

MINUTES OF SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

April 9, 2015

M. CLARE EDELMAYER, VICE PRESIDENT
Finance/Personnel/Administration**1. CALL TO ORDER.**

M. Clare Edelmayer	Vice President
James A. Santi	Commissioner
Eugene P. Ziemba	Commissioner
Leonard T. Perrone	Township Manager
Michael J. Lapinski	Assistant Township Manager
David C. Onorato	Township Solicitor

Mrs. Edelmayer called the April 9, 2015, Special Public Meeting to order at 10:00 AM. She stated today's Special Meeting is being held pursuant to an advertisement that appeared in the legal advertising section of The Reporter on Friday, April 3, 2015. Mr. Perrone noted that he has a copy of the Proof of Publication.

Mrs. Edelmayer reported that both Mr. Kroberger and Mr. Duffy are currently out of town and could not be in attendance today.

2. MR. EDELMAYER STATED TODAY'S MEETING IS BEING HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING RESOLUTION 10- 2015 APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE UPPER GWYNEDD TOWAMENCIN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY CHANGING ITS NAME TO THE TOWAMENCIN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, CHANGING THE NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS THEREOF FROM SIX TO FIVE AND EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE AUTHORITY'S EXISTENCE UNTIL AND THROUGH JUNE 30, 2065.

Mrs. Edelmayer read Item No. 2 above and turned the meeting over to Attorney Onorato for a brief overview.

3. DAVE ONORATO TO PRESENT ANY FURTHER COMMENTS.

Attorney Onorato reported that the Township is in the process of withdrawing from the Upper Gwynedd Towamencin Municipal Authority (UGTMA) and becoming a customer in anticipation of the Township's Diversion Project. The withdrawal documents and Resolutions are being prepared and will be submitted to the Department of State of Pennsylvania with the intent that Upper Gwynedd will withdraw effective April 30, 2015. When this takes place the Upper Gwynedd members can no longer be participants of UGTMA. The Authority By Laws require six members and a quorum of four. The concern was the Authority would not be able to operate as Towamencin Township could only appoint three members as it is currently written. Further, once Upper Gwynedd withdraws, Towamencin wants the name to reflect the fact that it is now a single member entity. Also, in anticipation of the Bond issue that Towamencin will be doing between April and June for a number of improvements that they were anticipating but also the satisfaction of the obligations of the Agreements to pay Upper Gwynedd \$4,000,000, the Authority will need to be extended for purposes of the Bond issue anyway. Attorney Onorato stated in order to make sure that this all goes smoothly, Towamencin asked Upper Gwynedd to do this now although it will not be in effect until the time of the withdrawal.

Attorney Onorato clarified essentially what Upper Gwynedd is doing is changing the Articles of Amendment of the Authority, changing the name of the Authority, changing the number of Board Members from six to five and allowing Towamencin to appoint all five members, as well as extending the Authority out 50 years to 2065.

Attorney Onorato noted the process is both municipalities have to adopt similar Resolutions. They get advertised and packaged together along with Upper Gwynedd's package to withdraw from the Authority and sent to the Department of the State of Pennsylvania. The Department of State will approve everything and beginning May 1, 2015, the Authority will be single and appointing its own members.

4. PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS (LIMIT OF FIVE MINUTES PER INDIVIDUAL).

Dan Sokil from The Reporter questioned whether or not this withdrawal will affect Upper Gwynedd's Budget. Mr. Perrone reported the payments that the Township will make to Towamencin are part of the Budget. He noted instead of paying the Authority, the Township will be paying Towamencin Township. Mr. Perrone did explain that the first payment will be split between the Authority and Towamencin Township.

5. MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 10-2015.

Mrs. Edelmayer stated Resolution No. 10-2015 is a Resolution approving an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Upper Gwynedd Towamencin Municipal Authority changing its name to the Towamencin Municipal Authority, changing the number of Board Members thereof from six to five and extending the term of the authority's existence until and through June 30, 2065.

Mr. Santi motioned to approve Resolution No. 10-2015. Seconded by Mr. Ziemba, Resolution No. 10-2015 was approved.

6. CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

There being no further business, upon motion by Mr. Ziemba, seconded by Mr. Duffy, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Lapinski
Assistant Secretary

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Approved April 27, 2015