

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OCTOBER 15, 2020

The Board of Supervisors of Upper Merion Township met for a Business Meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2020, in Freedom Hall, in the Township Building in King of Prussia. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., followed by a pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Supervisors present were: Bill Jenaway, Greg Waks, Greg Philips, Carole Kenney and Tina Garzillo. Also present were: Anthony Hamaday, Township Manager; Joseph McGrory, Solicitor's Office; Tom Beach, Engineer; and Rob Loeper, Township Planner.

NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATION BY PSATS TO UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP RE: PSATS OUTSTANDING CITIZEN COMMUNICATION AWARD

A representative from PSATS awarded the 29th Annual Outstanding Citizen Communication Award to Upper Merion Township. This award signifies outstanding achievement in citizen communication.

PRESENTATION RE: UPPER MERION FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICE AWARDS

Chief Dennis Rubin announced the Upper Merion Fire & Emergency Medical Service Awards. Recipients were honored for every five years of service ranging from five to fifty-five years.

PRESENTATION OF THE BERNARD S. GUTKOWSKI, SR. FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD AND THE MARY BACCHI EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES RESPONDER OF THE YEAR AWARD TO THE UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP FIRE AND EMS DEPARTMENT

Chief Dennis Rubin presented the Bernard S. Gutkowski, Sr. Firefighter of the Year Award and the Mary Bacchi Emergency Medical Services Responder of the Year Award to the entire Upper Merion Township Fire & EMS Department for their dedication and outstanding services during this past year.

BOARD OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE – ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2ND ROUND GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Brett Montich, Chairperson for the Board of Community Assistance announced that nine (9) organizations were the recipients of the 2nd round of grants issued by the BCA. The organizations awarded grants were the Super T's Mast Cell Foundation, Victim Services of Montco, Upper Merion Shade Tree Commission, Upper Merion Tree Tenders, Laurel House, Upper Merion Area Community Cupboard, Upper Merion Baptist Replacement Project, UMASD – Social Work and the UM Park & Historic Foundation. Congratulations to all the recipients.

Board Motion:

It was moved by Mr. Waks, seconded by Mrs. Garzillo, all voting "Aye" to accept the grant recommendations by the BCA. None opposed. Motion passed 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA RE:

1. RESOLUTION 2020-39 RE: REDUCING POLICE OFFICERS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE POLICE PENSION PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2021 FROM 6% TO 4%
2. APPROVAL OF FUNDING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN SEPTA AND UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP RELATING TO A SUBGRANT UNDER THE FREE TRANSIT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE ANNUAL FUNDING FOR THE RAMBLER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,215.00
3. COMMUNITY CENTER ROOF PROJECT ROOFING CONTRACT – CHANGE ORDER 1 – CONSIDERATION OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER ROOF PROJECT SUBMITTED BY DETWEILER ROOFING FOR THE DELETION OF SECURITY FENCING AND WEST WALL SEALANTS AND THE ADDITION OF SNOW GUARDS FOR A NET DECREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6550.00

Board Motion:

It was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mrs. Kenney, all voting "Aye" to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. None opposed. Motion passed 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2020-37 – DEVELOPMENT PLAN – MERION INNOVATIONS 1 LLC., 411 SWEDELAND ROAD. CONSIDERATION OF A PRELIMINARY/FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN SUBMITTED BY MERION INNOVATIONS 1 LLC, AS PREPARED BY TAYLOR, WISEMAN & TAYLOR ENGINEERS, DATED MARCH 15, 2020, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TWO-LEVEL PARKING GARAGE AND ASSOCIATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS CONTAINING 236 SPACES TO SERVE EXISTING 923,752 SF DISCOVERY LABS FACILITY. (LI ZONING DISTRICT)

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mr. Waks, all voting "Aye" to approve Resolution 2020-37 for the development plan located at 411 Swedeland Road as presented. None opposed. Motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP SUBDIVISION OF LAND ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 145-10.E, STREETS, ALIGNMENT AND DESIGN GUIDELINES, TO AMEND MINIMUM WIDTHS OF LOCAL ROADWAYS AND COLLECTOR AND FEEDER ROADWAYS

Solicitor McGrory opened the public hearing and presented the proposed ordinance to amend minimum widths of local roadways and collector and feeder roadways.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Waks, seconded by Mr. Philips, all voting "Aye" to approve the ordinance as presented. None opposed. Motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO REZONE CERTAIN PARCELS TO SC SHOPPING CENTER ZONING DISTRICT

Solicitor McGrory opened the public hearing and presented the proposed ordinance and exhibits for the rezoning of certain parcels to Shopping Center Zoning District (SC).

