

UPPER MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP
455 WHISKEY RUN ROAD
NEWVILLE, PA 17241
November 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The Board of Supervisors of Upper Mifflin Township met on Tuesday November 9, 2021 at the Township Building, located at 455 Whiskey Run Road, Newville, PA 17241. Adam Cohick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present:

Adam Cohick, Kingsley Blasco , Heidi Clevenger and Valerie Mowery

Visitors:

Larry Singer, Dan Lehman Co. 47, Steve Wiser, Todd Stought, Paul Deihl, Troy Stought, April Clepper, Jeremy Shotto, Megan Decker and Derreck Cassell.

Approval of Minutes:

Kingsley motioned to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2021 meeting; Heidi seconded; all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Kingsley motioned to approve the October 12, 2021 Treasurer's Report, Heidi seconded; all were in favor.

Visitors:

Dan Lehman from Co. 47 was present to give his report and to say that the new rescue truck should be at the station around June 22, 2022

Larry Singer was here from Newburg Hopewell Volunteer Fire Dept. to give his report and to see if there were any concerns from the Township.

Paul Diehl was present to voice his concerns about Gameland Road and to ask Heidi for her resignation. He also would like to know what happens when mud gets left on the roads and her responsibility it is to clear it off. Kingsley mentioned he is starting the process for applying for a grant for roads and needs to start by putting a road counter out.

All other visitors were present for a situation under New Business.

Correspondence:

Adam looked over the correspondence and mentioned what was important.

Gym:

The Attorneys went over the new Gym policy and they will make the changes that Lauren recommended. They also asked if there was a Park and Rec. ordinance. No one was aware of one and Valerie is going to contact Brandy from Lower Mifflin to see if she remembers one from when it was jointly owned.

Old Business:

Mellott Subdivision – Kingsley made a motion to accept the revisions of the Subdivision, Adam seconded; all were in favor.

New Business:

Belco Credit Union – Kingsley made a motion to change the signature on the Belco CD to Have Kingsley, Valerie and Heidi on the account, Heidi seconded; all were in favor

Valerie talked about the PSATS upcoming Boot Camp and to see if anyone would like to attend. She also suggested that it may be helpful for newly elected Supervisor, Heather Mitten.

Valerie mentioned that she is going to send out the second notice to have residents' septic pumped for the 2021 year.

Kingsley motioned to keep the EIT tax for 2022 at .5%, Heidi seconded; all were in favor.

Todd Stought and Derreck Cassell were present to discuss a problem with a driveway that Derreck Cassell put in without a permit. The State would not issue a permit to Cassell because they do not allow more than 2 driveways on a property without a 600Ft separation. The State said it was up to the Township to approve it. The Conservation office looked at the driveway and stated that the improvements that Cassell made to put the driveway in should help with the run off to the road. Derreck Cassell is willing to comply with the Township rules on having the driveway 10 ft. off of the Stought property line which will require moving a utility pole to the edge of his property. The Board looked at the Driveway regulations and if Cassell is in compliance with the Township's rules the township can decide whether or not he can have a second driveway. After much discussion from the attorneys and both residents involved, Kingsley made a motion to approve the driveway, Adam seconded; Heidi opposed. Motion passed Derreck Cassell can proceed with the driveway which must maintain the 10 ft. setback from the Stought property line for the driveways entire distance.

Heid brought up that she had a complaint on a barking dog and to see if there was an ordinance on it. Kingsley is going to talk to the dog owners and let them know there was a complaint about their dog.

Solicitor's Report:

Allied Attorneys was present and discussed their concerns under the Gym and New Buisness.

Road Master:

Kingsley reported that he is working with the conservation office and putting in a car counter for 24 hours from Mountain Road to Bridgewater Rd. There are critical areas on that road that needs to be fixed and need some new techniques for runoff on that road. Bridgewater had huge potholes and conservation office suggested to out cement rubble and shale in the holes and he mentioned both sides of the road was cleaned. New stone is going to be brought in from the Yellow Barn down to where the old covered bridge was.

Kingsley also stated that trucks were inspected and passed and that the mower needs to be connected to the tractor to cut the side of the roads.

Permit Report: There were 4 new Land Use applications, and 5 new Land Use Permits. There were 2 new building permits issued for the month.

Bob Shively:

Bob gave his report and mentioned it was Autism Awareness month. WEMA bought a light tower from the Newville Borough and PEMA was having a convention on Cyber Security on Sept.20 and October 1, 2021. He also mentioned that there were 82 Resolutions passed at the PSATS convention he attended.

Bob gave the attorneys information about mud that is left on state highways.

Approval of Bills: Kingsley motioned to approve the bills for November, Heidi seconded; all were in favor.

Approval of Additional Monthly Expenditures for Payment: Kingsley motioned; Heidi seconded; all were in favor for the additional bills in November.

Personnel:

There was nothing new under Personnel.

2022 Draft Budget:

Kingsley made a motion to approve the 2022 Draft Budget for the General and State Funds, Heidi Seconded it; all were in favor and will be finalized at the December meeting.

Adjournment: Kingsley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm, Adam seconded; all were in favor.

Secretary,

Valerie J. Mowery