must be executed for UGI, by the Township. Upon a motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Chairman Earley and unanimously approved, Secretary Rader is authorized to sign the agreement. Stenroos also reported that the detention basin and storm sewer will be started this fall for a completion by June 30, 2014.

Upon a motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M. The next regular meeting is Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 7 P.M.


Kathy A. Rader, Secretary

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A special work session meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held on October 3, 2013 in the Municipal Building at 10 A.M., as advertised. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed 2014 budget and any other business that may come before the Board. Present were Chairman Edward J. Earley, Vice-Chairman Samir P. Ashmar, Secretary Kathy A. Rader, Solicitor Andrew Schantz, DPW Scott Faust, Chief Colon, Treasurer Barry Moyer, Acct. Adm. Greta Samuels, Fire Commissioner Grant Grim, Authority Manager Richard Henderson, DCD Ken Molony and Assistant Secretary Owen M. Bastian.

Chairman Earley opened the meeting and asked for all present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

Chairman Earley then said the purpose of the meeting was to review needs for the coming year, equipment conditions and other possible new needs in the New Year. He then called on Department heads for comments.

DPW Faust - Original budget figures are OK. No additions.

Chief Colon - The proposed weigh station cost, location and design are needed. It will require fencing and \$50,000 should do the project. Two new officers are needed. (Treasurer Moyer reports he has included \$172,000 for new officers). Vice-Chairman Ashmar is against adding new officers at this time. Chief has included 2% increase in his estimates for 2014.

DCD Ken Molony - No change since the last report.

Authority Manager Henderson - No change since the last report which included \$5,000 for computer upgrades.

Fire Commissioner Grim - No change since the last report, included a 2% increase.

Vice-Chairman Ashmar - We continue to monitor and address the pension shortfall for the BLPD. He then noted some of the increases in the expense items. A possible franchise fee for cable companies was discussed.

Solicitor Andrew Schantz - Will investigate method & possible income with a cable franchise fee.

Treasurer Moyer will review the comments in preparing the 2014 budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.


Kathy A. Rader, Secretary

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A special work session meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held on October 31, 2013 in the Municipal Building at 11 A.M., as advertised in the Parkland Press. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed 2014 budget and any other business that may come before the Board. Present were Chairman Edward J. Earley, Vice-Chairman Samir P. Ashmar, Secretary Kathy A. Rader, Treasurer Barry Moyer, Chief Edgardo Colon, DCD Ken Molony, DPW Scott Faust and Assistant Secretary Owen M. Bastian.

Chairman Earley opened the meeting and asked for all present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

Chairman Earley then said the purpose of the meeting was to review any changes to the 2014 budget as proposed at the last work session. He then called on Department Heads for comments.

DPW Faust - No changes.

DCD Ken Molony - No Changes.

Treasurer Barry Moyer - No Changes

Chief Colon - With the weigh station on Nestle property in discussion he has no idea what compensation Nestle will expect for the use of their property. He has a meeting scheduled with the State police and PennDOT to review the project.

Vice-Chairman Ashmar had several items for discussion:

1. The need for agreement with the BLRP to finish old contract.
2. The need for agreement with the new UMTDP for a new contract.
3. Health benefits for the new UMTDP.
4. Liability Insurance for the proposed weigh station.
5. Equipment replacement - At least 2 new Chargers and 2 trucks will be needed.
6. Inspectors - Discussion held on using full-time personnel or contract inspectors.

Upon a motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 A.M.


Kathy A. Rader, Secretary