

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014 7:00 PM
MEETING ROOM, 3537 - 7TH STREET ROAD**

Board of Supervisors Chairman, Ross Walker II called the regular meeting of the Upper Burrell Township Supervisors to order at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: The following members of Council responded to roll call:

Present: Chairman Walker
Vice Chairman Dombroski
Supervisor Uhler

Also present: David Kerchner, Engineer
Melissa A. Holmes, Secretary
Stephen Yakopec, Solicitor

COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – None

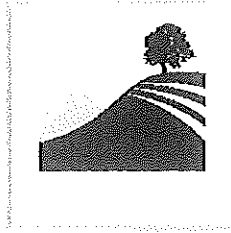
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by Walker, second by Dombroski, to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2014, organizational and regular meeting of the Township Supervisors. Motion passed 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Walker asked Ms. Holmes, to review the correspondence from the month. Ms. Holmes reviewed the items that were listed on the agenda.

Supervisor Walker questioned Mr. Yakopec in regards to his letter about the dangerous situation regarding the Allegheny Kiski North Tower, Emergency Dispatch/Old Tarentum Borough Tower. Mr. Yakopec stated that this tower is experiencing disruptions, however, it does not affect Upper Burrell Township only if it were to be used as a backup.



ROAD REPORT

Supervisor Dombroski reviewed the activities of the Road Department for the month of January. Supervisor Dombroski made a motion, second by Walker to accept the 1 of 14 bids received from Ligonier Stone and Lime Company, d/b/a, Derry Stone and Lime Company, for Type II Anti-Skid, in the amount of \$21.43/ton, delivered.

Motion passed 3 – 0.

Supervisor Dombroski also asked could you continue to keep using CoCo Trucking in a pinch. Solicitor Yakopec replied yes.

POLICE REPORT

There were 72 calls for service for the month of January.

EMC REPORT

Coordinator Knox reported that the Township does not qualify for Senate Bill 1682, the Land Banking, due to the township's population. He suggested that the Supervisor's consider an Intergovernmental Agreement with surrounding communities to be able to reach the populations goal, and also requested that the Solicitor look into this. There are different variations as to how this program will work and how to get said properties back on the tax roll. Solicitor Yakopec stated that Lower Burrell is also looking into this. Mr. Knox stated that there is a seminar being held in May on the Hazardous Mitigation and strongly suggested that one of the Supervisor's attend this seminar.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Kerchner reported that he has a received the performance bond for the Lower Drennen Road Project and all documents have been sent to the County and once in order he will schedule a pre-construction meeting with all parties.

PLANNING COMMISSION - None

SOLICITORS REPORT

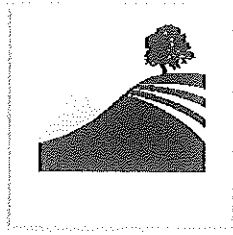
Reported on the Kathy Henry zoning issue on the property located on Myers Road.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Walker, second by Uhler, to exonerate Joyce Ewing from collection delinquent taxes at a face value of \$8,208.20. Motion passed 3 -0

A motion was made by Walker, second by Uhler, to accept the resignation with regrets from Christine B. Jordan, elected Auditor. Motion passed 3 - 0

A motion was made by Walker, second by Uhler to adopt Resolution #4-2014 changing the defined contributions to the police pension plan for the year 2014. Motion passed 3 – 0



A motion was made by Walker, second by Uhler, to adopt Resolution #5-2014 changing the defined contributions to the municipal pension plan for the year 2014.

Motion passed 2 – 0. With Dombroski abstaining

A motion was made by Walker, second by Dombroski , to hire Eric McAlipine as a part-time policeman.

Motion passed 3 - 0

A motion was made by Walker, second by Uhler to adopt Resolution #6-2014, appointing Melissa A. Holmes, as the authorized representative to make requests upon and receive any and all tax informations and records from Berkheimer, relative to the collection of taxes.

Motion passed 3 - 0

A motion was made by Uhler second by Dombroski to pay all the monthly bills and accept the financial report. Motion passed 3 - 0

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Kathy Henry, P.O. Box 129, Emlenton, PA, wanted to know how she could the property 93 acre farm property located on Myers Road, zoned back to RA from CC. Ms. Henry stated that she has a buyer for said property but the sale is contingent upon the zoning outcome.

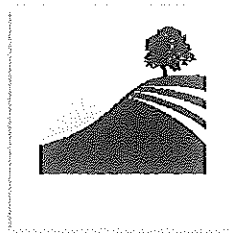
Solicitor Yakopec stated that Ms. Henry needs to pay the fee and submit the request and then he draft and Ordinance in accordance with this request zoning request to change said property from current Zoning of CC to RA and then submit it to the Upper Burrell Planning Commission and also to the Westmoreland Planning Department, then a public hearing will be held and at such time a decision would be rendered by the Supervisors.

Ms. Henry also asked if at any time is there a plan for public sewage? There have been talks of this plan a few years back, trying to get public sewer from PSNK to Myers Road to Greensburg Road but at that time the funding did not come thru.

Ron Slabe, 516 Angelcrest Drive, questioned as to why his property which was once zoned Residential is now zoned RA, and why he was not notified. Solicitor Yakopec stated that numerous notices were placed in the newspaper and public hearing were held. He also stated that you must have 10 plus acres to asked to be re-zoned.

Mr. Slabe also went on to state that the Act 13 vote is a huge victory for the Township and he commended the Supervisor's for their support in this matter.

Mr. Slabe also questioned a newspaper article on WEDIG some months back in regards to the comments made from Lower Burrell about the monetary donations that are being made to help hire a Management firm. All communities involved will make monetary donations and are hoping with the help of realtor, Marvin Bruner, it will lower said contributions.



Brian Uhler, stated that this company will also lobby to get things done for all communities involved. Mr. Uhler strongly stated that someone representing the Township should be at these meetings, he has asked in the past to be placed on this board.

Leon Yurkin, 3603 Baxter Drive, stated that we currently do participate in other activities with surrounding communities would that not qualify for the Land Banking Bill?

Engineer Kerchner stated that when he attended the earlier WEDIG meetings there were talks of a commuter train to Allegheny Township he stated this topic has once again gained momentum. He also stated about talks of working on a bike trail from Braeburn to Allegheny Township, but the rail project is still about 5 years off.

Brian Fitch, Fire Chief Upper Burrell Township Volunteer Fire Co., addressed the issue about comments made at last's month meeting in regards to a newspaper article about a house fire. He assured the Supervisor's that UBVFC did respond to the call and were the first on scene with about 9 members there they did have to call for back-up due to not having a ladder truck. Markle, Kinloch and Washington Township all assisted as back up. Chief Fitch also went on to state that for the year 2013 they had 308 calls the most ever ranging from medical, fires, down trees and flooded basements. The Supervisor's thanked the fire department and stated that the fire department is very much appreciated.

Ron Slabe, 516 Angelcrest Drive, asked about the suggested changes in the ambulance service, Chief Fitch stated that as of date no changes have been made. Chief Fitch also stated that no ambulance service is to solicit any resident of Upper Burrell if so it is due to an address issue.

John Grum, 141 Fawn Hill Lane, asked about the extension of cable service from Comcast? Supervisor Walker stated that the township is still discussing this matter with Comcast.

Supervisor Dombroski stated that the road crew was called from the School District asking to help get some anti-skid out to Upper Drennen Road due to the buses getting stuck and Penn Dot had not yet plowed or salted this road.

Supervisor Walker stated that they are currently still working on the firearm ordinance.

Mr. Slabe stated that above all with the firearm ordinance is SAFETY. He stated that you can no longer do what you want with your own property, this ordinance must pertain to the health and safety of your neighbors.



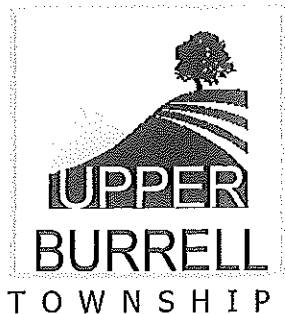
A motion by Walker to adjourn, second by, Dombroski, meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Minutes Submitted by:

Melissa A. Holmes

Note***

Next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, March 3, 2014
Beginning at 7:00 p.m.

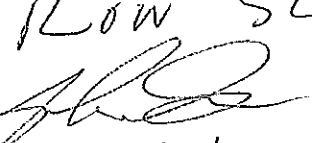


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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
 ATTENDANCE RECORD
 FEBRUARY 3, 2014

NAME	ADDRESS
LEON YURKIN	3603 BAXTER DR
Kathy Henry	Emlenton, PA
Joyce Ewing	201 Stoney Hill Rd
WILLIAM BALENTINE	340 WOODLAND RD
Curt Britton	108 Rustic Lane
GENE SYMIONOF	3803 BAXTER DR.
GEORGE RICHARD	350 HUNTER HILL RD.
LOW SLABE	516 Angelcrest Dr.
	141 Fern Hill Lane
Jim Edwards	518 Upper Drennen
DAVID KNOX	1307 OAK LAKE