Board Action:

It was moved by Mrs. Garzillo, seconded by Mrs. Kenney, all voting "Aye" to approve the ordinance as presented. None opposed. Motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 165, PROVIDING RESIDENTIAL-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT ALLOWANCES, COMPRISED OF PERMITTED ROW HOUSE DWELLINGS, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONAL USE

Solicitor McGrory opened the public hearing and presented the proposed ordinance and exhibits for amending the township zoning ordinance, Chapter 165, to allow for permitted row house dwellings, subject to conditional use.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mrs. Kenney, all voting "Aye" to approve the ordinance as presented. None opposed. Motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWNSHIP'S ZONING ORDINANCE AND SUBDIVISION OF LAND ORDINANCE IN ORDER TO PERMIT AND ENCOURAGE THE INNOVATIVE COMMERCIAL USE OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP

Solicitor McGrory opened and closed the hearing for a proposed ordinance to amend the township's zoning and subdivision of land ordinances to permit innovative commercial use of certain lands within the township.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWNSHIP'S ZONING ORDINANCE AND SUBDIVISION OF LAND ORDINANCE IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TOWNSHIP WIDE COMMUNICATION PLATFORM

Solicitor McGrory opened and closed the hearing for a proposed ordinance to amend the township's zoning and subdivision of land ordinances to permit the establishment of a township wide communication platform.

MONUMENT DISPLAY LEASE AGREEMENT – BOB WHITE PARK, CROTON ROAD (PARCEL NO. 58-00-05467-001. CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED 30 YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CROTON ROAD (L) UPPER MERION LAND HOLDINGS, LLC FOR THE LEASE OF A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS BOB WHITE PARK FOR THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN AN OFF-PREMISES ADVERTISING DISPLAY SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OUTLINED IN SAID LEASE

MONUMENT DISPLAY LEASE AGREEMENT – PARCEL NO. 58-00-16027-007, WESTERLY SIDE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SR 422 AT THE BETZWOOD BRIDGE. CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED 30-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH 422 EAST – (L) UPPER MERION LAND HOLDINGS, LLC

FOR THE LEASE OF A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS PARCEL NO. 58-00-16027-007 FOR THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN AN OFF-PREMISES ADVERTISING DISPLAY SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OUTLINED IN SAID LEASE

PURCHASE/SELL AGREEMENT – 216 ALLENDALE ROAD (PARCEL NO. 58-00-00337-001) CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED PURCHASE/SELL AGREEMENT WITH 216-(F) UPPER MERION HOLDINGS, LLC, EQUITABLE OWNER, FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 216 ALLENDALE ROAD BY THE TOWNSHIP SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OUTLINED IN SAID AGREEMENT

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mrs. Garzillo, all voting "Aye" to table Items L through O on the agenda regarding lease agreements and purchase agreement to the November 12, 2020 BOS Business meeting. None opposed. Motion passed 5-0.

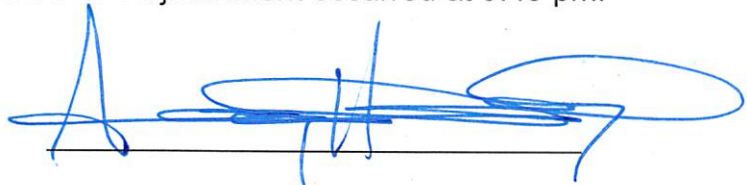
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLLS:

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Waks, seconded by Mrs. Kenney, all voting "Aye" to approve the Accounts Payable for invoices processed from September 10, 2020 to October 7, 2020 in the amount of \$2,116,202.38 and the Payrolls for September 4, 2020 and September 18, 2020 in the amount of \$1,853,519.24 for a total of \$3,969,721.62. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Waks, seconded by Mrs. Kenney, all voting "Aye" to adjourn the meeting. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0. Adjournment occurred at 9:40 pm.



ANTHONY HAMADAY
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

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Minutes Entered
Minutes Approved: