

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS

MONDAY, JULY 7, 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:

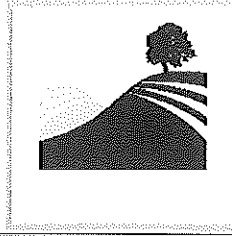
Present: Chairman Walker
Vice Chairman Dombroski
Supervisor Uhler

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

COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – Leon Yurkin, 3603 Baxter Drive, asked about the subdivision request of Gary Ross, he stated that nothing from Mr. Ross had been submitted to the Planning Commission, and if he recalled the were stipulations put on Mr. Ross when he last requested the subdivision and he asked if those conditions had been met. Said conditions having to do with paving and drainage.

Mr. Yurkin also inquired about the UBVFD requests for the annual donation and LST monies, he asked if the Township could request an expense report from the Fire Department as to how these monies were being spent. Solicitor Yakopec stated it is not required that they do this. Supervisor Walker stated that they LST monies are given so that taxes are not raised which could be raised from 1 – 3 mills for the Fire Department.

Ron Slabe, 516 Angelcrest Drive, asked about the WEDIG annual allocation of \$10,000.00. He asked about what this organization has been doing. Supervisor Walker stated that the allocation for 2014 was \$12,000.00 but WEDIG received a grant which reduced all contributions by \$2,000.00. Mr. Slabe asked if information from the WEDIG meetings could become public information. Supervisor Walker stated that yes at the next meeting he will have that information.



Mr. White, 282 Mosaic Blvd., asked permission from the Township to be allowed to go onto the Township property located above his home and clean up the property by cutting the shrubs and weeds and cleaning up the debris in hopes of being able to erect a softball diamond. After some discussion about private property and liability issues, Supervisor Walker did grant Mr. White permission to clean up said property and also remove the large pile of dirt which in turn he agreed to clean up the property and fill in the ravine and make a baseball diamond. Supervisor Walker asked Supervisor Dombroski to have the chain removed from across the road and have Solicitor Yakopec prepare an agreement.

Dan Myers, 2431 Turkey Ridge Road, inquired about the status of the problem property located on Turkey Ridge Road, which he filed an official complaint about 64 days ago. After some discussion as to whom to the correct property owner, Supervisor Walker stated to contact Scott Chermak, ASAP and have him get out the violation notice to the owner.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

CORRESPONDENCE

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

ROAD REPORT

Supervisor Dombroski reviewed the activities of the Road Department for the month of June. Supervisor Dombroski stated some of the work performed was patching, cutting trees and removing a lot of debris, cleaning up the Lincoln Beach area. Supervisor Dombroski also stated that a lot of the hardware from the Township signs has been stolen along with the street signs and other signs and 9 traffic cones also are missing.

POLICE REPORT

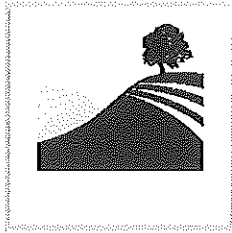
There were 101 incidents for the month.

EMC REPORT – NO REPORT

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Kerchner reported that it was not just Upper Burrell who did not receive that Generator Grant, however, no communities received funding the grant was pulled. Supervisor Walker asked about next year, Mr. Kerchner stated it would just be a matter of changing dates.

Mr. Kerchner also stated that he has discussions with Consol Energy in regards to a well they are planning to drill in Allegheny Township, Consol Energy will need to utilize Upper Burrell's part of Oak Lake Road, which cannot support the truck traffic. Consol Energy would like to make improvements to



this road so that it can support the traffic. They are willing to spend thousands of dollars for these improvements, the portion of the road they are talking about is near White Cloud and Watson Road and Consol will pay the entire cost. Mr. Kerchner suggested that Consol put their plans on paper and also have a site meeting to make sure they will be no problems with drainage or driveways. But as of now they has just only been talks, hopefully next month he will have more to report.

After some discussion a few residents asked questions in regards to being allowed to actually prevent them using this road, and stated that they will promise anything to get what they want then say sue me when the work is not completed. Mr. Kerchner stated that once they apply for the permits he does not believe that we can restrict them from using the road, they will have to put up a bond and file the proper paperwork.

Mr. Kerchner stated at the last meeting he was requested to obtain quotes for the information that is needed for Lower Drennen Road, he received 2 proposals, KU Resources was the lower bid and he does feel comfortable working with them.

A motion made by Dombroski, second by Uhler, to have KU Resources proceed with the work on Lower Drennen Road, on how to fix the problem at a quote of \$8,400.00.

Motion passed 3 – 0

Mr. Kerchner also stated that he thought he would the final payment request for the Lower Drennen Road Slide Repair, however he did not receive it. Mr. Kerchner also commented in regards to the Gary Ross subdivision request, he did make contact with the company who prepared the drawings, noting that the date on the drawings submitted were from 2009, which did not show any new changes and Mr. Ross did not submit an application. Mr. Kerchner stated that there were issues on drainage and paving and the drawing submitted to not reflect those issues. Mr. Ross stated that he would like to remain a Private Lane. Mr. Kerchner then stated that is a change and he needs to amend his application.

PLANNING COMMISSION – No Report

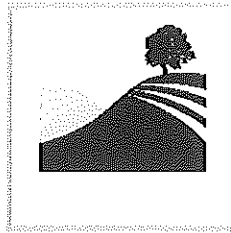
SOLICITORS REPORT – No Report

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Walker, second by Dombroski, to pay the annual contribution to WEDIG in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Motion passed 3 - 0

A motion was made by Walker, to approve the Gary Ross Subdivision. No second was received
Motion denied



A motion was made by Walker, second by Uhler, send the Engineer and/or someone from Bankson Engineers along with the Secretary to attend the CDGB meeting being held on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, in Vandergrift, PA
Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Walker, second by Dombroski to pre-purchase propane from Ross Welding Supplies.
Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Walker second by Dombroski to advertise bids for the F.B. Modified Paving Project on Myers Drive.
Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Walker, second by Dombroski to accept the Winter Service Agreement with Penn Dot.
Motion passed 3 – 0

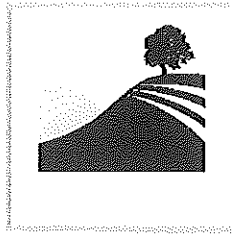
A motion was made by Walker, second by Dombroski to move forward with the additional camera at the Township Maintenance Garage and Gas Pump Area.
Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Walker, second by Dombroski to pay the annual donation to the UBVFD , in the amount of \$20,000.00 and also pay the annual percentage for the LST Tax which will not be paid until December 2014.
Motion passed 3 - 0

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Carol Magill, 2114 Swank Lane, stated that on June 25, 2014 she made several attempts to reach the Township Office and Police Department, due to flooding that was occurring on the property , possibly from a large tree that was down in the creek near her property. Mrs. Magill inquired as to where all of the extra water is coming from, she stated that it comes off of the hill from the Industrial Park. Mrs. Magill stated that is was almost impossible to reach anyone to get help. Mrs. Magill stated that finally the fire department did arrive and did pump the 6" of water out. Supervisor Dombroski stated that he did respond and also did help with the removal of the tree from the creek along with a neighbor who used his equipment to help with the removal.

Mrs. Magill also went on to state that there is a problem on Swank Lane with several vehicles blocking a fire hydrant and said hydrant does not work and several vehicles parked along the Lane that are making it impossible for the fire truck to be able to get to her home and also complained of a property that has several junk vehicles on it. Mrs. Magill also stated that the bridge by Whitten Hollow Road is also in need of repair that the fire truck cannot pass over it. She also stated that a hump has been placed in the road and covered up the drain and when the ambulance was called there it got stuck on this hump.



Supervisor Walker stated that the Township will do its best to try and remedy this situation by first having the police go down and look and see if the hydrant is blocked if so a ticket would be issued. Second is to send Scott Chermak down to see if there are any other violations on the properties and lastly to try to find out if Swank Lane is a private lane or public road. Supervisor Dombroski stated that it is private and no the Township would not want to take it back.

Linda Bolt, 629 Pleasant Valley Road, inquired as to the status of the water/pond issue she is having with her neighbor, she stated that as it rains the worse the problem gets. Supervisor Walker stated that a violation letter had been issued, and that the neighbor did stop by and asked to have a hearing on this. Mrs. Bolt asked for a copy of the violation letter, Solicitor Yakopec stated that it would be OK to give her a copy.

Ron Slabe, 516 Angelcrest Drive, stated that if the approval was granted to Consol Energy to upgrade Oak Lake Road it would have a negative impact on the persons living there with all of the traffic, noise, etc. Mr. Slabe also asked how many people would this drilling impact. Supervisor Dombroski stated about seven. Mr. Kerchner stated that state law prohibits the Township from not allowing this use, Consol has to get the proper agreements and that there will be pre & post inspections of the road.

Mr. Slabe also commented on the Township's drilling Ordinance, according to the Supreme Court ruling drilling is considered an Industrial Use, and our current Ordinance does allow for drilling in Residential areas, Mr. Slabe stated that the Township Ordinance needs to be amended. Mr. Slabe stated that unconventional drilling is an Industrial use not Residential.

A few comments from the public, asked if we require solicitation permits and do we have a solicitation ordinance.

Mr. Kerchner asked for clarification on the Gary Ross subdivision application, should he resubmit a new application. Solicitor Yakopec stated yes.

A motion was made by Walker, second by Uhler to have the new Gary Ross plans and application when submitted to also be reviewed by the Engineer, Dave Kerchner.

A motion by Walker to adjourn, second by, Uhler, meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Minutes Submitted by:

Melissa A. Cortileso

Note***

Next monthly meeting , will be held on Monday, August 4, 2014
Beginning at 7:00 p.m.

