

LOWER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 7, 2004

A special meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held in the Municipal Building at 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 7, 2004. The purpose of the meeting was to consider adoption of the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code. Chairman Fazzalore called the meeting to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present:

Board of Supervisors: Frank Fazzalore, Chairman
Pete Stainthorpe, Vice Chairman
Scott Fegley, Secretary-Treasurer
Steve Santarsiero, Supervisor

Others: Terry Fedorchak, Township Manager
Russell McLaughlin, Building Inspection
Underwriters

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

DISCUSSION OF PA UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE - APPROVAL OF
ORDINANCE NO. 342

Mr. Stainthorpe stated he read in the ordinance that an Appeals Board would need to be created. John Koopman replied that this is similar to what may have been done when the Township adopted the BOCA code. He stated it would be more of an issue in an area where there was more commercial development. Mr. Fegley stated the Supervisors should create by resolution a new board for applicants to go to before fines are levied against them.

Mr. Fazzalore asked what the ramifications would be if the Township did not adopt the Uniform Construction Code. Mr. McLaughlin stated that if the Township opts out of the UCC, the State would come in and inspect the commercial construction and residents would have to hire their own inspectors.

Mr. Santarsiero stated the modifications to the ordinance state that if the Township has stricter codes than the State code, the Township's ordinances will apply. Mr. Koopman stated that traditionally Lower Makefield Township takes a stricter stance on construction requirements and the State code is not as stringent as current Township regulations. Mr. McLaughlin's recommendation was that these items be included as exceptions. Mr. Koopman stated that there is a July 8, 2004, deadline for the Township to adopt the PA Uniform Construction Code.

Mr. Stainthorpe moved to approve Ordinance No. 342 opting in to the PA Uniform Construction Code. Mr. Santarsiero seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF WATER/WELL SITUATION IN GOLF COURSE AREA

Five neighbors in the immediate vicinity of the golf course have reported no water or dirty water. Mr. Fedorchak explained that the Township has been in constant contact with residents on Delaware Rim Drive. There have been two homes where the Township has installed filters. There are two very shallow wells, one of which is dry and one which is very low. One home is located on Upper Hilltop and will be getting public water installed next week. The second will be having a new well drilled.

Mr. Fedorchak stated that there are two wells at the golf course both six to seven hundred feet deep. The golf course wells are being examined now to see if there is any problem with them. Del Val Soil & Environmental Consultants and Skelly & Loy are both involved in the testing procedure.

Mr. Fedorchak stated the Township's first priority is taking care of the residents and their wells, and the next thing is evaluating the golf course wells.

Mr. Santarsiero asked the status of the Delaware Rim sewer survey. Mr. Fazzalore stated the study is complete, and a recommendation from the Sewer Authority is forthcoming.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Fegley, Secretary