

**UPPER MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP
455 WHISKEY RUN ROAD
NEWVILLE, PA 17241**

**Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2015**

The Board of Supervisors of Upper Mifflin Township met on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at the Lower & Upper Mifflin Athletic Assoc., 785 Roxbury Road. Chairman Bixler called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Michael Bixler, Todd Chestnut, Heidi Clevenger, Sean Shultz, Esquire, Solicitor and Ruth Ann Myers, Sec.-Treas.

Approval of January 5, 2015 meeting minutes:

Mike motioned to approve the minutes. Todd seconded; all were in favor.

Acceptance of January 5, 2015 treasurer's report:

Todd motioned to accept treasurer's report. Heidi seconded; motion passed with all in favor.

Visitors:

See attached list.

There were many visitors due to the proposed zoning ordinance. Rick Beckner addressed the crowd and thanked them for their interest in the zoning ordinance and for their comments. He explained the purpose of the ordinance and how it will regulate growth. He stated there will be changes made to the zoning map and some pages will be deleted that do not pertain to the Township at this time. It will probably take 6 months to revise it and anyone is welcome at the planning commission meetings to voice their opinion. Some comments were townships rezoning for warehouses which is possible; some townships already have zoning but still are getting big commercial buildings; transportation would be a problem because there is no major routes in the Township; a comment was made that a lot of the zoning ordinance is laughable material; as far as an adult bookstore-this is Bible belt country; no good reasons for zoning; landfill would be regulated by the state; one lady wanted everything zoned agricultural; a question was asked to qualifications of the Supervisors and planning commission to decide on zoning; someone asked who on the Board of Supervisors and Board of Planning Commission would still be on the Boards in ten(10) years; and Earl Bailey wanted each Supervisor to tell how they feel about zoning. Mike stated that without zoning the Supervisors have no control over growth in the Township and only 1/5 th of Upper Mifflin Township have voiced their opinion; Heidi and Todd stated they wanted to know what the residents of Upper Mifflin felt about zoning.

Mike motioned to redo zoning ordinance and the zoning map. Todd seconded; motion passed with all in favor.

Troy Wiser, Darcie Newcomer and Jake Griffie presented the fire and ambulance reports. Also the yearly report for 2014. Troy stated they engaged the third ambulance in 2014.

Correspondence:

Hempt Brothers, Inc. sent a letter to the Board stating Brandy Run Road and Bridgewater Roads bridges are completed and open to traffic.

Mike motioned that the Election Board may use the Township Building for elections in May and November of this year. Heidi seconded; motion carried.

Old Business:

District 4 pumping-3 left-letter sent to two property owners had the wrong address.

New Business:

COG membership-Todd motioned to not participate in the WCCOG this year as no one attends the meetings. Mike seconded; motion carried with all in favor.

Township insurance-Mike motioned to change insurance from H.A. Thomson to Don Jacobs Ins. Company effective April 23, 2015. Todd seconded; motion carried with all in favor.

Mike motioned for Penn Credit to collect the 79 residents who did not pay their per capita tax for 2014. Heidi seconded; motion carried with all in favor.

The James Bailey subdivision was reviewed. Planning Commission recommended approval. It is a lot addition to Bill & Kim Ocker property on 730 Mountain Road for the purpose of replacement of malfunctioning septic system. No building will occur on this lot. Mike motioned to approve the plan as a preliminary/final. Todd seconded; motion passed with Mike and Todd in favor and Heidi opposed. Mike motioned to approve the plan upon all fees being paid. Todd seconded; motion carried with Mike and Todd in favor and Heidi opposed.

There were 8 applications turned over to the Board for the secretary-treasurer position. The Board will set up interviews for each one.

Solicitor's Report:

Road Master Report: Dale was absent.

Permit Report:

There was only one building permit issued since last meeting.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Bob was absent.

Approval of bills for payment:

Todd motioned to approve the bills for payment. Heidi seconded; all were in favor.

Adjournment:

Todd motioned to adjourn. Heidi seconded; all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM

Secretary,

Ruth Ann Myers

