

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township was held on November 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, Solicitor Andrew Schantz, Township Engineer 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 meeting of October 3, and work sessions of October 3 and 31st, 2013, are approved as presented.

Chairman Earley presented the bills for the month of October totaling General Fund \$1,449,002.46 Sewer Fund \$1,706,417.54. 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 \$1,449,002.46 and the Sewer Fund bills for \$1,706,417.54.

Chairman Earley stated that the meeting is being recorded to aid in the writing of the minutes. The recordings will be destroyed when the minutes are complete.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None -

RECREATION BOARD -

Secretary Rader reported that due to the Thanksgiving Holiday the Recreation Board requested to change their meeting date to November 21, 2013 at 7 P.M. Upon a motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved the November meeting of the Recreation Board is changed to November 21, 2013. Secretary Rader reported on several activities of the Board during October - Psychic Medium program was attended by 86 people and \$388 went into the Friends account. The Board feels we should have two a year; Barktoberfest was a huge success attended by about 1500 people with receipts of about \$2319.00, \$500 will go directly to the Dog Park; over 50 vendors and 76 dogs in the pet parade; the 5K Run/Walk for Parks also was successful - Congratulations to the Recreation Board, all their programs were successful.

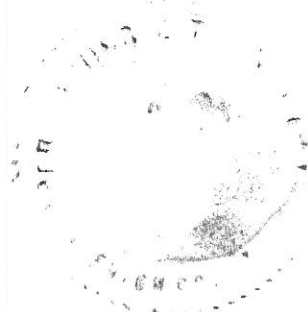
PLANNING COMMISSION

Docket #1961 - Laurel Fields - Phase 4A - Final Plan to record Subphase 4A - Engineer Stenroos reported - This phase proposes construction of 29 townhouses and homeowners association parcels #6 & 8. The Planning Commission and the Township Engineers have reviewed the plan and recommend it for approval by the Supervisors. Upon a motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved Docket #1961, Laurel Fields, Subphase 4A, as shown on plans of Isett Associates, last revised 10/1/13, sheets 1 to 47, are approved with the condition that the comments of the Township Staff be complied with.

UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT

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

Total Incidents	758
Reportable MVAs	24
Non-Reportable MVAs	46
Criminal Arrest (Non DUI)	9
DUI	6
Traffic Citations	452
Non-Traffic Citations	23
Parking Tickets	4



Chief Colon then described several cases of fraud, thefts from cars, burglary and criminal mischief in the Township. He urged all residents to lock vehicles and homes. The recent collection of unused drugs from residents was a success, the weigh station along Schantz Road reviewed, the need to establish a list of potential officers reviewed. Upon a motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved an eligibility list of potential officers will be created. Officers are checking school busses to get acquainted with youngsters, including riding on some busses.

BERKS/LEHIGH POLICE REPORT

BLRP Police Commission - Update -Vice-Chairman Ashmar reports the Commission meeting scheduled for October 21 was canceled. The next meeting of the Commission is November 18th at Station 56. Commission still waiting for results of the decision for the affects bargaining with the Police Department and also waiting for the results of the Pension Fund shortfall.

FIRE COMMISSIONER REPORT

Fire Commissioner/Emergency Management Coordinator Grant Grim is not with us this evening. Vice-Chairman Ashmar reported. In the month of October: Emergency responses, Station 8 had 25, Station 25 had 39 and Station 56 had 46, for total of 110 calls; Fire inspections 83: EMS Responses, Priority 1, 104, Priority 2, 58, Priority 3, 79, total Cetronia responses 241:

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Director Faust - The full report is on the table. The Grange Road detention pond is being installed.

ZONING REPORT

The report of the Zoning Officer for the month of October was received and showed 78 permits issued, 26 for new residences, 22 for residential additions/alterations, 1 for new commercial/industrial buildings, 13 for commercial/industrial additions/alterations, 16 zoning permits, plus 9 electrical licenses and 4 plumbing licenses.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Fogelsville Dam - Engineer Stenroos reports that grants have been applied for. The Board BOS needs approval for cutting 2' off the dam breast this winter. This work needs to be done with or without the grant request. The Township can use the awarded grant funds to restore upper reach of Hassen Creek. The grants, if approved, could help with the cost. Chairman Earley reviewed the history of the dam dating back to 1930.

Ocean Spray - Engineer Stenroos reported that the traffic study is complete and will be given to the Planning Commission for review. Solicitor Schantz noted that with the coming Holiday season the Amazon traffic will be heavy. Chief Colon will have the traffic safety unit investigate. Amazon will pay for officer's overtime.

Memorial Garden

Engineer Stenroos reported that Dean Haas has met with the Recreation Board, they asked him to proceed with a design and cost estimate for a Memorial Garden.

NEW BUSINESS

Bid Awarding:

Municipal Building Phone Service

Chairman Earley reported that the Township phone service is antiquated and needs to be replaced. Authority Manager Henderson has investigated replacement and recommends Service Electric as the best supplier. Upon a motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved Service Electric is hereby awarded the contract for telephone service for the Upper Macungie Township Municipal Building.

