

UPPER HANOVER TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

January 9, 2023, WORK SESSION MINUTES

- I. Call to order and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag led by Chairman Rothenberger at 7:00 PM at the Upper Hanover Township Municipal Building located at 1704 Pillsbury Road in East Greenville, PA 18041.

- II. Roll Call

Mr. Rothenberger - Present
Mr. Fiorito - Present
Mrs. Diehl - Present
Mr. Woodward - Present
Mr. Laessig – Present

Also present was Township Manger Anne Klepfer and Township Engineer Peter Eisenbrown.

- III. Organizational Matters

- A. Planning Commission Term 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2026

1. Meet Candidate Dale Young – Mr. Young re-introduced himself. He has been serving as the Planning Commission Alternate Member since January of 2022. He attends all of the meetings and served as a voting member four times.
2. Meet Candidate Jon Warren – Mr. Warren introduced himself to the Board and reviewed his work experience and skills. He is very eager to get involved with the Township. He said he would be willing to serve as the Alternate if Mr. Young was promoted to voting member.
3. Meet Candidate Valerie Panacio - Ms. Panacio was unable to attend due to a loss in her family.
4. Meet Candidate Brian Slotter – Mr. Slotter did not attend.

Chairman Rothenberger thanked the candidates and said the vacancy would be placed on a regular meeting agenda for consideration of appointment.

- B. The Upper Hanover Authority Term 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2027

1. Mr. Steve Harner was present to re-introduce himself. He previously served on the Authority Board, heard there was a vacancy and is willing to serve again.
2. Andrew Lechman – just submitted his letter of interest today and was unable to attend on short notice.

Chairman Rothenberger thanked Mr. Harner for his interest and said the vacancy would be placed on a regular meeting agenda for consideration of appointment.

IV. Fee Schedule Changes

The Board reviewed the SALDO application fee and Escrow on the newly adopted 2023 Fee Schedule. This section has been unchanged for many years. Multiple non-residential applications prompted staff to re-examine how the fees are calculated. The consensus of the Board was that the Escrow calculation method based on the number of units does not always calculate equitably. Staff recommends amending the Fee Schedule to calculate non-residential Escrow for Land Development applications based on building size in square feet. **Consideration of this amendment will be placed on the February Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Agenda.**

V. Valley View Sewer Matters

The Board of Supervisors asked Mrs. Klepfer to help coordinate an exploratory meeting with representatives from The Upper Hanover Authority and the Upper Montgomery Joint Authority to renew discussions of future water and sewer planning for the "Perkiomen Heights" area of the township which also includes Valley View Estates. **Mr. Rothenberger and Mr. Fiorito will represent the Township.**

VI. 2023 Projects and Other Matters

- A. The Board asked Anne to set up a meeting of the Road Committee with AMS to review road candidates for Ultra-Thin Bonding repair work in 2023.
- B. ACT 537 Plan implementation. Mr. Fiorito reviewed the costs of implementing Act 537 Planned expansion of the sewer system to service the Residences at Upper Hanover, among others. While the tap-in fees for the Residences at Upper Hanover will be significant, the Authority will still need to borrow approximately \$2 million dollars. This is not unusual and is what Municipal Authorities do. Mr. Fiorito does not have concerns about the Authority's ability to meet its financial commitments.

VII. Adjournment

By **motion** of Mrs. Diehl and **second** by Mr. Tim Woodward, the Work Session **was adjourned** at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne W. Klepfer

Township Manager/Secretary-Treasurer