

The monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township was held on March 3, 2016, 7:00 PM, in the Municipal Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031. Those present were Chairman, James M. Brunell; Vice-Chairman, John P. "Sean" Gill; Secretary, Kathy A. Rader; Township Manager, Daniel Olpere; Township Engineer, Scott Stenroos; Zoning Officer/Director of Community Development, Daren Martocci; Solicitor, Andrew V. Schantz, Esq.; Finance Director, Bruce Koller; Director of Public Works, Scott Faust; and, Chief of Police, Edgardo Colón.

Chairman James M. 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.

MINUTES - Chairman Brunell stated that the minutes of the previous meetings of February 4th and February 22nd, would not be read unless there was some objection. **Upon a motion by Chairman Brunell, seconded by VC Gill, and unanimously approved, it was agreed to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings and approve the minutes as presented.**

DISCUSSIONS & UPDATES - None

PRESENTATIONS/COURTESY OF THE FLOOR - None

ORDINANCE -- None

RESOLUTIONS

Both of the following resolutions deal with the proposed Adams Road Interchange on Interstate 78. With much discussion, Chairman Brunell explained the reason for the study and the history of the decision to embark on this project. Brunell also explained that this is a public/private partnership with three companies ("Stakeholders"). The Point of Access Study will be entirely funded by: Liberty Property Trust, National Freight, Inc.; and Jaiindi Land Company. This study is needed before additional State and Federal funding can be obtained for the project.

The Township will sponsor the project; however, has no money in the budget for this project. The "Stakeholders" have agreed to allow the Township to borrow from the escrow monies to pay for Township legal and engineering costs, up to \$58,000. The Township would then pay the escrow account back, with money to be budgeted in 2017. **Upon a motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, the Township has accepted the offer of the loan for the Township's legal and engineering costs, not to exceed \$58,000, to be paid back in 2017.**

Resolution - #2016-09 – Consortium Agreement for Proposed Adams Road Interchange – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING AND PROCESSING OF AN AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH FUNDING IN ORDER TO PAY FOR A CONTRACT TO PERFORM A POINT OF ACCESS STUDY FOR A NEW INTERCHANGE FOR INTERSTATE 78 AT A LOCATION NEAR ADAMS ROAD IN UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP. Upon a motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by VC Gill, and unanimous, BE IT RESOLVED, Resolution #2016-09 is hereby approved.

Resolution - #2016-10 – Point of Access Study Agreement for Proposed Adams Road Interchange – RESOLUTION AWARDDING ALFRED BENESCH & COMPANY WITH A CONTRACT TO PROCEED WITH A PROPOSAL TO UNDERTAKE A POINT OF ACCESS STUDY FOR A NEW INTERCHANGE FOR INTERSTATE 78 AT A LOCATION NEAR ADAMS ROAD AS SET FORTH IN A PROPOSAL DATED AUGUST 27, 2015, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALFRED BENESCH & COMPANY AND THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER MACUNGIE. Upon a motion by Chairman Brunell, seconded by VC Gill, and unanimous, BE IT RESOLVED, Resolution #2016-10 is hereby approved.

MOTIONS

--**Sanitary Sewer Agreement for the Lowhill Township to Lehigh County Authority Transfer** – Since 1989 there has been an agreement with Lowhill Township to flow their sewer system flows through the Upper Macungie Township lines to get to the Western Lehigh Interceptor; and, also provides for Upper Macungie Township to operate and maintain the Lowhill system. This proposed agreement will convey the Lowhill system to Lehigh County Authority to operate and maintain. **Chairman Brunell made a motion to adopt said agreement with Lehigh County Authority. Motion was seconded by VC Gill and unanimous.**

--**Appointment of Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officers** – The Township is in need of alternate sewage enforcement officers, in the event that the regular SEO is not available. **Upon a motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Chairman Brunell and unanimous, Christopher Noll and Steven Gjtch are appointed Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officers for UMT.**

--**Appointment of Upper Macungie Township Police Department Chaplains** – In an effort to promote spiritual support and guidance during difficult times in the community, Chief Colón is requesting the appointment of Pastor Allen L. Kline and Reverend Dr. H. Richard McClain. Both have experience working with law enforcement agencies. Chief Colón and Manager Olpere have interviewed both gentlemen and are impressed with their willingness to volunteer for the position. **Chairman Brunell then made a motion to appoint Pastor Kline and Reverend McClain as Chaplains for the UMTPD. The motion was seconded by Secretary Rader and unanimous.**

