

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township was held on November 3, 2014 at 6:00 PM, in the Municipal Building at 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031. Those present were Chairman, James M. Brunell; Vice-Chairman, Samir P. Ashmar; Secretary, Kathy A. Rader; Township Manager, Daniel P. Olpere; Treasurer, Barry Moyer; Greta Slifer; Director of Public Works, Scott Faust; Zoning Officer, Daren Martocci; and Township Engineers Dean Haas & Scott Stenroos.

Chairman Brunell opened the meeting and asked all present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss issues relating to the 2015 Township Budget. Also, any other business that may come before the Board; and, to take any necessary action, if appropriate.

Traffic Issues

Prior to budget discussions Engineer Scott Stenroos requested the Board authorize Keystone Consulting Engineers (KCE) to prepare a design for concrete island removal at the intersection of Route 222 and Mill Creek Road in order to provide geometric improvements on Grange Road; also, to authorize KCE to secure a PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit and Signal Permit for the plan revision. The cost to be approximately \$3,000 for design (HOP and Signal Permit) and \$2,000 for inspection. As part of this work KCE will discuss the completion of the construction in conjunction with adjacent development using voluntary contributions paid by the developer or having the work done by the adjacent development. Upon a motion by Chairman Brunell, seconded by VC Ashmar and unanimous, the request is granted.

Stenroos then requested the Board to authorize KCE to complete a signal plan revision for protected-prohibited left turn phasing at the intersection of Route 100 and Weilers Road. The cost to be approximately \$800 for the signal permit modification and \$5,500 for the installation cost. KCE will obtain a signal permit revision for approval of this work by PennDOT. Upon a motion by Chairman Brunell, seconded by VC Ashmar, and unanimous, the request is granted.

Berks/Lehigh Regional Police Commission

Chairman Brunell stated that the Dissolution Agreement document for the dissolution of the Berks/Lehigh Regional Police Commission has been received and needs action. A motion was made by VC Ashmar to execute the document as presented. Chairman Brunell seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

2015 Budget

Township Manger Olpere reviewed his budget memo and described, in detail, the new budget format. He also explained the newly created "funds." At this point the General Fund does not balance. Some areas to cut expenses were discussed.


The current revenues from the Street Light Tax do not cover the expense. Therefore, an increase in the Street Light Tax is warranted. This would be a "pass through" and the increase would only be needed to cover the shortfall.

Zoning Officer Martocci discussed his portion of the budget. He stated that consideration should be given to revising the Township Fee Schedule.

Engineer Haas reviewed some of the current and proposed projects for 2015.

The next budget meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 10, 2014, at 6:00 PM.

Upon a motion by Chairman Brunell, seconded by Secretary Rader and unanimous, the meeting is adjourned at 8:38 PM.


Kathy A. Rader
Secretary