Restroom at Grange Road Park

Bids were received October 14, 2013. Prices for bid #1 ranged from a low of \$77,478.82 to a high of \$127,700; for bid #2 from a low of 15,425.00 to a high of \$26,997.00; and for bid #3 from a low of \$14,700.00 to a high of \$19,900.00. Upon a motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Chairman Earley and unanimously approved the low bids of Dirt Work Solutions of 3755 E. Main St., Slatington, Pa., to furnish and install the following items in the Grange Road Park Toilet Facilities Phase 5A are hereby accepted: Bid #1, \$77,478.82, Bid #2, \$15,425.00, Bid #3, \$14,700.00.

Schaefer Run Riparian Buffer and Vernal Pool Enhancement

Bids were received on October 14, 2013. Bids ranged from a low of \$31,900.00 to a high of \$93,715.54. Upon a motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved the low bid of Benckini Landscaping of 7115 Hilltop Road, Allentown for the sum of \$31,900.00 to furnish and install the Schaefer Run Riparian Buffer and Vernal Pool Enhancement is hereby accepted.

Resolution #2013-38 - Five Member Board

Solicitor Schantz has prepared a resolution to establish a five (5) member Board of Supervisors. Secretary Rader questioned the need to rush into a 5 member Board. She feels more time is needed to get public input into the question. A new Supervisor will be installed in January and he should have some voice in the question. Mr. DelVeechio agreed that the new man should have some input. Secretary Rader then made a motion to delay action on this item until a later date, the motion was not seconded and the motion died.

After much discussion, Upon a motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and approved on a 2 to 1 vote, Secretary Rader voting NO, Resolution #2013-38 was adopted by the Board of Supervisors **"A RESOLUTION OF THE UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ADDITION OF TWO (2) ADDITIONAL SUPERVISORS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF THIS RESOLUTION WITH THE LEHIGH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTORS FOR A REFERENDUM TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT SEEKING APPROVAL OF THE ADDITION OF TWO (2) ADDITIONAL SUPERVISORS FROM THE VOTING RESIDENTS IN THE TOWNSHIP"**

2014 - Animal Control - Lehigh County Humane Society

An agreement has been received from the Lehigh County Humane Society for Animal Control Services for the year 2014. The cost would be \$12,000.00. After review the Board feels that the cost is excessively high. Chief Colon will look into alternatives. Upon a motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Secretary Rader and unanimously approved this item is tabled until the next meeting.

Parking Restrictions on Township Roads

Engineer Stenroos - Truck traffic in the Township is a problem. The occupants of the large warehouses need additional space for parking. Trucks are parking any place they can find. Mr. Jeffery Grim lives on Hickory Lane and reports some trucks find their way and block the narrow road. Upon a motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved the Solicitor is instructed to prepare a resolution banning parking on certain roads in the Township.

Speed Limits on Township Roads

Engineer Stenroos - A study of current speed limits on Township roads has been done and several changes are recommended for certain roads in Upper Macungie Township. After discussion the Solicitor is instructed to prepare an Ordinance to establish the recommended speed limits at the next Supervisor's meeting.

Purchase of new Fire Truck

Vice-Chairman Ashmar reported that the 1995 and 1986 units should be sold and the money placed in the truck replacement fund. A long discussion followed on the type of unit to be purchased. The proposed unit does not have four wheel drive. Mr. William Dunlevy, a resident of the area where the unit would be used, reported that a regular drive would not work in his area. After a lengthy discussion A motion to table this issue was made by Secretary Rader, seconded by Chairman Earley and unanimously approved.

Zoning Map Change

Solicitor Schantz reported on a request to have a Zoning Map change where Schantz Road meets South Whitehall Township. Upon a motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Chairman Earley and unanimously approved a special hearing for comments on the proposed change will be held at 6:30 PM prior to the December 5th meeting of the Supervisors.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2014 BUDGET

Treasurer Moyer then reviewed the 2014 Budget - The Budget is balanced at \$14,178,200. The tax rates remain the same as last year and will yield about \$8,022,200.00. The Budget will be open for public inspection until the December 5, 2013 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

CHAIRMAN EARLEY - Nothing

VICE-CHAIRMAN ASHMAR - Trees at the BIMBO Bakery site appear too be to close to the road in violation of Township regulations this must be checked.

SECRETARY RADER -

Executive session: October 31, 2013, @11:40 PM - Personnel issues

Forms are available for anyone to apply for a position on Township Boards or Commissions as opening arise. The applications are kept for a two (2) year period.

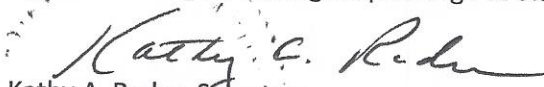
Upon a motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved it was moved that the newly elected Supervisor be invite to all executive meetings to insure a smooth transition into 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Engineer Stenroos report PennDOT needs a Resolution authorizing the Secretary to sign papers for the traffic signal at the intersection of Nestle and Schantz Roads.

With a motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved Secretary Rader is hereby authorized to sign application for a traffic signal modification.

Upon a motion by Chairman Earley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ashmar and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM. The next regular meeting is Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 7 P.M. Special hearing for Zoning Map Change at 6:30 P.M., prior to the regular meeting.


Kathy A. Rader, Secretary