--**Request for Fire Police Assistance for the July 2nd Celebration** – Calvin Fetherolf, from Good Will Fire Company No.1, Trexlertown, has asked permission to request fire police assistance from Lynn, North Whitehall, Lower Macungie Townships and the City of Allentown, for the July 2nd Fireworks Celebration. **Upon a motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Chairman Brunell and unanimous, permission is given.**

--**Community Center Feasibility Study** – The Recreation Board is requesting a feasibility study for a Community Center, to be built at Grange Road Park. After some discussion, **a motion was made by VC Gill to have Keystone Consulting Engineers, Inc., submit a proposal to complete the study. The motion was seconded by Chairman Brunell and unanimous.**

--**Dart Drive Lease for UMTPD with Boston Beer & Nestle Waters** – With the tremendous increase of truck traffic in the Township, Chief Colón has investigated the possibility of leasing an inspection area on the property of Boston Beer & Nestle Waters. As part of the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP), this would be a safe location to have truck inspections for compliance checks and safety issues. Other locations are also being investigated. **Upon a motion by Chairman Brunell, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, a letter is to be drafted and sent by Manager Olpere to both companies to pursue a lease agreement for this property.**

--**Permission to Bid 2016 Paving Projects** – Director of Public Works (DPW) Faust has requested permission to go out for bid for the paving projects that are included in the 2016 budget. **Upon a motion by Chairman Brunell, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, permission is given.**

--**Sale of Excess Equipment** – DPW Faust has requested permission (for 2016) to liquidate any excess township equipment. After some discussion, **Chairman Brunell made a motion to permit DPW Faust to liquidate any excess township equipment, with the approval of Manager Daniel Olpere. Motion was seconded by VC Gill and unanimous.**

--**Permission to Bid Grass Cutting** – DPW Faust has requested permission to bid grass cutting. This would be done in two separate bids: one for the municipal facilities (PSP Building, Administrative Building, UMT Police Station, and Public Works Buildings); and, one for the cutting of various detention ponds. **Upon a motion by Secretary Rader, seconded by Chairman Brunell and unanimous, permission is given.**

--**Kid's New Year's Eve Party at Independent Park** – Recreation Board Member Andrea Russell explained the plans for this party. It would be a "NOON" Years Eve party for children on New Year's Eve day with games and refreshments. At noon there is a balloon drop planned to ring in the New Year. **VC Gill made a motion for the Recreation Board to proceed with the plans. Motion was seconded by Chairman Brunell and unanimous.**

--**Allow for Non-Resident Rentals of Independent Park w/\$50.00 Extra Fee** – In an effort to keep the Independent Park facility "rented," it has been requested to open up the rentals to non-residents, with an additional \$50.00 fee. **Secretary Rader made a motion to open rentals to include non-residents, with the extra \$50.00 fee. Motion was seconded by VC Gill and unanimous.**

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – February – Total bills from all funds \$1,037,797.98 – A motion was made by Chairman Brunell, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous to pay the bills.

Recreation Board Report – The list of confirmed and tentative recreation programs is on the back table.

Planning Commission Report – Scott Stenroos reported on the February PC Meeting:

--Hale Brake and Wheel. – The Applicant withdrew from the meeting to address plan conditions, LVPC review and NPDES permit coordination.

--Infinera – The Applicant provided discussion on the project and was requesting a conditional approval. However, since the LVPC Act 167 approval letter was not received in time for this meeting the plan was tabled. The Applicant also needed to address plan review comments.

--Lehigh Hills Lot 5 Preliminary Subdivision Plan. – The Applicant presented information on the project for discussion with the PC. The plan was tabled so that plan review comments can be

addressed.

--Lehigh hills Lot 5 Apartments LD Plan. - The Applicant presented information on the project and discussed waivers with colored handouts. The plan was tabled so that plan review comments can be addressed.

Upper Macungie Township Police Report – Chief Colón

696	Total Calls for Service
18	Reportable MVAs
39	Non-Reportable MVAs
7	Private Property MVAs
17	Criminal Arrest (Misdemeanor/Felony)
19	Non-Traffic Citations (summary)
291	Traffic Citations
52	Parking Tickets
20	Written Warnings
112	False Alarms
4	Assault
2	Burglaries
2	Disturbing the Peace Crimes
3	Drug/Alcohol Violations
5	DUI Offenses
13	Fraud Crimes
1	Motor Vehicle Theft

Chief Colón spoke of the recent horrific accident where five people were killed in a fiery crash. Chairman Brunell thanked fire, police, and Cetronia Ambulance Corps. personnel and all others involved, for their assistance with the crash.

Testing will begin on Saturday for the new police officers. There are 70 applicants.

VC Gill mentioned issues with truck traffic on Schaefer Run Road and in the Highgate subdivision.

Fire/EMS Report – Secretary Rader gave the Fire Commissioner’s report: Fire Inspections - 40. Emergency responses: Station 8-- 33; Station 25 – 44; Station 56 - 47; Total of 124 responses. EMS Responses: Priority 1 – 65; Priority 2 – 73; Priority 3 – 66; Mutual Aid Required – 0; Total 204.

Public Works Report – Nothing to Report

Zoning Report – The report of the Zoning Officer for the month of February was received and showed that 72 Building and Zoning Permits were issued. (Commercial – 19; Residential – 44; Zoning Permits – 9); 2 Plumbing Licenses and 7 Electric Licenses were issued.

February 2016 Zoning Hearing Board Meetings:

February 10th, 2016 Zoning Hearing Board Meeting:

#01 16 003 -The Zoning Appeal of **Palмира Difiore, 1106 S. Trexlerstown Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031**; for a variance of; **Section §27-704.1. – Freestanding Sign Area Requirements**, to add an additional 32 Square Foot digital sign to the existing 50 Square Foot Free Standing sign. The property is located along Trexlerstown Road at the intersection of Railroad Street and is situated in the NC (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District.

Action: *The Board voted to Grant the Zoning Variance of 50 Square Feet of Signage*

#01 16 004 -The Zoning Appeal of **Darrel R. Stein, 6853 Ruppssville Road, Allentown, PA 18106**; for a variance of; **Section §27-307.2.c.** Minimum lot area. For two (2) existing non-conforming residential lots.

The property is located along Ruppssville Road near the intersection of Tecumseh Trail and is situated in the LI (Light Industrial) Zoning District.

Action: *The Board voted to grant a Continuance to the Applicant until April 27, 2016.*

There was no Zoning Hearing Board meeting on February 24th, 2016;

March 2016 Zoning Hearing Board Meetings:

There will be no Zoning Hearing Board Meetings in March of 2016;



TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT – Manager Olpere complemented and thanked all of the Fire, Police, and EMS Personnel that were involved with the horrific accident, on the Route 222 By-pass, that claimed the lives of five people.

SUPERVISORS

Chairman BRUNELL – Nothing More

Vice Chairman GILL – Nothing More

Secretary RADER –

--Executive Sessions: Monday, February 22, 2016, at 5:30 PM – Personnel Issues; Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at 11:30 AM – Personnel Issues; and, Thursday, February 25, 2016, at 2:45 PM – Personnel Issues.


--Secretary Rader reported that at a recent Lehigh County Congress of Government meeting attendees were made aware of an invasive insect, the Spotted Lanternfly. Among other trees and plants, this species feeds on grapes. With the vineyards in the Township, there is great cause for concern. Information sheets with color pictures were made available on the back table. Anyone seeing any evidence of the Spotted Lanternfly is encouraged to contact the PA Department of Agriculture.

PUBLIC COMMENT

--**Paul Licata** - of 6208 Vista Terrace stated that he was at the February Planning Commission meeting. He questioned the "Public Comment" procedure. Director of Community Development Martocci explained. He also had questions on two of the agenda items that were before the Planning Commission: Infinera; and, Lehigh Hills, Lot 5. Martocci also addressed those issues.

--**Shohn Montano** – who lives in the Highgate Development, complemented all of the responders at the accident. All showed dedication and professionalism.

There being no other business, **upon a motion by Chairman Brunell, seconded by VC Gill, and unanimous, the meeting is adjourned at 9:18 PM.**


Kathy A. Rader, Secretary

