

Upper Milford Township  
Board of Supervisors  
Township Building, Old Zionsville, PA 18068  
October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, 7pm  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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**ATTENDANCE:** Supervisors; Daniel Mohr, John Zgura, Angela Ashbrook; Manager Edward Carter, Solicitor Marc Fisher, Secretary/treasurer Jessi O'Donald

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

This meeting is being recorded principally to aid in the preparation of Minutes and for such other purposes as the Board sees fit. For that reason, will each person wanting to give any comments during this meeting, please state your name for the record and address the Board of Supervisors.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

**Peter Anrico – 6645 Kings Highway** - His concern is the speed of traffic. He relayed there has been a death and a few accidents and would like to see the Township be able to slow down the traffic in some way. He provided a few photos of the area to show how straight the road is and why people speed through there. This area is Zionsville Village not Old Zionsville.

Manager Carter stated that the residents can invite the State Police to sit there and monitor traffic. Otherwise, the Board would need to motion to approve funding for a traffic study. With the Traffic Study there is no guarantee the speed limit would decrease. After a lengthy discussion the Board asked staff to investigate what is legally allowed to be signed and marked through there along with the estimate on a traffic study.

Phil Casey suggested that the Township revert to gravel roads to slow down traffic.

**Lauren Haponski- Benjamin Court** – She asked where to send a photo and wanted to comment on the parking within Jasper Ridge development. She took note of an ambulance within the development the other evening and with cars parked on both sides of the street, the ambulance needed to park in the middle of the road. She also noted and photographed a time of day when the streets were clear of parked cars and noted how nice it was to just drive through. She was directed to send the photo to [infor@uppermilford.net](mailto:infor@uppermilford.net).

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

Approval of September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, regular meeting minutes.

**MOTION:** Supervisor Mohr made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Supervisor Ashbrook seconded the motion. Hearing no questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried.

## **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

### **GENERAL FUND:**

PLGIT XXXX7096 - Check No's. **23337 to 23368** in the amount of **\$ 84,982.49**

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BANK TRANSFERS:**

No Transfers

**MOTION:** Supervisor Mohr made a motion to pay the bills as read. Supervisor Ashbrook seconded the motion. Hearing no questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** No Report

**OLD BUSINESS:** - None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1.) Request from Western District Fire Company
  - a.) Email from Michael Kline

The Upper Milford Western District Fire Company is requesting the release of funds from our Major Fire Fighting Account for the sum of \$42,000 to purchase a 2006 Ford F550 4x4 Special Service vehicle from the Palisades Regional Fire Department. This vehicle has a clean, free and clear title. The cost of the vehicle is \$38,000 and we are requesting an additional \$4,000 to re-letter the truck and a few modifications. This truck will replace our 1996 Ford fire police van This new vehicle will be used for traffic control, medical assist calls, wires and tree down calls and it will have the ability to transport personnel. The vehicle is equipped with a generator, light tower scene lighting, winch, as well as ability to carry 3 scba fire fighters along with a driver

**MOTION:** Supervisor Mohr made a motion to allow Western District Fire to be reimbursed funds from the Capital Reserve savings for \$42,000.00 for their purchase of the truck as described in the correspondence above. Supervisor Ashbrook seconded the motion. Hearing no questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried.

- 2.) Presentation of Draft 2025 Budget

Manager Carter outlined the draft budget for 2025. This includes a purchase of a new dump truck from the equipment savings account. The project at Lenape Park with the DCNR grants funding. A standby generator for the Garage. The SALDO/Zoning update. The new proposed millage for general fund real estate tax would increase to .211 and generate approximately \$179,000 in revenue and the fire tax would be separated out at a millage of .539 to generate approximately \$432,000.00 in revenue.

- 3.) Discussion of Workshop and Budget meeting

What is scheduled tentatively is a workshop meeting at 6:00 pm on October 17<sup>th</sup> and a Budget meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 pm.

**MOTION:** Supervisor Zgura made a motion to advertise the meetings as noted for October 17<sup>th</sup> and October 24<sup>th</sup> and make available draft copies of the budget as needed and updated for both meetings. Supervisor Ashbrook seconded the motion. Hearing no questions, the only comment was

from Supervisor Zgura to the public that they will be responsible to make sure they are on the correct version of the budget through this effort, all were in favor, motion carried.

- 4.) Appointment of S. Zgura to fill the remaining vacant term until 01/02/2025
  - a. Memo from manager Carter

With the resignation of Michael Grey, and receiving of the application of Shelly Zgura, it is recommended to appoint Shelly Zgura as alternate for the Zoning Hearing Board to fill the vacant term until January 2025

**MOTION:** Supervisor Mohr made a motion to appoint Shelly Zgura as an alternate with the Zoning Hearing Board to fill the remaining of Michael Grey's term until January 2025. Supervisor Ashbrook seconded the motion. Hearing no questions or comments, Mohr and Ashbrook were in favor, Zgura abstained, motion carried.

**DEP MODULES / SEWAGE PLANNING:** - None

**PLANNING COMMISSION – OLD BUSINESS:** - None

**PLANNING COMMISSION – NEW BUSINESS:** - None

**SUBDIVISIONS – IMPROVEMENTS:** - None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** - None

**OTHER ISSUES:** - None

**REPORTS:**

Emergency Services Committee Report: No Report

Township Emergency Management Coordinator: N/A

Emergency Services Call Report: No Report

Fire Companies: Station #19 has a chicken BBQ fundraiser on 10/14. Tickets available online.

Emmaus Library: No Report

Recreation Commission: No Report

Township Manager:

Bud Carter – No Report

Supervisors:

Daniel J. Mohr – The Vera Cruz Halloween Parade is October 16<sup>th</sup>. Forms at 6:30 and moves at 7:00pm. There will be a DJ on the Tavern Porch announcing the parade. If you stand by the tavern, you can see the parade 4 times. If it rains, Supervisor Mohr might have to be at the parade for the rain date of October 17<sup>th</sup> and miss the Workshop and business meeting.

Angela Ashbrook – No Report, Thanked Sheely Zgura for volunteering for the Zoning Hearing Board.

John D. Zgura – John asked about the timeline to place referendums on ballots. Solicitor Fisher stated he would get the specific timeline, but he knows it takes a while for advertising.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** - Not needed

Lauren Haponski asked who she should notify about the mosquitoes growing in the guide fence post sleeves along Benjamin Court. Manager Carter stated she should send the information to the [info@uppermiflora.net](mailto:info@uppermiflora.net) email address.

**ADJOURNMENT:** meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

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Chairman John D. Zgura

**October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
Date

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Secretary/Treasurer Jessi O'Donald