

UPPER FREDERICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MONTHLY WORKSHOP MEETING

August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

7 PM

Minutes

**Executive Summary:** *The meeting involved the introduction of candidates for the Township Supervisor position, with each candidate discussing their background, motivations, and views on community issues such as open space preservation and tax management. Community members asked questions about potential tax increases for open space funds and the status of previous litigation. The Board also discussed appointments to the Open Space Committee and the Planning Commission, and addressed the need for more transparency and involvement from the Board of Auditors.*

*The Meeting commenced at 7:00pm.*

**Township Representatives Present:** *Chairman William Landman, Vice Chairwomen Lisa Fischer, Solicitor Vicki Kushto, Manager Aaron Walizer.*

**Others in Attendance:** *See attached sign in sheet.*

Pledge to the Flag

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

Public Comment Period -None

**MINUTES**

Held Until Regular Monthly Meeting, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

**New Business:**

1. Supervisor Candidate Introduction – 2 Minutes Each

• **William 'Bill' Karaffa:**

- Resident for 18 years, married with two children.
- Served in the US Navy.
- Retired from LDS as a Security Response Force member.
- Background in small business, commercial diving, telecommunications, and EMS.
- Ran for supervisor in 2021 with bipartisan support.

• **Steve O'Neill:**

- 30-year resident.
- Worked in the restaurant industry and started his own business.

- *Interested in the supervisor position due to personal changes and desire to serve the community.*
- *Emphasized common sense and fiscal responsibility.*
- **Darby Bauer:**
  - *Fourth-generation resident.*
  - *Recently graduated from college.*
  - *Experience in leading clubs and community involvement.*
  - *Plans to make Upper Frederick his long-term home.*
- **Buck Daniel Reed:**
  - *Lifelong resident.*
  - *Owns a construction company.*
  - *Vice chairman of the Planning Commission.*
  - *Advocates for protecting residents' rights and addressing zoning issues.*

## 2. Supervisor Candidate Panel Interview

- **Why did you submit your name for consideration for Township Supervisor?**
  - *Bill Karaffa: To be part of the current board and ensure local government is accessible and transparent.*
  - *Steve O'Neill: Long-time interest in politics and desire to serve the community.*
  - *Darby Bauer: To be more involved in the community and continue his family's legacy.*
  - *Buck Daniel Reed: Believes in mastering fundamentals and treating residents with respect.*
- **How have you worked collaboratively on a decision when there was disagreement on an issue?**
  - *Bill Karaffa: Emphasized defining goals and active listening.*
  - *Steve O'Neill: Used corporate management theories like the beach ball theory.*
  - *Darby Bauer: Focused on respect, transparency, and de-escalation.*
  - *Buck Daniel Reed: Advocated for honest discussions and understanding different perspectives.*
- **How would you address the increased cost of the township that has occurred naturally over time or build new projects and programs?**
  - *Bill Karaffa: Suggested looking at the budget and being honest about potential tax increases.*
  - *Steve O'Neill: Believes the township is financially secure and taxes should not be raised unless necessary.*
  - *Darby Bauer: Open to exploring new projects and programs to maintain financial stability.*
  - *Buck Daniel Reed: Advocated for practical economics and careful auditing of expenses.*
- **What would you do to build trust in Upper Frederick Township's government?**
  - *Bill Karaffa: Advocated for honesty and transparency.*
  - *Steve O'Neill: Suggested more public meetings and personal visits.*
  - *Darby Bauer: Emphasized being visible in the community and educating residents.*
  - *Buck Daniel Reed: Stressed treating residents with respect and being open about issues.*
- **What is the role of open space in Upper Frederick and how would you balance growth with the preservation of our rural character?**
  - *Bill Karaffa: Advocated for purchasing development rights and using grants.*
  - *Steve O'Neill: Against spending taxpayer money on open space.*
  - *Darby Bauer: Emphasized the importance of preserving green spaces.*
  - *Buck Daniel Reed: Highlighted the need for education and creative solutions.*
- **How would you build a better sense of community and increase pride in Upper Frederick Township?**
  - *Bill Karaffa: Suggested more community events and personal interactions.*
  - *Steve O'Neill: Proposed music events and personal visits.*
  - *Darby Bauer: Emphasized being active in the community and encouraging resident involvement.*

- **Buck Daniel Reed:** *Advocated for treating residents with respect and fostering community pride.*

### 3. Supervisor Candidate Questions from the Public

- **Question on Tax Increase for Open Space Fund:**
  - **Steve O'Neill:** *Against spending taxpayer money on open space.*
  - **Bill Karaffa:** *Supports a referendum for the community to decide.*
  - **Darby Bauer:** *Supports the idea if it reflects the community's majority.*
  - **Buck Daniel Reed:** *Emphasized the importance of preserving the rural character and water quality.*
- **Question on Litigation Regarding Old Administrations:**
  - **Bill Karaffa:** *Supports pursuing the issue with the DA.*

### Old Business:

#### 1. Open Space Committee Appointments

*Appointed Heidi Geverd, Kate Bauer, William Karaffa, and Susan Myers with a vote of 2-0.*

#### 2. Planning Commission Appointment

*Appointed Paul Christman with a vote of 2-0.*

#### 3. Zoning Hearing Board Alternate Appointment

*The Board of Supervisors are still looking for candidates and ask anyone interested to apply.*

### Public Comment Period

**George Jones:** *Suggested expanding the role of the Board of Auditors for better oversight and transparency.*

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Board of Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7pm

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7pm


Zoning Hearing Board Meeting August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7pm

Planning Commission Meeting August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7pm

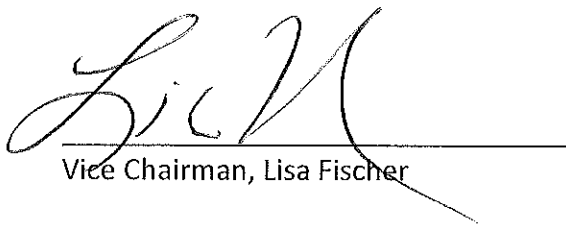
### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Goschenhopp Folk Festival is August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>  
Community Day is September 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 3pm


*Meeting Adjourned at 9:04pm.*



Chairman, William Landman



Vice Chairman, Lisa Fischer



Secretary/Manager, Aaron Walizer

# Upper Frederick Township

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP

### ATTENDANCE SIGN-IN SHEET

August 07, 2024

PRINT Name	Street Name	Resident (circle)
Bill Karaska	1160 WOODLAND Rd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / No
Madelyn Karaska	1160 woodland Rd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / No
Mike Petosa	Woodchuck Ln	Yes / No
Steve O'Neill	Deep Creek Rd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / No
David Gorkich	Reiter Rd.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / No
David Hanson	Locust Lane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / No
CW GOFFER SR	Big Road	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / No
Paul Christman	Big Rd	Yes / No
Tracy Hanger	Big Rd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / No
Jack Reed	Porter Rd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / No
Sweeney	Big Rd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / No
Rob Marriott	Colonial Rd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / No
Lynne Lillier	1121 Swifford Rd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / No
US Benzak		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / No
Mary Ann	CLOVER LN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / No
Mark Nole	Turner County	Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Dorby Bauer	Perkiomenville Rd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / No
Stephanie O'Neill	perkiomenville Rd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / No