

MINUTES DECEMBER 18, 2019
UPPER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Mike Rinker.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Sean Carson of 238 N. Liberty St. commented on the proposed reduction to the library contribution and suggested this situation is an emergency and the Board should take money from reserves to fully fund the library. Mr. Carson stated cutting funding to the library will be remembered in the future.

APPROVALS

Motion was made by Mr. Rinker and seconded by Mrs. Hirst to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all voting aye. (5-0)

Motion was made by Mrs. Hirst and seconded by Mr. Disbrow to approve meeting minutes of December 4, 2019. Motion carried by all voting aye. (5-0)

Motion was made by Mr. Disbrow and seconded by Mr. Sylvainus to approve payment of the bills. Motion carried by all voting aye. (5-0)

Motion was made by Mr. Rinker and seconded by Mr. Sylvainus to approve the November, 2019 Financial and Treasurer's Report. Motion carried by all voting aye. (5-0)

SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS

Mr. Rinker announced an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting for personnel and litigation purposes.

Motion was made by Mrs. Hirst and seconded by Mr. Disbrow to approve Resolution 19-14 adopting the 2020 General Fund Budget with a .5 mill increase in Real Estate Taxes. Motion carried with a vote of 3-2 with Mr. Sylvainus and Mr. Pulliam opposed.

Motion was made by Mrs. Hirst and seconded by Mr. Disbrow to approve Resolution No. 19-15 setting the 2020 Real Estate Tax Rate at 7.59 mills. Motion carried by a vote of 3-2 with Mr. Sylvainus and Mr. Pulliam opposed.

Motion was made by Mrs. Hirst and seconded by Mr. Disbrow to approve Resolution No. 19-16 setting the Act 511 Tax Rates for 2020. Motion carried by a vote of 3-2 with Mr. Sylvainus and Mr. Pulliam opposed.

Motion was made by Mr. Sylvainus and seconded by Mrs. Hirst to approve the 2020 Liquid Fuels Budget. Motion carried by all voting aye. (5-0)

Motion was made by Mr. Sylvainus and seconded by Mr. Disbrow to approve the 2020 Recreation Budget. Motion carried by all voting aye. (5-0)

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Nothing at this time.

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Attorney Asteak informed the Board that Ordinance No. 183 Imposing an additional 0.25% EIT for Open Space Funding was presented to the voters at the November 5, 2019, general election for the purposes of preserving open space and passed. The election result has been certified by the Northampton County Board of Election. The ordinance was duly advertised in the Express Times on 12/6, 12/13 and 12/16 and is before the Board for adoption.

Motion was made by Mrs. Hirst and seconded by Mr. Sylvainus to approve Ordinance No. 183 imposing an additional 0.25% EIT for Open Space Funding. Motion carried by a vote of 4-1 with Mr. Disbrow opposed.

Attorney Asteak thanked Mr. Pulliam for his contribution to the Board of Supervisors and his service to Upper Nazareth Township.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER/ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Parrish requested year end closing of the books for accounts payables on 12/30/19 and for accounts receivables on 12/31/19.

Motion was made by Mrs. Hirst and seconded by Mr. Disbrow to approve the year end closing of the books for accounts payables on 12/30/19 and for accounts receivables on 12/31/19. Motion carried by all voting aye. (5-0)

PLANNING & ZONING

Motion was made by Mr. Sylvainus and seconded by Mr. Pulliam to accept the extension of time to February 28, 2020, for the review of plans submitted by JVI, LLC. Motion carried by all voting aye. (5-0)

PUBLIC WORKS

Nothing at this time.

RECREATION

Nothing at this time.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Cope requested an additional \$5,306.00 for an upgrade from the approved purchase of a Dodge Charger to a Dodge Durango as Dodge Chargers will not be available until the 4th quarter of 2020.

Motion was made by Mrs. Hirst and seconded by Mr. Disbrow to approve an additional \$5,306.00 for the upgrade to a Dodge Durango from a Dodge Charger. Motion carried by all voting aye. (5-0)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Nothing at this time.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Safety Committee Meeting was held on December 13, 2019.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Disbrow and seconded by Mrs. Hirst to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Motion carried by all voting aye. (5-0)

Respectfully submitted,

*Betty Parrish
Recording Secretary*