

I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The General Business Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township was called to order on February 6, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031. Present were Jeff Fleischaker, Chairman; Sunny Ghai, Vice-Chairman; James M. Brunell, Supervisor; Robert R. Ibach, Jr., Township Manager; Kalman A. Sostarecz, Jr., Assistant Township Manager and Director of Community Development; Jazmin Vazquez, Township Secretary; Andrew V. Schantz, Esq., Solicitor; Michael Sitoski, Chief, UMTPD; Ryan Kern, Township Engineer; Scott Faust, Public Works Director; Bruce Koller, Finance Director; Michelle Souls, Assistant Finance Director; and Ryan Griffiths, Recreation Manager.

Chairman Fleischaker opened the meeting and asked all present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

II. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion by Chairman Fleischaker to add "Motion F" to the agenda appointing a member of the Board of Supervisors to the Upper Macungie Township Fire & Rescue Board of Directors. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Ghai. Motion passed unanimously.

III. MINUTES & FINANCIALS

- A. Minutes – February 6, 2025
- B. Financials – February 2025

Chairman Fleischaker stated that he would dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting unless there were any objections.

Motion by Chairman Fleischaker to dispense with the reading of meeting minutes from the General Business Meeting held on February 6, 2025, and approve as submitted, and authorize the payment of the bills for February 2025 in the amount of \$5,111,665.45. Seconded by Supervisor Brunell. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Lehigh County Executive – Phil Armstrong

Lehigh County Executive Phil Armstrong mentioned that this was his last year in office and the last yearly visit that he will be making as the County Executive. He provided a brief summary of what has occurred in Lehigh County over the past year including a three-county collaboration to build and maintain a juvenile detention center.

V. DISCUSSIONS & UPDATES

NONE

VI. ORDINANCES

NONE

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution 2025-08 – Tax Collector Compensation

Mr. Ibach stated that the previous adjustment to the compensation for the Tax Collector was done in 2021 in accordance with the Second-Class Township Code, which states that this must be done by February 15th in the year of the tax collector's election.

Motion by Supervisor Brunell to adopt Resolution #2025-08, establishing the Upper Macungie Township Tax Collector Compensation for the years 2026 through 2029 at a rate of \$22,000.00 per year. Seconded by Chairman Fleischaker. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution #2025-09 – Docket #2334 – Blue Triton Semi-Trailer Entrance, 405 Nestle Way – Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan

Mr. Sostarecz stated the applicant is proposing to make modifications to the access road around the existing site to alleviate traffic issues along Nestle Way. The project includes widening an existing road, reconfiguring traffic patterns, and shifting/improving a previously abandoned roadway (formerly Fogel Road). This plan received recommendation for Preliminary/Final Plan approval by the Planning Commission on December 18, 2024, as well as a recommendation for approval of Wavier Request #1 and #2 and Deferral Request #3. Engineer Patrick Boggs represented Blue Triton and was present during this item.

Motion by Chairman Fleischaker to adopt Resolution #2025-09, Granting Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan approval to Docket #2334, Blue Triton Semi-Trailer Entrance, including the approval of Wavier Requests #1 and #2, and Deferral #3, all conditioned upon the Township Engineer’s Review Letter dated January 27, 2025. Seconded by Supervisor Brunell. Motion passed unanimously.

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C. Resolution #2025-10 – Docket #2197 – Towneplace Suites by Marriott – Extension of Time Period to Construct Improvements

Chairman Fleischaker stated that he would recuse himself from this item due to a conflict of interest and turned this item over to Vice-Chairman Ghai. Mr. Sostarecz stated that this project was approved on September 6, 2018, and the Land Development Improvement Agreement entered into by Paarth Corporation on February 25, 2020, contained a provision that all improvements would be installed and completed within sixty (60) months of the signing of the agreement; therefore the current agreement expires on February 25, 2025. The developer has submitted a request to extend the time period for construction by one (1) additional year. Township Staff and Consultants are in favor of an extension; however instead of one additional year, it would be more appropriate to extend the time period until June 30, 2026, to encompass the recalling of the sidewalk deferral that was done in January 2025.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Ghai to adopt Resolution #2025-10, extending the time period for the construction of improvements related to Docket #2197- Towneplace Suites by Marriott. Seconded by Supervisor Brunell. Motion passed 2-1. Chairman Fleischaker recused himself due to a conflict of interest.

Resolution #2025-11 – 2025 Fee Schedule Update - Recreation

Mr. Griffiths stated that at the January 6, 2025, Board of Supervisors meeting when the Board approved the 2025 Upper Macungie Township Fee Schedule, two (2) Recreational Facilities were omitted from Schedule “J”. This resolution corrects this error by including those facilities in the schedule.

