

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
BUSINESS MEETING  
JULY 16, 2020

The Board of Supervisors of Upper Merion Township met for a Business Meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2020, in Freedom Hall, in the Township Building in King of Prussia. The meeting was called to order at 7:47 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; Kyle Brown, Associate Planner; and Joe McGrory, Township Solicitor.

MEETING MINUTES:

It was moved by Mr. Waks, seconded by Mr. Philips, all voting "Aye" to approve the following meeting minutes: April 16, 2020 Business Meeting, May 14, 2020 Business Meeting, and June 18, 2020 Business Meeting as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Jenaway stated an executive session was held to discuss personnel and litigation matters prior to this meeting. Mr. Jenaway mentioned that on Tuesday there was a town hall meeting held in the park area behind the Upper Merion Township Building to discuss race, diversity and inclusion. Another meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, July 8, 2020, more information to follow.

Mr. Jenaway reminded the public that questions or comments to the MYUMT location on the Township's website or call 484-636-3930. Mr. Jenaway reviewed the process of how the meeting will run. The matters will be listed item by item and during that time, the public will have the opportunity to submit their questions or comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2020-26 – 900 River Road LLC Preliminary/Final Development Plan, 900 River Road. Consideration of the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan submitted by 900 River Road LLC, prepared by Kimley-Horn Associates, dated January 10, 2020, last revised June 5, 2020 for the demolition of the existing structure, construction of a new 331, 428 sf warehouse/ distribution center and associated site improvement. (HI Zoning District, 29.84)

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Waks, seconded by Mrs. Kenney, all voting "Aye" to approve Resolution 2020-26 as presented. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

Resolution 2020-27 – Stonebrook at Upper Merion Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan (Glasgow Tract), Ross Road. Consideration of the Preliminary/ Final Subdivision Plan submitted by Glasgow Inc., prepared by STA Engineers, dated December 17, 2018, last revised October 18, 2019 for the subdivision of the 79.18 tract into 65 single-family detached and 208 single-family attached residential lots and associated site/stormwater improvements. (R-3A Zoning District)

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Waks, seconded by Mrs. Kenney, all voting "Aye" to approve Resolution 2020-27 as presented. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

Resolution 2020-28 – Compost Dumping Fees. Consideration of a resolution to amend the current compost dumping fee from a per pound to a flat fee per weight class of vehicle.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Waks, seconded by Mrs. Kenney, all voting "Aye" to approve Resolution 2020-28 as presented. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

Homestead Exemption Request, 699 Forest Lane – Approval of the Homestead Exemption Request by the property owner of 699 Forest Lane for the 2020 Township Real Estate Tax in the amount of \$202.27.

Mr. Hamaday stated

Board Action:

It was moved by Mrs. Kenney, seconded by Mr. Philips, all voting "Aye" to approve Financial Security Reduction # 1 as presented. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

Crow Creek Trail Design Contract Change Order Request #2 – Consideration of Contract Change Order Request #2 submitted by Gilmore & Associates, Inc. for the additional NPDES permitting work in accordance with PA DEP's COVID-19 Permitting Requirements; Additional design studies for the Keebler Rd/Middle School pedestrian crossing and preparation of a construction cost estimate for the Crow Creek Trail Project in the amount of \$22,296.25.

Mr. Hamaday stated

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mrs. Garzillo, all voting "Aye" to approve Financial Security Escrow Release # 2 as presented. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

Permission to Advertise – Crow Creek Trail Construction Project

Community Center Roof Project Roofing Contract Payment #2 in the amount of \$645,430.00 to Detwiler Roofing for work to date on the Community Center Roof Project

Board of Community Assistance and Disbursement Policy Guidelines Amendment – Consideration of proposed amendments the Board of Community Assistance disbursement guidelines to provide anti-discrimination language, partial grants awards, additional award round and provisions for rescission, transfer and conditioning of awards.

Mr. Jenaway stated the Shade Tree Commission is looking to do a review and an evaluation of the tree health there. They have requested and obtained funds of \$4,175.00 from the Board of Community Assistance and they would like to use that fund to evaluate those trees, to cut trim and remove them as may be appropriate to improve tree health.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mr. Waks, all voting "Aye" to approve Resolution 2020-24 as presented. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

#### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL:

##### Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mrs. Garzillo, all voting "Aye" to approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

#### ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

##### Citizen Board Vacancies

Mrs. Kenney encouraged anyone who is 18 years old or over to think about becoming involved with the Township. Vacancies are as follows:

- Economic and Community Development Committee, one vacancy
- Environmental Advisory Council, one vacancy
- Human Relations Committee, two alternate vacancies
- Park and Recreation Board, one vacancy
- Property Maintenance Board, two alternate vacancies
- UCC Board of Appeals, two vacancies and two alternates
- Upper Merion Foundation Subcommittee, one vacancy

Applications are available on the Township website as well as in the Township Building.

##### Community Pool

Mrs. Garzillo mentioned the Community Pool opened this past Monday and it appears everyone is respecting social distancing.

##### Farmers Market

Mrs. Garzillo stated the Farmer's Market is still running and encouraged musicians to join the line-up starting in July by contacting Vince Lattuca, Farmer's Market Manager.

##### Township Library

Mrs. Kenney announced the Library will be contacting patrons who have placed orders in the past three months to pick up the books if available. Pickup will be by driving up in front of the library and calling the library for pickup to have your bag of books brought to you via trunk or backseat. Identification is required through the window.

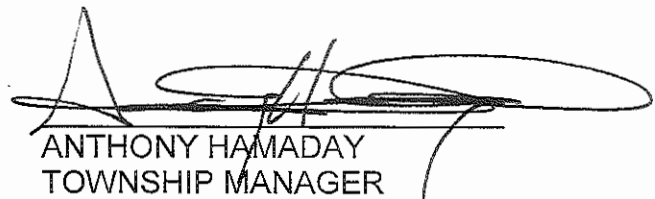
##### Chairman's Comments:

Mr. Jenaway stated based upon anticipation of moving to the Green Status, July meetings are planned to be held in Freedom Hall. The number of individuals in the room will be based upon the social distancing requirements and the number of individuals permitted on the DOH guidelines in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at those dates. The Community Center, the Library, and the playgrounds remain closed as per the requirements of the Department of Health. All of the traditional Fourth of July Township activities are cancelled. Certain activities such as the fireworks and concerts may be rescheduled in October on Community Day depending on the Coronavirus status. In regards to the Township curfew that was placed for a few days, it was done for reason beyond the potential for looting that existed at the time at various commercial properties. Upper Merion Township was hit very hard by the derecho storm and as a result many areas of the Township were without power, and roads were blocked by

fallen trees with wires tangled within them. Traveling in and out of those areas would be problematic for those traveling within the community. The curfew was beneficial in allowing the electrical workers to work to get power back within the Township without dealing with added vehicles and pedestrians. Also, when power lines were re-energized, it caused a dramatic increase in electrical fires which had put more emergency responders on the roadways. Residents were urged to put tree debris on the curb and bundle it. Public Works trucks will be running through the Township through June 30, 2020. There has been a lot of work in the past couples with a company in Conshohocken to get ready for an opening. Staff has put together a series of checklists working with the consultants and have developed a series of tools to use to make sure everything is cleaned to the CDC standards and is documented as such. QR codes will be placed in Township buildings that will give the public the ability to view this documentation and ensure safety. Mr. Jenaway encouraged residents to complete the 2020 Census. The Annual Ambulance Subscription Program is being offered to Upper Merion Township residents and continues to be paid for by user fees and insurance companies.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Waks, seconded by Mr. Philips, 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: