

Upper Milford Township  
Board of Supervisors  
Township Building, Old Zionsville, PA 18068  
June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 6:30pm  
**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**

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

Meeting Called to order at 6:30 pm.

**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:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1.) Upper Milford Western District Fire Company Building Discussion

Upper Milford Western District Fire Company Chief Michael Kline asked the Board of Supervisors to discuss help with a new building or renovations for their fire House. This has been discussed for the last few years as the Fire House as it currently stands is not tall enough or long enough to house the newly designed fire truck. The Fire Company presented this concern back in 2020 and it has been on their 5- and 10-year financial plans. He asked if they wanted to form a committee. He asked what the Board would want to see or how the Fire Company should proceed.

Supervisor Zgura stated that he wanted to see exactly what they wanted to do. That they needed to come back with a sketch plan with exactly what they wanted to do. Supervisor Zgura said before they were looking at 1.5 million now that it could be upwards of 5-12 million. He also asked what the Chief felt the future of the Fire Company is, if they will have enough volunteers to make this investment.

Supervisor Mohr asked about knocking it down the current building and how to meet new standards along with the concern of the parcel itself.

Discussion led to the idea that this plan needs to look at the next 20-30 years and that all angles have been looked at to make sure any possible investment by the Fire Company or the Taxpayers will have longevity. Chief Kline said that without buy-in then the Fire Company isn't going to invest money into a plan.

Supervisor Mohr has concerns about paid fire and how it is working out with Emmaus Borough.

Supervisor Ashbrook stated that she is against helping with the building as the projection with the Fire Service tax barely covers the equipment needs in the next 10 years.

It was left with the Fire Company looking into a sketch plan. Supervisor Zgura was open minded to the building with a solid plan. Supervisor Mohr stated he wanted to make sure it was the correct size

for the future. Supervisor Ashbrook asked about ownership if taxpayer money is used. Chief Kline suggested that the Fire Company would be willing to consider the ownership of the building and a small portion of the property or a 99-year lease. Supervisor Zgura mentioned that in this last quarter everyone has been working toward Township ownership agreements if the Fire Companies were to close in the future.

Phil Casey questioned the curb appeal statement and that others live in houses a lot longer than the 70 years the Fire House has been around.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** - Not needed

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

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**Chairman Daniel J. Mohr**

**July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Date**

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**Secretary/Treasurer Jessi O'Donald**