



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

***MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 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. Cortileso, Secretary

COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – Paula Gregg, 2153 Greensburg Road, inquired about proposed Ordinance #3-2014, which would regulate parking on public and private streets or alleys which hinder Emergency Vehicles, refuse snow trucks, snow removal equipment and providing penalties for violations. Mrs. Gregg stated that her home has been under water at least 11 times and she has been to previous meeting asking for help and was always told that this was her problem due to this being a private lane which she accepted this fact. Mrs. Gregg stated that over the years they have graded, paved put in drainage to maintain the road. All the vehicles that belong to her that are parked along Swank Lane are registered, insured and are drivable.

Mrs. Gregg went on to state they she feels offended by the fact that the Township would consider opening this road to allow all traffic pass thru. She stated there are other access roads that could be used. As for the bridge she stated she has not been notified that is unsafe and if deemed so who made that determination, the neighbor on a daily basis travels across the bride either hauling or driving heavy equipment. Mrs. Gregg stated that they did erect the big bump do divert the water from flooding her home and agreed that no fire truck get over that bump but it saves her home from being flooded. Walker asked her if she could move the vehicles to make enough room for an emergency vehicle to pass by and she stated it is to narrow and the barrier can't be moved because it is so close to the telephone pole. She did suggest the branches get trimmed back.



Maxine Gregg, 2129 Greensburg Road, also stated that over the years they have spent a lot of money to maintain this road, she asked if the Township would be able to come up money to cover the cost of this. She stated that due the ditch being installed the road would need to be widen to allow vehicles to pass by.

Guy Gregg, 2129 Greensburg Road, stated that years ago he did dig under Greensburg Road and was told back then by the State that he is responsible. If the lane is opened and someone hits the ditch then he would be the one to get sued.

Leon Yurkin, 3603 Baxter Drive, stated that he grew up in the area of Swank Lane and believed that in 1939 was when the road had been taken over, prior to that time all the vehicles used that road himself included. He asked about there being a law having to do with a time period of 21 years of the road being used you cannot close it off. Mr. Kerchner stated that this is a legal question. Mrs. Paula Gregg asked how would he like it if all these cares traveled thru his driveway. Mr. Yurkin stated that the road is not a driveway it is a thru way.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by Walker, second by Dombroski, to approve the minutes of the August 4, 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 and Supervisor Walker reviewed the items that were listed on the agenda.

ROAD REPORT

Supervisor Dombroski reviewed the activities of the Road Department for the month of August. Supervisor Dombroski stated some of the work performed was trimming, cutting branches, grading and repairing culverts and replacing the stolen signage and posts.

POLICE REPORT

There were 108 calls for the month.

EMC REPORT – Dave Knox, reported that on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 he is taking the day off from his job to attend the Westmoreland Hazard Mitigation meeting in Greensburg. Mr. Knox stated that the plan is also available on the County Website. Mr. Knox stated that the County has two generators that are portable and they are looking into finding a place at the end of our county to house one, he trying to locate this generator to see if the Township could be a host, we would just need to have the hook ups installed.



ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Kerchner reported that they have received most of the paperwork for Myers Drive but are still waiting on the executed copies once received will get them off to the County.

Mr. Kerchner also stated that the geotechnical work on Lower Drennen is complete just waiting to get the report. Mr. Kerchner stated that there is no change in Lower Drennen, and as of date the contractor still has not been paid, still waiting for paperwork.

Mr. Kerchner stated that he did receive the drawings for Oak Lake, but has not received the bonds as of yet, and had not heard of any meetings that Consol was to do with the homeowners.

Mr. Kerchner stated that stated that he had received the information from Trans Systems in regards to the Long Range Paving Plan, they would provide details on the paving, length and width and assess the conditions and get costs together for all of our roads. If you agree with this he will move forward with getting cost estimates and also ask for another option.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Just a briefing from Jeff Ferris, Kacin Builders in regards to the new Leed’s Building in the Westmoreland Research Park, no action has been taken until plans, drawings and the proper comments are received.

SOLICITORS REPORT – No Report

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Walker, which failed to get a second to participate in the 2014 Rat Control Program.

