

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 July 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031. Present were Sunny Ghai, Chairman; Kathy A. Rader, Vice-Chairwoman; James M. Brunell, Supervisor; Robert R. Ibach, Jr., Township Manager; Jazmin Vazquez, Township Secretary; Andrew V. Schantz, Esq., Solicitor; Michael Sitoski, Chief, UMTPD; Keith Richard, Fire Inspector; Dave Alban, Township Engineer; Scott Faust, Public Works Director; Bruce Koller, Finance Director; Mike Kukitz, Recreation Manager and Daren Martocci, Planning Consultant.

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

None

III. MINUTES**A. *May 30, June 1, and June 20, 2023***

Chairman Ghai stated that he would dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting unless there were any objections.

Motion by Chairman Ghai to waive the reading of the minutes of the May 30th, June 1st and June 20th, 2023, meetings and approve them as presented. Seconded by Supervisor Brunell. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

None

V. DISCUSSIONS & UPDATES

None

VI. ORDINANCES**A. *Ordinance #2023-08 – Amending Chapter 15 – Engine Brake Retarders – Route 100***

Mr. Alban stated that this Ordinance will be to prohibit the use of engine brake retarders on the stretch of Route 100 that runs from the Lower Macungie line to about 500 feet past the intersection of Route 100 and Weilers Road. This has been forwarded to PennDOT for review and they have approved this signage. Once approved by the Board and when a permit is issued Public Works can erect the signs.

Motion by Vice- Chairwoman Rader to adopt Ordinance #2023-08 amending Chapter 15 of the Township of Upper Macungie Code of Ordinances prohibiting the use of engine brake retarders on a portion of Route 100. Seconded by Supervisor Brunell. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. RESOLUTIONS**A. *Resolution #2023-28 – Inter-municipal Liquor License Transfer Request for Trexler Travel Center LLC – 5829 Tilghman Street***

Solicitor Schantz stated that prior to the June Board of Supervisor Meeting there was a public hearing held to present testimony and facts for the transfer of this liquor license. At that time the Board requested that several conditions be considered by the applicant at that time. The applicant agreed to limit the sale of alcoholic beverages between the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., only serve malt beverages, and not have any live entertainment on site.



Motion by Supervisor Brunell to adopt Resolution #2023-28, authorizing the inter-municipal transfer of Liquor License # R-4767 from Allentown to Upper Macungie Township for Trexler Travel Center, LLC. Seconded by Chairman Ghai. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution #2023-29 – Docket #2339, Air Products Redevelopment of Cetronia Road Site, 7201 Hamilton Boulevard – Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan

Mr. Martocci stated that the resolution would provide Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan for Air Products Redevelopment of the Cetronia Road Site. There are three warehouses that are proposed as part of this project that include 2.6 million sq. ft of floor area. The project has received special exception approval from the Zoning Hearing Board at their meeting held on August 24, 2022. The Board of Supervisors granted waivers and deferrals at their meeting on June 2nd, 2022, and Conditional Preliminary Plan Approval was granted on February 2, 2023. On May 17, 2023, the Planning Commission recommended Conditional Final Plan approval be granted. Chairman Ghai held a lengthy conversation regarding questions and concerns that he has with the approval of this plan that included the installation of a sidewalk on site, the possibility of having LANTA have a bus stop on site, and the possibility of extending Lower Macungie Road. These were addressed by Pat Garay from Air Products as well as their Attorney Blake Marles. Ben Dobil, a resident of the area surrounding Air Products, stated his concerns and requested that it be noted that he is an objector to the Air Products Plan Approval.

Motion by Chairman Ghai to adopt Resolution #2023-29, granting Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan Approval to Docket #2339 – Air Products, 7201 Hamilton Boulevard, conditioned upon the Township Engineer’s review letter dated June 28, 2023. Seconded by Supervisor Brunell. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution #2023-30 – Docket #2339, Air Products Redevelopment of Cetronia Road Site, 7201 Hamilton Boulevard – Sewage Planning Module

Mr. Alban stated that Air Products was obligated to conduct a low-pressure system along the frontage of Cetronia Road. As a result of this, Air Products will be submitting this planning module for the 14 parcels that are along Cetronia Road that currently have on-lot septic. This will allow these properties to have the line available for future tie-ins to the public sewer system. This will also eliminate the need to install a new septic system in the event of a septic failure. This has been approved and will be an additional 3122 gallons per day for the sewer allocations for these lots. Ben Dobil requested further clarification as to how this would affect his property as his property has an on-lot septic system.

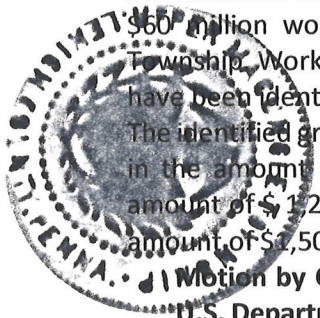
Motion by Supervisor Brunell to adopt Resolution #2023-30, approving the submission of a Sewage Planning Module for Air Products, 7201 Hamilton Boulevard. Seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Rader. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution #2023-31 – US DOT – Safe Streets and Roadways for All Grant

Mr. Kukitz stated that the Township recently adopted a Vision Zero Action Plan and has identified \$60 million worth of improvements to increase multimodal transportation throughout the Township. Working with the consulting firm Simone Collins Landscape Architecture, three grants have been identified for submission. If awarded, the grants would cover more than 10% of costs. The identified grants are: U.S. Department of Transportation “Safe Streets and Roads for All” grant in the amount of \$5,000,000.00; a PA DCED “Multimodal Transportation Fund” grant in the amount of \$1,250,000.00; and a PennDOT “Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside” Grant in the amount of \$1,500,000.00

Motion by Chairman Ghai to adopt Resolution #2023-31, authorizing the submission of a U.S. Department of Transportation “Safe Streets and Roadways for All” grant in the amount of \$5,000,000.00.; and

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Resolution #2023-32, authoring the submission of a PA Department of Community and Economic Development "Multimodal Transportation Fund" grant in the amount of \$1,250,000.00.; and

Resolution #2023-33, authorizing the submission of a PA Department of Transportation "Transportation Alternative Set-Aside" grant in the amount of \$1,500,000. Seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Rader. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Resolution #2023-32 – DCED – Multi-Modal Transportation Fund Grant
Included with Motion D above.

F. Resolution #2023-33 – PennDOT – Transportation Alternative "Set Aside" Grant
Included with Motion D above.

G. Resolution #2023-34 – Authorizing Update to the Fee Schedule – Schedule K – Sewer Fees
Mr. Ibach stated that this is a housekeeping issue to remove outdated information that was inadvertently left on the schedule from the update at the start of 2023.

Motion by Vice-Chairwoman Rader to adopt Resolution #2023-34, updating the Township Fee Schedule Section "K" Sanitary Sewer Fees. Seconded by Supervisor Brunell. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. MOTIONS

A. Authorizing Township Staff and Consultants to Attend Any and All ZHB Meetings Regarding – Route 100 & Schantz Road Warehouse, 110 PA Route 100 LLC., and 1090 Trexlertown Road – Special Exceptions

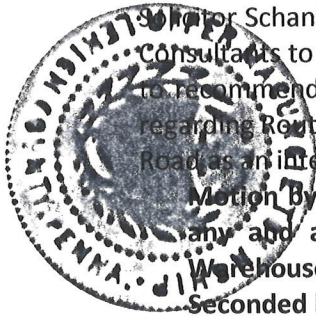
Supervisor Schantz stated that during the June meeting there was a motion to authorize Staff and Consultants to attend the June 14th ZHB meeting. This hearing was continued, and he would like to recommend that a motion be made to allow Staff and Consultants to attend any meetings regarding Route 100 & Schantz Road Warehouse, 110 Route 100 LLC., as well as 1090 Trexlertown Road as an interested party.

Motion by Supervisor Brunell to authorize the Township Staff and Consultants to attend any and all Zoning Hearing Board meetings regarding Route 100 and Schantz Road Warehouse, 110 PA Route 100 LLC., and 1090 Trexlertown Road as an interested party. Seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Rader. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Authorizing Inter-Municipal Purchase of Adaptive Traffic Equipment for Mill Creek Road

Mr. Alban stated that Lower Macungie Township is upgrading their signals along Hamilton Boulevard and on Mill Creek Road at the Uline/Air Products entrance and West Grange Road. There is one more traffic signal located on Mill Creek at Route 222 Bypass and Staff thinks it would be best to include that signal with the others on Mill Creek Road.

Motion by Vice-Chairwoman Rader to authorize the purchase of adaptive traffic signal equipment in cooperation with Lower Macungie Township's Hamilton Boulevard Corridor Traffic Signal Upgrade project using LMT's COSTARS contact with Signal Service in the amount of \$55,038.33; and authorizing the Township Manager to work with Lower Macungie Township on facilitating the payment method for the project; and authorizing the transfer of funds from the Traffic Improvement Fund Reserve for the cost of the project. Seconded by Chairman Ghai. Motion passed unanimously.



C. Authorizing the Purchase and Installation of New Sensaphone Sewer Meter Station

Mr. Ibach stated that he is requesting the purchase and replacement of the call boxes that is nearing the end of serviceable life and accuracy as well as the cellular service that is required for this equipment.

Motion by Vice-Chairwoman Rader to authorize the purchase of six (6) Sensaphone Sentinel Systems from the Meter Guy, LLC in the amount of \$18,250.00 with one year of Verizon cell service at a cost not to exceed \$1,950.00 Seconded by Supervisor Brunell. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Authorizing Staff to Prepare and Bid Phase III Meter Station Replacement

Mr. Ibach stated that the Township is looking to improve the measuring equipment that is being used at Phase III Meter Station. This meter is used as a billing meter for Lower Macungie Township and will also take a bypass force main to circumvent the Trexlertown interceptor.

Motion by Supervisor Brunell to authorize staff to prepare and advertise bids for the replacement of Meter Station Phase III. Seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Rader. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Authorizing the Purchase of Two ISCO Sanitary Sewer Meters

Mr. Ibach stated that one meter would be placed in the Phase III Meter Station and the second meter would be placed at the Applewood Pump Station. These meters will help to provide better data of the flows entering the station.

Motion by Chairman Ghai to authorize the purchase of two (2) ISCO Sanitary Sewer Meters from Hartco LLC, in the amount of \$29,587.00. Seconded by Supervisor Brunell. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Authorizing Special Events Permit – Kay Brook Swim Club, No Parking

Mr. Kukitz stated that Kay Brook Green Hills Swim Club is seeking a special event permit that will include temporary no parking restrictions in designated areas along Russett Road, Lotus Drive, Bramble Place, and Juniper Lane. This is being recommended to ensure the safety and accessibility of the residents of the area. Parking will be provided at Russet Park; in the event of inclement weather, there will be shuttle buses provided to and from the alternate parking site at Saint Joseph the Worker. Mr. Ibach stated that moving forward the park will not be available to be used for parking in the future, as the park will have recreational equipment installed.

Motion by Vice-Chairwoman Rader to authorize a special event permit for Kay Brook Green Hills Swim Club to host an event on July 28th and 29th, 2023, with temporary no parking restrictions put in place in designated areas on Russett Road, Lotus Drive, Bramble Place, and Juniper Lane. Seconded by Supervisor Brunell. Motion passed unanimously.

G. Authorizing Appointment of Members of the Parks & Recreation Board

Mr. Ibach stated that this appointment is to fill a vacancy that was left by the resignation of Brett Spangle. It is recommended that Jason Krier be appointed to complete the term that expires on 12/31/23.

Motion by Chairman Ghai to appoint Jason Krier to the Upper Macungie Township Parks and Recreation Board, filling the unexpired term ending December 31, 2023. Seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Rader. Motion passed unanimously.

Authorizing Agreement with GSL Consulting LLC

Mr. Ibach stated that GSL is a consulting firm that would work on behalf of Township to identify, apply, and secure grant funding for available RCAP money. This is a very competitive market and is time intensive. There were three firms that were interviewed and GSL has been selected.

Motion by Vice-Chairwoman Rader to authorize the Township Manager to execute an agreement with GSL Consulting, LLC to assist in identifying, securing, implementing, and closing grants through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with a focus on pursuing and advocating for the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program funds for the Township's proposed Community Center. Seconded by Supervisor Brunell. Motion passed unanimously.

I. Authorizing the Purchase of a 2023 Model 1700D Paterson Horizontal Grinder

Mr. Faust stated that Public Works would like to proceed with replacing a 2010 Doppstadt Grinder with a 2023 Peterson Horizontal Grinder from Cleveland Brothers.

Motion by Supervisor Brunell authorizing the replacement of a 2010 Doppstadt Grinder with a 2023 Peterson Horizontal Grinder with a cost of \$615,216.00, and a trade in value of \$130,000.00, for a total cost of \$485,216.00 from Cleveland Brothers. Seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Rader. Motion passed unanimously.

J. Authorizing the Sale of a 2015 Pick-Up Truck to Parkland School District

Mr. Faust stated that he would like a motion to authorize the sale of a 2015 Ford F-350 to Parkland School District in the amount of \$29,500.00.

Motion by Chairman Ghai to authorize the sale of a 2015 Ford F-350 pick up truck to Parkland School District for the price of \$29,500.00. Seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Rader. Motion passed unanimously.

K. Authorizing the Advertisement to Bid for the Replacement of a 1996 Loader

Mr. Faust requested that a motion be made to authorize the replacement of a 1996 John Deere Loader with a newer used model.

Motion by Supervisor Brunell authorizing the advertisement to bid for the replacement of a 1996 John Deere Loader. Seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Rader. Motion passed unanimously.

Rescinding the Purchase of a 2025 Mack GR42F Cab and Chassis from Trans Edge

Mr. Faust stated that he would like a motion to rescind the motion that was made during the June meeting to purchase a cab and chassis from Trans Edge due to finding better pricing through another vendor.

Motion by Chairman Ghai to rescind prior motion authorizing the purchase of a 2025 Mack GR42F Cab and Chassis from Trans Edge in the amount of \$182,953.35. Seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Rader. Motion Passed unanimously.

M. Authorizing Staff to Order the Replacement of a Mack Truck Dump Truck

Mr. Faust stated that he would like to order a Mack Truck cab and Chassis from M&K Truck Centers at a cost of \$166,728.43, that will also include a five (5) year warranty from Allison Transmissions.

Motion by Supervisor Brunell authorizing Staff to order a 2025 Mack GR42F Cab and Chassis from M&K Truck Centers at a cost of \$166,728.43 which includes a five (5) year warranty from Allison Transmissions. Seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Rader. Motion Passed unanimously.

N. Authorizing the Installation of a New Roof on the Salt Storage Building

Mr. Faust stated that there has been extra salt for the past couple of years and is requesting a motion to install a roof to protect the salt in the amount of \$19,350.00 by Deere Ridge Construction.



Motion by Vice-Chairwoman Rader to authorize the installation of a new roof on the Salt Storage Building by Deer Ridge Construction at a cost of \$19,350.00. Seconded by Chairman Ghai. Motion Passed unanimously.

O. Authorizing Township Staff to Sign Memorandum of Understanding with Lehigh County for FUSUS Video Sharing Platform

Chief Sitoski stated this Memorandum will be to allow the Township to participate in the FUSUS video sharing platform for law enforcement agencies to facilitate and coordinate investigations and solve crimes within Lehigh County. This program is permission based and cameras must be registered in the program to be able to participate.

Motion by Chairman Ghai to authorize the Township Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding for the Police Department to participate in the FUSUS Platform with the Lehigh County District Attorney's Office. Seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Rader. Motion Passed unanimously.

P. Authorizing the Purchase of Extrication Tool

Mr. Ibach stated that this rescue tool and cribbing pack will be stored on the Quick Response Vehicle that will be located at the Township Building. This will allow for rapid access to entrapped victims while also allowing our Police Department use for obtaining components of vehicles during accident re-construction and investigation.

Motion by Chairman Ghai to authorize the purchase of a Holmatro Rescue Tool and Cribbing Pack in the amount of \$15,518.00 from ESI Equipment Inc., utilizing funds from the American Recovery Plan Act. Seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Rader. Motion Passed unanimously.

IX. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Treasurer

The total bills from all funds for June 2023 was \$1,957,440.74. Further details appear in the June Treasurer's Report.

Motion by Vice-Chairwoman Rader to pay the bills for June 2023 in the amount of \$1,957,440.74, excluding check #69259 in the amount of \$393.07 that was reimbursed to her for hotel reimbursement for the NaTAT fly-in. Seconded by Supervisor Brunell. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Brunell to pay check #69259 in the amount of \$393.07. Seconded by Chairman Ghai. Motion passed 2-1, Vice-Chairwoman Rader abstained.

B. Township Secretary

Ms. Vazquez mentioned that there was an Executive Session held at 6:00 p.m. and the topic was legal matters.

C. Township Engineer

Mr. Alban provided an update on Adams Road speed limit issues. There was a letter that was received from PennDOT stating that there was an evaluation of the speed limit and they found that the posted speed limit is adequate, no changes will need to be made. There was also an update provided on the speeding issues on Scenic View Drive. After all the traffic data was recovered and analyzed, it has been determined that a multi-way stop sign is warranted at the intersection of Scenic View Drive and Whitman Drive and should be presented in next month's meeting for adoption.

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D. Vice-Chairwoman

Vice-Chairwoman Rader expressed her displeasure with the way the meeting was held. She stated that with the extensive briefings that are provided to the Supervisors by Staff, many of the questions that were asked were unnecessary.

E. Supervisor

Supervisor Brunell stated that he would like to thank Bret Spangler for his participation on the Parks & Recreation Board.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT/COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by:



Jazmin Vazquez
Township Secretary

