

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township was held on February 26, 2015, at 4:00 PM, in the Municipal Building at 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031. Those present were Chairman, James M. Brunell; Secretary, Kathy A. Rader; Supervisor John "Sean" Gill; Township Manager, Daniel P. Olpere; UMT Authority Manager, Joseph Bateman; and, Fire Commissioner Grant Grim.

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 consider proposals from electricity providers; consider the Fire Study proposals; consider any other business that may come before the Board; and if appropriate, to take any necessary related action.

RESOLUTION

Electricity Providers – UMTA Manager Bateman reported that he has completed research for the best pricing for the electricity provided to the Township, through various brokers and third-party suppliers. The Township's current contract for the supply of electricity is due to expire May/June of this year. Bateman is recommending that the 36 month contract be awarded to Champion Energy Services, for the supply of electricity at the fixed price of \$0.06561, per kilowatt hour. This will mean a 17.7% savings to the Township for electric bills. Upon a motion by Chairman Brunell, seconded by VC Gill, and unanimous, BE IT RESOLVED that **RESOLUTION #2015-12** is hereby approved, and the staff is hereby directed to implement the awarding.

MOTIONS

Fire Study – Township Manager Olpere reported that he has reviewed and researched the eight proposals received for the Fire Study. Manager Olpere is recommending the firm of Emergency Services Consulting International (ESCI) to do the study, at an approximate cost of \$27,017. Upon a motion by Chairman Brunell, seconded by Secretary Rader and unanimous, ESCI is awarded the study.

Voting at Independent Park - Representatives from the Voter Registration Office of Lehigh County have requested to use the Community Center at Independent Park as a polling place. Upon a motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Chairman Brunell and unanimous, this request is hereby approved.

Sale of Pick-up Truck to Trexlertown Fire Company – Trexlertown Fire Company has requested to purchase the pick-up truck, w/snowplow included, that the Township was planning to use as a "trade-in" for a new pick-up truck. The trade in price is \$15,000. Secretary Rader made a motion to sell the pick-up truck w/snowplow to the fire company for the trade-in price of \$15,000, motion was seconded by Chairman Brunell and unanimous.

\$15,000 Lehigh County Grant / Joint Project with South Whitehall Township – Since it has been previously decided to not purchase an Incident Command Vehicle, there is still the matter of the \$15,000 grant that each township received from Lehigh County. The criteria of the grant was working on a joint project. At the last joint meeting with South Whitehall Township, the idea of purchasing a mobile band shell or stage trailer was considered. At this time, a motion is needed to pursue this new project, by both townships, before this matter can be taken before the Lehigh County Commissioners for permission to change the scope of our grants. Chairman Brunell made the motion to pursue this new project, motion was seconded by Secretary Rader and unanimous.

Changeable Message Sign – Chairman Brunell reported that it has just come to our attention that Solar Technology, Inc. has a two-sided, changeable message sign on a trailer, that they need to sell. The unit was built in 2011 and put into service in 2012. The cost to the Township would be \$10,000. A new unit like this would go for approximately \$30,000. After some discussion, it was noted of all of the recreation events, emergencies, road closures, etc., where this unit could be used. Chairman Brunell made a motion to purchase this unit, motion was seconded by Secretary Rader and unanimous.

OTHER MATTERS

--Manager Olpere thanked Commissioner Grim and Nestle Waters for assistance with getting water for Green Acres MHP during a plumbing/water problem.

--Commission Grim reported that a 13 yr. old girl, who was a participant in the township's Jr. Emergency Services Academy, used her CPR skills to help save a family member until EMS arrived.

Upon a motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Chairman Brunell and unanimous, the meeting is adjourned at 4:37 PM.


Kathy A. Rader
Secretary