A motion was made by Walker, second by Dombroski to accept the payment allocation as follows for the 2 ½” thick Bituminous Paving Course, FB Modified in accordance with Penndot Specifications for the Myers Drive Paving Project. (\$88,840 Cap. Fund-Maint. Of Repairs of Roads, \$8871.23 Act 13 Fees, \$25,000 Cap. Fund-Public Works, \$8328.77 Liquid Fuels)
Motion passed 3 - 0

A motion was made by Walker, second by Uhler ,to send Pete & Missy to attend the free Northwest Municipal Workshop on Friday, September 15, 2014, from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.
Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Walker, second by Dombroski to accept the resignation with regrets from Steffan A. Shaw, Jr., part-time patrolman.
Motion passed 3 – 0



A motion was made by Walker second by Uhler, to accept the 2015 MMO Contracted Employer Contribution Rate expressed as Dollar per members as \$8,000.00 and \$20.00 administrative fee per member.

Motion passed 3 – 0, with Domborski abstaining

A motion was made by Walker, second by Dombroski to donate \$40.00 to the Westmoreland Cleanways Household Hazardous Waste Day Clean Up.

Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Walker second by Uhler to pay Freedom Systems \$1595.00 to do the 2014 year end accounting processing.

Motion passed 3 – 0

The motion to pass Ordinance #3-2014 has been tabled at this time.

A motion was made by Walker second by Uhler to send the Road Department to attend the PA One Call Safety Meeting, being held on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 in Monroeville.

Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Walker second by Uhler to allow PSNK the use of Prominence, Alvin and Myles Drive in the Westmoreland Research Park on November 15, 2014 from 7:00 am – 12:00 pm for the Turkey Trot.

Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Walker second by Uhler to purchase a camcorder recording device.

Motion passed 3 – 0

The motion to amend our Current Oil and Gas Ordinance, to conform with the recent Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruling has been tabled.

A motion was made by Walker second by Dombroski to accept the scope of services that need to be performed to complete a Long Rand Pavement Plan.

Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Uhler second by Walker to accept the Financial Report and pay all the bills.

Motion passed 3 - 0



COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

George Banyas, 361 Hunter Hill Road, questioned the completion of Lower Drennen Road. Mr. Kerchner stated that there are some restoration issues that will be fixed and deductions were held from the last payment request to do this work. Dombroski asked about the grass seed, Mr. Kerchner stated he believed it has Penn State sun & shade mix.

Paula Gregg, 2153 Greensburg Road, stated that the property adjacent to her is in deplorable condition, she stated this issue has been raised before and she was told that he is a business and is exempt. Mrs. Gregg stated that there is no operation sign and he is in violation of the Township Business Ordinance Regulations. She believes she is zoned residential, and the business next to her is operation a salvage business. Mrs. Gregg stated this property is detrimental to her property value and has become a nuisance, due several campers on the property, a porch that is falling in and the sunroom is filled with mattresses and a garage that looks like the roof is ready to collapse all of which is attracting rodents. Walker stated we will have the Solicitor and the Building Official look into this matter.

Mrs. Gregg also inquired about the guiderails located along Greensburg Road, she stated they are starting to cave in. Supervisor Uhler advised that this is a PennDot issue.

Ron Slabe, 516 Angelcrest Drive, agrees with Mrs. Gregg and stated that the junk is outrageous and the Township needs to get busy and do what needs to be done. Mr. Slabe also inquired about the WEDIG organization, and what our \$10,000 contribution is being used for. Walker stated this money is used to pay the gentleman they hired to secure grants, etc. for any projects that the participating communities would like to do. Walker stated that yes over the communities have received monies from WEDIG. Walker stated that he is trying to get the Township public sewage.

Leon Yurkin, 3603 Baxter Drive, asked whatever happened about the talks of adopting and Ordinance to prohibit Seismic Testing. Walker asked Mr. Yurkin to please ask again next month due to Solicitor not being attend tonight's meeting. Dave Knox, EMC, believes that seismic testing is addressed in the Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Mr. Slabe stated that a lot of municipalities have this Ordinance and he believed that Vandergrift Borough did prohibit this.

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, stated that employees of Huntley & Huntley stopped at his home, he asked them about the public meeting that was suppose to be set up with their company and the residents of the Township, they informed Mr. Myers that the letter they sent was only a letter of interest in the Township's Mineral Rights. Mr. Myers also asked have the Supervisors taken any more consideration into hiring another road department employee? Mr. Myers also asked again and stated that at last meeting the Supervisor's did promise if available to attend the hearing on the Turkey Ridge Road defendant and since the Solicitor could not attend someone would be sent in his place.

George Richard, 350 Hunter Hill Road, also asked what about hiring a mechanic or sub the mechanic and grass cutting out.



A motion by Walker to adjourn, second by, Dombroski, meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Minutes Submitted by:

Melissa A. Cortilesio

Note***

Next monthly meeting , will be held on Monday, October 6, 2014
Beginning at 7:00 p.m.