

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 June 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Macungie Township Station #56, 6510 Schantz Road, Allentown, PA 18104. Present were Sunny Ghai, Chairman; Kathy A. Rader, Vice Chairwoman; James M. Brunell, Supervisor; Kalman A. Sostarecz, Jr., Assistant Township Manager; Jazmin Vazquez, Township Secretary and 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.

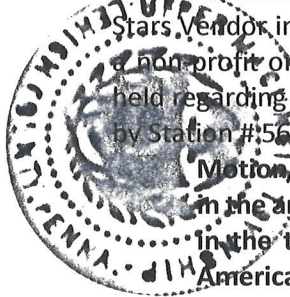
II. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

None

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Authorizing Replacement of Flooring for the Truck Bays at Station #56

Mr. Christ stated that the replacement of the floor was scheduled to be completed in 2022 but has yet to be completed. The project would be awarded to First Responder Flooring that is a Co-Stars Vendor in the amount of \$30,740.00. Supervisor Brunell stated that a \$250.00 donation to a non-profit organization be removed and reduced from the estimate. Lengthy discussion was held regarding the drains and traps of the floor once they are replaced, these will be maintained by Station #56 after initial installation.



Motion by Vice-Chairwoman Rader to authorize Township Staff to sign a purchase order in the amount of \$30,740.00 to First Responder Flooring for the replacement of the floors in the truck bays at Upper Macungie Township Station #56, utilizing funds from the American Recovery Plan Act. Seconded by Supervisor Brunell. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Recruitment and Retention

Lengthy discussion was had regarding the efforts made and difficulties found with the recruitment and retention process. Some of the ideas that were presented for recruitment was increased participation in events that are being hosted by the Township and ArtsQuest, annual post cards, placemats for diners, ride along program, and the possibility of holding an event that would include all three fire companies and a free concert in the park. Matt Sadrovitz stated that if there was the possibility of having an automatic reply sent to potential volunteers that contains general information about the Volunteer Fire Companies, follow up with the volunteer should occur within 24 hours to maintain interest. Commissioner Christ stated that he would contact Lower Macungie Township and obtain information on recruitment statistics based on their annual open house event. Shohn Montano recommended that a Retention and Recruitment Committee be formed with representation of all three Fire Companies, this committee will provide recommendations to the Township for review.

C. Station 56 Requests

Mr. Sadrovitz stated that Station #56 is requesting updates to the kitchen area that include a range or a tabletop stove, dishwasher, larger sink, and replacement of the kitchen cabinets.

There was a request that the tiles in the restrooms be regROUTED to repair the current condition of the tiles.

There were questions about the 2-, 5-, & 10- Year plan that the Township has for Capital Improvements for Station #56 and mentioned that they would like to be involved in the plans that the Township has.

A request to restripe the rear parking lot to include angled spaces to accommodate larger vehicles and to extend the concrete apron. The weight of the aerial that is being used at the Station is heavy and will damage the blacktop that is currently there.

Vice-Chairwoman Rader stated that quotes for the kitchen upgrade, tile regrouting and a 2-, 5-, and 10- Year plan should be obtained and presented by Station #56 to the Board of Supervisors during the upcoming Budget Meetings. The quotes for the upgrades to the parking lot will be acquired by the Township and considered during the Budget Meetings.

D. General Matters Related to the Volunteer Fire Departments of UMT

Vice-Chairwoman Rader stated that is there is any questionable activity that is observed at any of the Township Parks that the Upper Macungie Township Police should be notified.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None

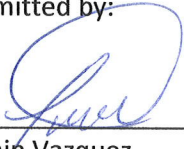
IV. PUBLIC COMMENT/COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

None

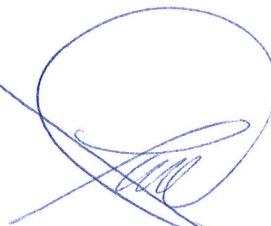
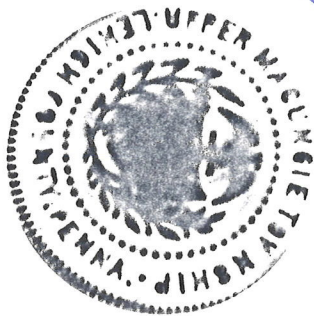
V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, **Chairman Ghai made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Rader. The motion passed unanimously.**

Submitted by:



Jazmin Vazquez
Township Secretary



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