

**UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2007

CALL TO ORDER – Comm. Crilly called to order the Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Upper Moreland Township at 8:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Township Manager, David A. Dodies, took roll call. Present: Commissioners Lisa Romaniello; Michael G. Crilly; Stacey E. Efkowitz; Richard D. Booth; James G. Hotchkiss, Jr.; James Martin and James McKenna.

Others: David A. Dodies, Township Manager, Richard S. Watt, Township Solicitor and John K. Gibbons of Kise Straw & Kolodner.

Approval of Proposal for Engineering Services submitted by the firm of McMahon Associates, Inc.:

The Redevelopment Committee would like to recommend approval of the proposal by McMahon Associates for design and engineering services related to the culvert at the intersection of 611 and 263.

Comments:

Commissioner Romaniello commented that the culvert needs to be fixed since it is deteriorating and must be completed in order to move the redevelopment projects forward. There is also a safety issue at hand.

Commissioner Efkowitz wanted to verify that this vote was for the construction plans subtotal only, totaling \$14,800, not the approval for the construction costs. Commissioner Romaniello confirmed that the proposal is for structural engineering design services and the cost is \$14,800 and it is very clear that this amount does not cover construction materials but design plans that need to be incorporated into the design plans that have already been submitted to PennDOT.

Commissioner Booth asked whether it is important that the meeting and correspondence on the account was already approved in the beginning of the year. Township Manager, David A. Dodies, responded that this is a separate proposal and that the funding will come out of the operating budget for redevelopment under professional services.

Commissioner Efkwitz asked Joseph J. DeSantis of McMahon Associates, Township Engineer, how many meetings may there be. Joe DeSantis responded probably one meeting with PennDOT.

Commissioner Romaniello stated that there are two accounts. There is almost \$10,000 in the Upper Moreland Township Foundation Fund and \$11,000 in escrow that has been allocated to the redevelopment efforts. She would ask that the Township draw down the funds from those two accounts. Primarily, there is approximately \$20,000 and that money is specifically to be used for redevelopment. It cannot be used for anything else. The Township Manager, David A. Dodies stated that if the Board is in agreement, we will draw down the escrow accounts for this project.

Commissioner Booth would like to thank the Board for following procedure to go through the Committees for deliberating on proposals and how money is spent.

Commissioner Jim McKenna has two questions for the Township Engineer, Joe DeSantis, in regards to the I-beams. Joe DeSantis commented that he is not the structural engineer and could not answer the questions. Joe DeSantis stated that the criteria from PennDOT will be followed.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Commissioner Crilly made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Martin to award the contract to McMahon Associates, Inc. to provide design services as stated in the Motion.

MOTION was ADOPTED 7-0.

Visitor Comments: There were no visitor comments.

Commissioner Comments: There were no additional Commissioner comments.

ADJOURNMENT 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Heinemann