Motion by Chairman Fleischaker to adopt Resolution #2025-11, updating the 2025 Fee Schedule specific to Schedule “J” – Recreational Rental, Event, and General Fees. Seconded by Supervisor Brunell. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. MOTIONS

A. Authorizing Staff to Prepare the Necessary Documents for the Purpose of Securing Temporary Construction Easements Along Cetronia Road

Mr. Ibach stated that this motion would be to allow staff to commence the preparation of the documentation that is needed for the potential land acquisition to secure temporary construction easements along Cetronia Road.

Motion by Supervisor Brunell to allow staff to prepare the necessary documents for the condemnation of propertied along Cetronia Road for the purpose of securing temporary construction easements. Seconded by Chairman Fleischaker. Motion passed 2-1 – Ghai, No.

B. Authorizing 2025 Capital Radio Purchase for Fire

Commissioner Christ mentioned the radio project has been part of the budget since 2020 and would like to inform the Board that they will be moving forward with the purchase of the Kenwood Mobile and Portable Radios.

Motion by Supervisor Brunell to authorize Township Staff to proceed with the purchase of Kenwood Mobile and Portable Radios for all fire and personal vehicles at a cost not to exceed the 2025 budgeted amount of \$600,000.00. Seconded by Chairman Fleischaker. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Authorizing the Sale of a Dump Truck to Weisenberg Township

Mr. Faust stated that he would like to recommend the authorization of a motion for the sale of a dump truck to Weisenberg Township.

Motion by Supervisor Brunell to authorize the sale of a 2009 International Single Axel Dump Truck to Weisenberg Township at a price of \$45,000.00. Seconded by Chairman Fleischaker. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Authorizing the Sale of a Vehicle Lift to Lehigh Township

Mr. Faust mentioned that Lehigh Township is interested in purchasing a vehicle lift that has been replaced.

Motion by Supervisor Brunell to authorize the sale of a Four-Post Heavy-Duty Lift to Lehigh Township at a price of \$11,000.00. Seconded by Chairman Fleischaker. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Authorizing the Extension of Time to Record to Docket #2338 – Twin Ponds Mixed-Use Development

Mr. Sostarecz mentioned that this plan was approved in on July 3, 2024. The conditions of approval included the requirement to provide all plans and documents needed for the recording of the plan to the Township Engineer within 120 days. The developer is completing these items but is requesting an extension to finalize all remaining items.

Motion by Chairman Fleischaker authorize an extension of the time limitation for the recording of Docket #2338 – Twin Ponds Mixed-Use Development for an additional 120 days ending on June 28, 2025. Seconded by Supervisor Brunell. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Appointing a Member of the Board of Supervisors to the Board of Directors of the Upper Macungie Township Fire and Rescue Company

Mr. Ibach mentioned that the Upper Macungie Township Fire & Rescue Company By-Laws state that a member of the Board of Supervisors should be appointed to the Board of Directors of the UMT Fire & Rescue Company.

Motion by Supervisor Brunell to appoint Chairman Fleischaker to the Board of Directors of the Upper Macungie Township Fire and Rescue Company. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Ghai. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Township Secretary

Ms. Vazquez stated that there was an executive session held on February 6, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. and the topic discussed was legal matters. She also encouraged residents to subscribe via the Township Website to obtain information about the latest news and events that are occurring in the Township.

B. Township Engineer

Mr. Ryan Kern of HRG stated that they are still in the process of transitioning from the previous Township Engineer.

C. Parks and Recreation

Mr. Griffiths provided a summary on upcoming events for the community. There have been 1,100 responses received for the Parks, Rec, and Open Space Survey. He also mentioned that the next public meeting will be held on March 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the public meeting room.

D. Township Solicitor

Solicitor Schantz stated that he continues to focus on the Zoning rewrite and map, in preparation for adoption.

E. Finance

Mr. Koller mentioned that any service interruptions due to inclement weather will be posted to the website, Facebook, and an email blast will be sent. He urged residents to subscribe to township news through the website.

F. Supervisors

Chairman Fleischaker mentioned that he will be attending the monthly breakfast that is held at Station 25 on February 9th, and that he will be available to have conversations with anyone interested.

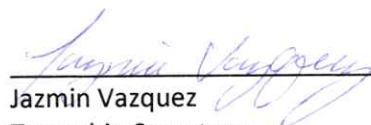
X. PUBLIC COMMENT/COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Satinder Singh and Mr. Neeraj Sherma spoke on behalf of a group of residents that play Cricket competitively and recreationally. They requested that the Township consider building a field within one of the parks for this use.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, **Supervisor Brunell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Ghai. The motion passed unanimously.**

Submitted by:



Jazmin Vazquez
Township Secretary



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