

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 2, 2020

The Board of Supervisors of Upper Merion Township met for a Special Meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2020, in Freedom Hall, in the Township Building in King of Prussia. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m., followed by a pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Supervisors present were: Bill Jenaway, Carole Kenney, Tina Garzillo, Greg Waks and Greg Philips. Also present were: Anthony Hamaday, Township Manager.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Jenaway stated the purpose of this Special Meeting is due to timeframe requirements to make decisions on bids, extension letters for development plans by law and discuss other things relative to taxes that deal with timeframes.

Future meetings will be conducted with appropriate distancing and could possibly be done via video where one member can be in the meeting room and the other members can connect remotely. The public can ask questions in two ways. One option is by going on the Township website and going to the MYUMT link and following the prompts to submit your questions. The other option is to call 484-636-3930. Mr. Jenaway stated he would read over the items for tonight's agenda and this way the public would have time to submit their questions. The Board will review questions prior to voting on the items.

Mr. Jenaway stated an executive session was held prior to this meeting to discuss personnel and litigation issues. There was also an Upper Merion Township Foundation meeting that was held prior to this meeting and it was to held to discuss the approval of funds to be spent on needy activities.

NEW BUSINESS

BID AWARD- GUTHRIE ROAD FIRE/EMS SUBSTATION PLUMBING CONTRACT BASE BID TO FW HOUDER, INC., OF MALVERN, PA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,612.00 BEING THE SOLE RESPONSIBLE BIDDER.

Mr. Hamaday stated the bid is \$19,000.00 higher than the estimate. He also noted this was the only bid received and stated the company is reputable and responsible and so is recommending the Board award this bid. Mr. Hamaday stated while these two bids are higher than the estimate, the overall total construction cost for the project is going to be about \$130,000.00 lower than the estimate.

Mrs. Kenney asked what is the possibility of having additional charges added to the project and who would be overseeing this project and it was responded a close eye will be kept to avoid overruns and Mr. Hickman, Public Works Director, along with a construction manager and architect.

BID AWARD – GURTHRIE ROAD FIRE/EMS SUBSTATION ELEVATOR CONTRACT BASE BID TO FW HOUDER, INC., OF MALVERN, PA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$91,412.00 BEING THE SOLE RESPONSIBLE BIDDER.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mrs. Kenney, all voting "Aye" to approve the bid award for the Guthrie Road Fire/EMS Substation plumbing and the Guthrie Road Fire/EMS Substation elevator as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

ACCEPT EXTENSION OF TIME LETTER FROM DEVELOPERS FOR THE TOWNSHIP LAND DEVELOPMENT/SUBDIVISION PLAN PROCESS:

- GLASGOW INC. – Subdivision Plan
- 900 RIVER ROAD LLC – Land Development Plan

Mr. Hamaday noted there was a blanket extension from Glasgow but this is being presented for the Board and for the residents to know. In regards to the time limit for 900 River Road, the Board had to act at the April 16, 2020 Business Meeting but an extension was given to May 31, 2020.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Waks, seconded by Mrs. Garzillo, all voting "Aye" to accept the Extension of Time Letter from Developers for the Township Land Development/Subdivision Plan process as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

AUTHORIZE EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF TWO (2) HALOFOGGER DISINFECTION SYSTEM DEVICES FROM HALOSIL INTERNATIONAL, INC., OF NEW CASTLE, DE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,306.00.

Mr. Jenaway stated since Covid-19, there have been repeated requirements to disinfect a variety of vehicles and buildings. Technicians will be trained once it is brought in. Decontamination of vehicles and buildings will need to continue in the future every time a suspected Covid-19 patient is in an ambulance and buildings. It was noted this would be cost efficient and the Township would no longer have to borrow the machine from Upper Providence Township. This equipment would be available as soon as tomorrow with additional equipment being available in a few weeks.

Chief Nolan noted a substantial amount of research has been done on this equipment and is confident this is the best product to decontaminate the ambulances and police cars.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mrs. Kenney, seconded by Mr. Philips, all voting "Aye" to authorize the Emergency Purchase of Two (2) Halofogger Disinfection System Devices from Halosil International, Inc., as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

EXTENSION OF TOWNSHIP REAL ESTATE TAX DISCOUNT PERIOD DUE DATE

Mr. Jenaway stated in an effort to give the general public some flexibility and benefit and give more time to pay the local and county tax bills and pay the discounted rate, there have been discussions with county staff and state staff. The county has requested that all municipalities in the county give some flexibility to its residents and the Board agrees. The Board is looking to extend the discounted timeframe through the entire tax payment period but there is more legal work to do. Mr. Jenaway stated that at the April 16, 2020 Business Meeting, there will be a definite answer on what will be done to give the public some relief on the payment of the discounted county and local tax bill.

COMMUNICATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY INFORMATION AND UPDATE
TOWNSHIP OPERATIONS PLAN TO THE PUBLIC

Chief Nolan stated all aspects of Public Safety in Upper Merion Township are fully operational. Fire and EMS are just about fully staffed now. All of the quarantined members are back. Procedures have been modified but they are fully operational on both Fire and EMS. This is thanks to our volunteers and staff. Chief Nolan also expressed gratitude to everyone who has given donations from food to packaged face masks. There is help that is needed in the community to help children from getting too close from group sports where they would be violating social distancing guidelines. There are almost daily evaluations of what the Township has in regards to personal protective equipment and as of now there is a good supply.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Permits/Updates

Mr. Jenaway stated it is his understanding that the Police Department has not issued any permits for individuals to solicit within Upper Merion Township. Yet, people have been seen soliciting. Mr. Jenaway urged residents to call the Police if they are being solicited as no permits have been issued.

Mr. Jenaway stated the Township has been favorable in regards to the number of Covid-19 cases, with only 22 cases as of now.

Mr. Jenaway stated the compost mulch pile will be available to residents only. Mr. Hamaday urged residents to look at the website for details. Hours will be Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Mr. Hamaday stated he has been looking at how to open facilities that the Township has closed and one of them that has received many calls is Norview Farm Water. As of now there has not been a way to protect employees, the public, and institute social distancing.

Mr. Philips urged residents to be aware of scams regarding the Coronavirus. He also reminded the public that the deadline for waivers for small businesses is tomorrow. Mr. Philips and Mr. Waks emphasized on the importance of social distancing as there are many people who could have Coronavirus and may be asymptomatic.

Mr. Waks stated the Upper Merion Township Foundation has approved an emergency \$6,000.00 donation to the Social Workers Emergency Fund for social workers that work for Upper Merion School District and a \$1,000.00 donation to Upper Merion Emergency Aid.

Mrs. Kenney encouraged residents to order takeout from locally owned small businesses to make a difference in the community as these businesses will suffer greatly. She also urged residents to be mindful and not flush feminine products, paper towels, wipes of any kind, even if they are considered flushable, as they may clog up sewer systems.

Mrs. Garzillo gave basic information regarding wearing mask and mask updates and encouraged residents to follow safety guidelines.

Mr. Jenaway encouraged the public to go to my2020census.gov and complete the Census for 2020.

Mr. Jenaway stated the Rambler is running but it is not on its regular schedule and encouraged residents to check the Township website for the

current schedule.

Mr. Jenaway also mentioned the public can go on to the Upper Merion Township Police Association on Facebook for a trivia contest. Winners will receive gift cards to local restaurants.

Mr. Jenaway stated no questions have been received from the general public.


Mr. Philips expressed great appreciation to everyone in the health field.

Mr. Waks reminded the public that the Upper Merion Township Library and Community Center will be closed until at least the end of the month.

Mr. Jenaway stated the Board will be back on April 16, 2020 for an essentials and information update only meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mrs. Kenney, all voting "Aye" to adjourn the meeting. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0. Adjournment occurred.



ANTHONY HAMADAY
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

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Minutes Approved:

Minutes Entered: