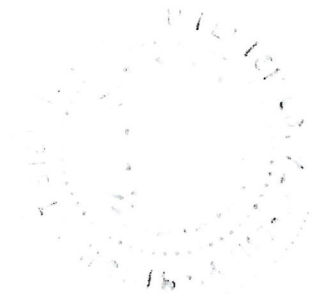


General Business Meeting
May 4, 2023

Submitted by:



Jazmin Vazquez
Township Secretary

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I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township was called to order on May 30, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fogelsville Fire Station #8, 7850 Lime Street, Fogelsville, PA, 18051. Present were Sunny Ghai, Chairman; Kathy A. Rader, Vice Chairwoman; James M. Brunell, Supervisor; Robert R. Ibach, Jr., Township Manager; Jazmin Vazquez, Township Secretary; Peter Christ, Fire Commissioner.

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

II. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

None

III. NEW BUSINESS**A. *General Matters Related to the Volunteer Fire Departments of UMT***

Mr. Christ gave a brief update on items from the last meeting at Fogelsville Fire which was in 2022 – there were no outstanding items as all were completed shortly after that meeting.

Lengthy discussion was had regarding the difficulty of recruitment and retention and the state of volunteerism in general. The average age of the members of the fire departments continues to rise and there is a need to get much younger volunteers engaged. The Live-In Program will need to be promoted once the building upgrades are made. Vice-Chairwoman Rader stated that Parkland High School has a Firefighter/EMS Club and that it may be an opportunity for potential recruitment.

Commissioner Christ stated that the Chiefs from all three Fire Stations and himself are working on updating the Standard Operating Guides to include all three stations. This will facilitate the use of the same practices and language is being used across all three stations.

Supervisor Rader questioned a rumor that the Fire Company was regularly donating \$500.00 a month to another 501c charity. Jeff Grim, president of the fire company, stated that it was true. However, the donation was coming from the Ladies Auxiliary, not the fire company and that the Ladies Auxiliary was separate from the fire company. After much discussion, the question that still remains is, can an auxiliary of a 501.c, when said 501.c receives donations from the community and funding from the Township, donate money on a regular basis to a different 501.c charity.

Pete Grodziak asked for clarification of the use and need for the Quick Response Vehicle that was purchased by the Township. Vice-Chairwoman Rader stated that the vehicle will be stationed at the Township building and will be used during the day by the Fire Inspectors or Public Work employees that are members of the Fire Companies to aid in the response time during the day.

Mr. Jeff Grim inquired if there was a plan for the future of the Fire Company. There was a discussion that was held that included a Quick Response Vehicle that will reduce response times to incidents during the day, the creation of a new 5013.c, the support that the Ladies Auxiliary provide to the Fire Station and the possibility of creating a Hybrid System to assist with recruitment and retention.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Targeting people in different ways is important. Newsletters only reach so many people – look at things like running a hot dog cart at events throughout the township and continue to reach out to surrounding colleges. The idea to offer additional life insurance through Fire Relief after a certain

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number of years of service was also mentioned. Commissioner Christ stated that they were researching the possibility of placing an ad on a billboard to assist with the recruitment efforts as well as other means.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT/COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

None

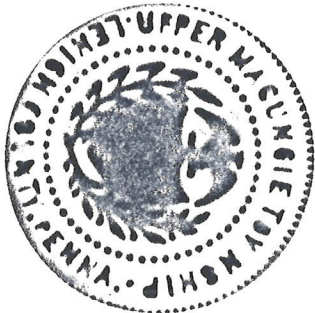
V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, **Chairman Ghai made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Seconded by Supervisor Brunell. The motion passed unanimously.**

Submitted by:



Jazmin Vazquez
Township Secretary



I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The General Business Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township was called to order on May 4, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031. Sunny Ghai, Chairman; Kathy A. Rader, Vice-Chairwoman; James M. Brunell, Supervisor; Robert R. Ibach, Jr., Township Manager; Kalman A. Sostarecz, Jr., Assistant Township Manager and Director of Community Development; Andrew V. Schantz, Esq., Solicitor; Michael Sitoski, Chief, UMTPD; Peter Christ, Fire Commissioner; Dave Alban, Township Engineer; Scott Faust, Public Works Director; Bruce Koller, Finance Director; and Mike Kukitz, Recreation Manager.

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

II. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion by Chairman Ghai to delete Resolution D, Inter-Municipal Liquor License Transfer Request for Trexler Travel Center, LLC – 5829 Tilghman Street from the agenda. Seconded by Supervisor Brunell. Motion passed unanimously.

III. MINUTES

A. May 4, 2023

Chairman Ghai stated that he would dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting unless there was an objection.

Motion by Vice-Chairwoman Rader to waive the reading of the minutes of the May 4, 2023 meeting and approve them as presented. Seconded by Supervisor Brunell. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. PRESENTATIONS**A. Vision Zero Action Plan Presentation.**

Mr. Sostarecz stated that the Township, in partnership with Simone Collins Landscape Architecture, has completed its work on the Vision Zero Action Plan/Trail Walkability Plan Study. The completed report is now ready for acceptance by the Board of Supervisors. As part of this plan, a Vision Zero Support Letter has been drafted to be included as part of the Vision Zero Action Plan. The Vision Zero Plan is a requirement for the submission of the Federal Safe Streets for All Grant Application that was discussed in the May 2023 General Meeting. Peter Simone presented a brief overview of the Action Plan to the Board. Chairman Ghai thanked Simone Collins, Staff, and the Community for all of the hard work that was put into the creation of this Plan.

Motion by Supervisor Brunell to adopt Resolution #2023-24, accepting the Vision Zero Action Plan as prepared by Simone Collins Architecture, as well as the Vision Zero Support Letter therein. Seconded by Chairman Ghai. Motion passed unanimously.

V. DISCUSSIONS & UPDATES**A. Petition to Change Zoning Map – Boing U.S. Holdco, Inc.**

Mr. Sostarecz stated that Boing U.S. Holdco, Inc. has submitted a petition for a zoning map change. Because the Township has engaged Michael Baker International to globally study the Township's Zoning and SALDO Ordinances, as well as the Zoning Map, Staff and consultants recommend that the petition be forwarded to them for the inclusion in their study. Rob Lewis from Kaplan Stewart who represents Boing U.S. Holdco, Inc. provided a short overview of their petition for a change in the Zoning Map from Neighborhood Commercial to Highway Commercial for a property that is located on Route 100 and Tilghman Street. The use that is being proposed for this property is a carwash and the property has dual access from both Route 100 and Tilghman Street.