

A joint meeting of the Upper Salford Township Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission was brought to order by Chairman Hagey at 7:30 PM. Messrs. Gular, Poatsy, Raisner, Sacks, Nase and McMaster were present. Eric Jarrell, County Planner, Jeff Kerlin and Mike Reinert, Township Engineers, and Stephen Imms, Township Solicitor also attended. Mr. Giannini was absent.

### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTION**

Independent of the joint agenda, the Board of Supervisors took action on the following:

**On a motion made by Mr. Hagey and seconded by Mr. Gular, the Board of Supervisors entered into the THP stipulation agreement as last revised to end the legal challenges. The vote carried 2 to 1 with Mr. Poatsy voting nay.**

Mr. Poatsy questioned the competence of Mr. Gular and his right to second the motion or vote on the motion because of the disclosure of his financial relationship with THP, which may go on in the future.

*Comments made by the public included:*

- Kevin O'Donnell also questioned Mr. Gular's ability to vote on the motion, and to second the motion. He felt there was a conflict of interest with his relationship with TH Properties and the value of this agreement. He asked that it be noted in the record that as a resident he brought that to the Supervisors attention. He implored the supervisors to wait until December to make a decision. Although he is aware that a lot of hard work went into the agreement and that it does offer value to the township, he would like to see the negotiations continue with the township's input, which is what the residents are asking for. He doesn't disagree with Mr. Hagey's belief that we have a moral obligation to provide a solution to a very complex problem. But a complex problem takes time and needs many people to address it. He believes we've only recently started to address that problem and felt it was premature to call a motion at this meeting.
- Mary Larson agreed with Mr. O'Donnell. She felt there was a conflict of interest and that Mr. Gular should not have been able to second the motion.
- Mr. Sacks asked to go on record that he believed it was a big mistake to make a decision at 12:30 on Thanksgiving morning, with limited public input, without a recommendation by the Planning Commission. He took it as a personal affront and a slap in the face to the Planning Commission. He felt there are many unresolved issues, such as the water coming into the township, and he feels the Planning Commission's time has been wasted. (At that point Mr. Sacks left the meeting.)
- Mark Krupp agreed that Mr. Gular has a conflict of interest. He further indicated we have a great Planning Commission with one member absent this evening. He

- questioned why we should “rail-road” the decision through. If evaluated properly, this could be a win/win situation.
- Justin Kulp agreed with the comments made by the other residents. He felt the decision deserved the public’s input. He thanked the Planning Commission and indicated he felt they were the only ones representing the public’s opinion.
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On a motion made by Mr. Gular and seconded by Mr. Hagey, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the minutes of the Supervisors action from the October 17, 2007 meeting.

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On a motion made by Mr. Hagey and seconded by Mr. Gular, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved **Resolution 2007-14**, authorizing the Township Secretary to submit the Bunton Planning Module to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rosato  
Assistant Secretary