

**UPPER MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP**  
**455 WHISKEY RUN ROAD**  
**NEWVILLE, PA 17241**  
**October 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

The Board of Supervisors of Upper Mifflin Township met on Tuesday October 10, 2023 at the Township Building, located at 455 Whiskey Run Road, Newville, PA 17241. Kingsley Blasco called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Present:** Board Members; Heather Mitten, Kingsley Blasco, Heidi Clevenger, Secretary; Valerie Mowery

**Visitors:** Alan Kendell, Paul Diehl, Larry Singer, Ted Pluta, Steve Wiser, Harold Snyder, Shana Black, Mike Black, Friendship Fire Dept.

**Approval of Minutes:** Heidi motioned to approve the September 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes; Heather seconded; all were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Heather motioned to approve the September 12, 2023 Treasurer's Report, Heidi seconded; all were in favor.

**Visitors:** Ted Pluta was here from Brehm Lebo associates for the Black Subdivision. Kingsley made a motion to accept the plan as preliminary final with non-building waver, Heather seconded: all were in favor.

Paul Diehl was present to voice his concerns about the spreading of chicken parts in the township. He is concerned that it is not environmentally safe. The Board listened to his concerns but stated that the Township can not really do anything about it as long as they follow all of DEP's rules.

Larry Singer attended from Hopewell Newburg fire Department to give his monthly report. He said that there was 1 call in the Township for the month. He also inquired if there is any more information on implementing a fire tax. Sally will give more information in her Solicitors report.

**Correspondence:** Kingsley went over the correspondence and said that the State Liquid Fuels allotment will be deposited in the account next March.

**Gym:** Heather stated that Tuckey came out to the gym to see if they could do anything about the damp smell in the building.

**Old Business:** The Ag security committee is going to meet Monday October 16 at 6:00 at the Township Building.

Kingsley made a motion to accept line painting on only the roads that are necessary for the quote of \$475.00 per mile for a single yellow line. Heidi seconded: all were in favor. Valerie is going to call to make sure that is the correct price and get more information.

**New Business:** Kingsley made a motion to split the 2023 Fire Relief Allocation equally between Newburg/Hopewell Fire department & Newville Fire Department. Heidi seconded; all were in favor.

The Board agreed to set up a workshop meeting date of November 13 at 6:30 to work on the 2024 Budget for General and State Budgets. Valerie will advertise the meeting in the Valley Times Star.

The 2 CD's that the Township have are coming up for renewal, Valerie will check some current rates from local banks and report them at the next month meeting.

**Solicitor's Report:** Sally talked about implementing a Fire Tax and what the Township had to do to proceed. She stated that if it is more than a ½ mil it has to be voted on a ballot at an election. The tax would have to be assessed based on the value of a tract of land. The Township would have to set a hearing to let the residents know about a Fire Tax. Sally is going to do a preliminary draft Ordinance on what it would look like, and the Board discussed setting a potential meeting in January 2024.

**Road Master:** Harold stated that the trucks are at the garage to get inspected and the Ford truck is getting new tail lights.

Kingsley stated that we have the full Grant amount of \$160,000.00 for Bridgewater Road. He said that we need to spend \$80,000.00 by May of 2024. He is meeting with the conservation office on Wed. October 11.

**Permit Report:** There were 2 Land Use applications, 1 Land use permit issued, 4 Certificate of Occupancy issued and 1 Septic permit during the month of September.

**Bob Shively:** Bob stated that the Local Coordinator meeting was held on September 18. The Newville Halloween parade is going to be held October 30 with a rain date of October 31. Green Ridge Village is having a Veterans Day ceremony November 10 at 11:00 am and Newville Borough will hold theirs on November 11 at 11:00 am.

**Approval of Bills:** Heather motioned to approve the bills for payment, Kingsley seconded; all were in favor.

**Approval of Additional Monthly Expenditures for Payment:** Heidi motioned to accept the additional expenditures; Heather seconded; all were in favor.

**Adjournment:** Kingsley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm, Heidi seconded; all were in favor.

**Secretary**

**Valerie J. Mowery**