

Lower Milford Township
Lehigh County, Pennsylvania
Board of Supervisors
September 19, 2024 Regular Meeting
MINUTES

Present: Ellen Koplín, Chair; Lowell Linde, Vice-Chair; Timothy Cogle, Supervisor; Mark Cappuccio, Township Solicitor; Emily Fucci, Township Administrator/Secretary; and 9 members of the Public.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35PM by Koplín.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Koplín announced that an executive session was held on September 19, 2024 for litigation.

Motion by Cogle to approve the August 15, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Motion by Linde to approve the September 12, 2024 special meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Cogle and unanimously approved.

Cogle read the Treasurer's report as of August 31, 2024 aloud:

• General Fund	\$ 2,124,569.00
• Historical Registry Fund	5,735.00
• Fee-In-Lieu of Fund	24,000.00
• Sewer Fund	120,931.00
• Capital Reserve Fund	178,284.00
• Fire Fund	320,043.00
• Highway Capital Improvement	337,289.00
• ARPA of 2021 Fund	30,054.00
• State Liquid Fuels Tax Account	273,849.00
• Developer Escrow (Non-Township Funds)	39,483.00

Motion by Linde to approve the Treasurer's report as of August 31, 2024 as read. Seconded by Cogle and unanimously approved.

Motion by Cogle to authorize paying the September 2024 bills. Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Motion by Linde to accept the Administrator Report for September 19, 2024, the Zoning report for August 2024, the Public Works report for August 2024 and the Administrative Assistant report for August 2024. Seconded by Cogle and unanimously approved.

Koplín announced the August 2024 Macungie Ambulance report.

Fire Company representative Ed Miller informed the Board that the Fire Company is working on putting a list together for the number of radio replacements required so they can get a quote from Lehigh County. Miller stated they are working on grants from Wawa, Walmart, PEMA and Milwaukee Tools. Miller also noted that call units have been updated and other departments may be coming in to assist more frequently.

Under Old Business:

Cappuccio there has not been an update on vacating Janes Lane. Fucci will reach out to the property owners to see if they have an update on their progress with PennDOT.

Koplin noted that the septic permit for 6739 Glen Road was issued without the Board approving the well isolation waiver agreement. Koplin requested Cappuccio put the permit "on hold" while he drafts an agreement and requested the Board receive information on the neighboring wells.

Motion by Cogle to award the Township Office roof replacement bid to Silverline Exteriors. Koplin requested the Board consider the suggestion made by Silverline Exteriors to replace the gutters for the cost of \$5,500.00. Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Cogle to award the Township Office roof replacement bid to Silverline Exteriors for \$160,920.00 and include the recommended replacement of gutters for an approximate cost of \$5,500.00. Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Under New Business:

Koplin announced the Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2025. Motion by Linde to accept the Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2025. Seconded by Cogle and unanimously approved.

Motion by Cogle to approve the recommendation from the Township Treasurer to raise the petty cash available to two hundred (\$200.00) dollars. Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Koplin read the August 13, 2024 letter from the Historic Commission aloud regarding the PA Turnpike's Acquisition of Class II historic resources. Motion by Cogle to write a letter to the PA Turnpike regarding the preservation of the Class II historic resource, attaching the Historic Commission letter and pictures of the home. Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Koplin announced receipt of conditional use application CU-2-24, appeal of Hawk Rise Farm Trust of 4525 Scout Road for the customary accessory use of the property as a wedding venue. Fucci confirmed the application is scheduled to be heard at the November 7, 2024 workshop.

Koplin announced receipt of Docket No. 24-11, appeal of Travis Knoedler and Peaceful Wireman of 8439 Orchard Road for a special exception for a home related business, which was filed in response to a notice of violation. Cogle announced he will recuse himself from voting as he visited the property previously to purchase items. Motion by Linde to oppose the application and request the Township Solicitor attend the hearing to represent the Board. Seconded by Koplin. 2 ayes and 1 recusal.

Koplin announced receipt of Docket 24-12, appeal of Sergey Joseph and Nonna Litvak of 1927 Urffers Road for a variance relating to use and a special exception, which was filed in response to a notice of violation. Fucci provided background on the notice of violation, which was for keeping large and medium sized animals well over the limits of the Zoning Ordinance and referenced that their application admits to practicing animal husbandry. Motion by Cogle to oppose the application and request the Township Solicitor attend the hearing to represent the Board. Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Koplin read the updated Maplewood Subdivision Escrow Security reviews for Phases 1A and 1B and Phase 2 aloud. Motion by Cogle to accept the updated Maple Subdivision Escrow Security reviews for Phases 1A and 1B and Phase 2. Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Motion by Linde to approve the Upper Milford Township Special Fire Police assistance request for the Vera Cruz Halloween Parade. Seconded by Cogle and unanimously approved.

Under Correspondence:

Koplin read the Upper Saucon Township letter in opposition to House Bills 1976 and 2045. A consensus was received from the Board that they will also oppose the House Bills. Fucci will draft a resolution and get additional information on the bills for review at a future meeting.

Koplin announced the September 2024 social security newsletter.

Koplin announced the Allentown Symphony Association Support Request for 2024 Symphony Ball.

Koplin announced the Meals on Wheels Greater Lehigh Valley contribution request.

Koplin announced the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy MS4 municipal membership invitation.

Koplin read the email from Township resident aloud regarding pedestrian safety in Limeport.

Koplin announced the approval notice of DRBC Docket for Limeport WWTP.

Under Public Comment:

Ed Lounsberry asked if any updates have been received from PennDOT on Limeport Pike and Kings Highway, and detailed recent accidents that have taken place at the intersection.

Lounsberry asked if the Township will be disputing PennDOT's traffic count and the Board requested the Township put its traffic counter out on Limeport Pike. Lounsberry mentioned the truck traffic on Milky Way. Fucci will review prior discussions that were held on a Milky Way truck restriction and refresh the Board on where the item was left.

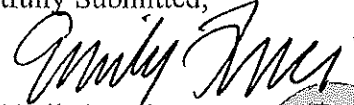
Mike Bearish commented on the high levels of traffic and speeding taking place on County Line Road, referencing an accident that resulted in a vehicle being in his front yard. Koplin requested a traffic count be performed on County Line Road. Fucci told Bearish that a speed display sign can be placed on County Line Road.

Jason Flexer questioned who would enforce the truck restriction on Milky Way if the signs were put up without a study being performed. Koplin replied it could affect the distribution of State Liquid Fuels.

Motion by Cogle to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Emily Fucci
Township Secretary

APPROVED