

MINUTES JULY 17, 2019
UPPER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Mike Rinker.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board members present were: Mike Rinker, Rob Disbrow, Scott Sylvainus and Donna Hirst. Brian Pulliam was absent.

Also present were Township Solicitor, Gary Asteak, Township Engineer, Sean Dooley, Township Manager, Lisa Klem, and Treasurer, Betty Parrish.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nothing at this time.

APPROVALS

Motion was made by Mr. Disbrow and seconded by Mr. Sylvainus to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all voting aye. (4-0)

Motion was made by Mr. Rinker and seconded by Mr. Sylvainus to approve meeting minutes of June 19, 2019. Motion carried by a vote of 3-0 with Mrs. Hirst abstaining as she was not present at the June 19, 2019, meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Rinker and seconded by Mr. Sylvainus to approve payment of the bills. Motion carried by all voting aye. (4-0)

Motion was made by Mr. Sylvainus and seconded by Mrs. Hirst to approve the June 2019 Financial and Treasurer's Report. Motion carried by all voting aye. (4-0)

SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS

Mr. Rinker announced an executive session was held prior to the meeting and after the June 19, 2019, meeting for personnel and litigation reasons.

Mr. Jim Vozar of JVI requested approval of the geometry and overall basic design of the Gun Club Road improvements with the road width as submitted on the plan to be 25' wide with no curb and reinforced shoulders. Mr. Vozar stated he met with Mr. Dooley and Mr. Shupe and they have come to an agreement regarding the road width. Mr. Vozar stated the 25' road width requires their moving only 1 pole whereas a 26' width would require the relocating of approximately 7 poles which is a significant cost. Mr. Sylvainus asked if there were any safety concerns with a 25' wide road. Mr. Dooley responded no. Mr. Dooley stated the intent was to keep the road relatively narrow to keep trucks from parking along the roadside and there is less road to maintain.

Mr. Jeffrey Wack of 206 East Lawn Rd. and 248 Heather Ln. questioned why this matter was before the Board of Supervisors and not the Planning Commission. Attorney Asteak responded that the road is separate from the Tadmor project and is not subject to Planning Commission

approval. It is a matter that is subject only to Board of Supervisor approval. Mr. Wack questioned who was paying the attorney and engineering costs associated with this issue. Attorney Asteak responded the developer covers these costs.

Motion was made by Mr. Sylvainus and seconded by Mrs. Hirst to approve geometry and overall basic design to allow for finalizing storm design and proceeding with NPDES submission per the plan submitted with a 25' road, no curb and reinforced shoulders. Motion carried by all voting aye. (4-0)

Attorney Ted Lewis, representing MorningStar, Heritage Village, gave a synopsis of Heritage Village development plans from the beginning to current, stating how various pieces of land were acquired thus creating changes to the original plan submission for Heritage Village. Attorney Lewis stated a result of acquiring the additional parcels along W. Beil Ave, MorningStar, Heritage Village, actually eliminated several driveways along W. Beil Ave. With the various changes, one being the relocation of the clubhouse as a result of acquiring additional land, MorningStar, Heritage Village is requesting approval for Unity Dr. to become a permanent access road. Attorney Lewis asked Mr. Phil Malitsch if there would be an increase in traffic on Beil Ave. should Unity Dr. become a permanent access road. Mr. Malitsch responded he did not think so. Discussion took place about the Phase 1 drive being gated. Mr. Sylvainus asked if Unity Drive was opened as a permanent road, why MorningStar wanted Independence Way as a gated drive.

Motion was made by Mr. Rinker and seconded by Mr. Disbrow to approve opening up Unity Dr. as a permanent access road. A tie vote was cast with Mr. Rinker and Mr. Disbrow voting aye and Mr. Sylvainus and Mrs. Hirst voting nay. (2-2) This issue will be revisited.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Nothing at this time.

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Nothing at this time.

ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Klem requested approval to advertise the Pollution Reduction Plan in the Home News.

Motion was made by Mr. Disbrow and seconded by Mrs. Hirst to approve advertising the Pollution Reduction Plan in the Home News. Motion carried by all voting aye. (4-0)

Mrs. Klem announced the deadline for the Fall Newsletter is August 12, 2019.

Mrs. Klem announced Pibbles Paws Safe Haven will host a low-cost Microchip & Shot clinic on August 17, 2019 from 2 pm to 4 pm at the Bath Municipal Building. Pre-registration is requested and valid proof of residency is required.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Motion was made by Mrs. Hirst and seconded by Mr. Sylvainus to approve the Fire, Police, Public Works and Zoning reports as submitted. Motion carried by all voting aye. (4-0)

PLANNING & ZONING

Motion was made by Mr. Sylvainus and seconded by Mr. Disbrow to appoint Mr. Jim Campana to the recently vacated Planning Commission seat with the term expiring on December 31, 2022, conditional on Attorney Asteak's approval of no conflict.

PUBLIC WORKS

Nothing at this time.

RECREATION

Mr. Disbrow reported that signs will be appearing throughout the Township advertising Community Days.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Cope requested approval for the "Jog for Jugs" benefit walk for Kristi Williams on August 25, 2019 at 12:30 pm.

Motion was made by Mr. Sylvainus and seconded by Mr. Rinker to approve the "Jog for Jugs" benefit walk for Kristi Williams on August 25, 2019 at 12:30 pm. Motion carried by all voting aye. (4-0)

Police Chief Cope requested approval of the Police SOP. Chief Cope stated the SOP was written by the Police Chief's Association, a copy was given to all officers on flash drive, as well as Attorney Asteak.

Motion was made by Mrs. Hirst and seconded by Mr. Disbrow to approve the Police SOP. Motion carried by all voting aye. (4-0)

Motion was made by Mr. Disbrow and seconded by Mrs. Hirst to accept the resignation of part-time officer Gregory Dean. Motion carried by all voting aye. (4-0)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Nothing at this time.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Nothing at this time.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department is requesting approval to park their trucks behind the Township Building from Sunday night, July 21, 2019, to Wednesday, July 24, 2019, while their parking lot is being coated and re-lined.

Motion was made by Mrs. Hirst and seconded by Mr. Rinker to approve the Fire Department parking their trucks behind the Municipal Building from Sunday night, July 21, 2019, to Wednesday, July 24, 2019, while their parking lot is being coated and re-lined. Motion carried by all voting aye. (4-0)

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Ted Lewis requested approval to open Unity Dr. as a permanent drive and modify Independence Way in Phase 1 to not be a gated drive.

Motion was made by Mr. Sylvainus and seconded by Mr. Disbrow to approve Unity Drive as a permanent drive and modify Independence Way in Phase 1 as a non-gated drive. Motion carried 3-1 with Mrs. Hirst opposed.

Ms. Fran Bentkowski of 418 Independence Way stated she represented the residents of Heritage Village Phase 1 stated this was their first meeting but would not be their last. As residents of Heritage Village, they have come from many different areas and are thrilled to be making Upper Nazareth Township their home. The residents of Heritage Village complimented the Supervisors for their work and appreciate the services provided by the Township. They are willing to help the Township in any way they can.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Disbrow and seconded by Mr. Rinker to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried by all voting aye. (4-0)

Respectfully submitted,

*Betty Parrish
Recording Secretary*