



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

***MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015, 7:00 PM
MEETING ROOM, 3735 - 7TH STREET ROAD***

Board of Supervisors Vice- Chairman, Pete Dombroski 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:

**Vice Chairman Dombroski
Supervisor Uhler**

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

COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS –

Ron Slabe, 516 Angelcrest Drive, asked about Letter J under new business on the Agenda, public comment policy. Mr. Slabe stated this is a good idea to maintain order and respect.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by Dombroski, second by Uhler, to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2015, regular and organizational meeting of the Township Supervisors.

Motion passed 2-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Vice-Chairman Dombroski 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 months of January & February. Supervisor Dombroski stated some most of the work performed was spreading anti-skid and salt, breaking up ice. Supervisor Dombroski stated the following vehicle mileage for snow removal.

Peterbuilt	986
International	824
F-550	1221

POLICE REPORT

There were 58 calls for the month. Supervisor Uhler stated anyone wishing to see the list of calls can contact the Police Chief.

EMC REPORT - Mr. Knox stated that the if the Supervisor's adopt the Westmoreland County Hazardous Mitigation Plan tonight he will leave a copy of the plan on site. No major changes have been made.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Kerchner reported that on Thursday, February 26, 2015 he met with Michael Pehur, Melissa Cortileso and Supervisor Uhler to discuss grant options for the Townships 537 Plan. There is information that is needed which he will gather and once completed he will present that to the Supervisors.

Mr. Kerchner also commented on the Long Range Paving Plan he has been asked by the Supervisor's to develop for the Township. Mr. Kerchner stated that PSATS is holding a symposium in Hershey, PA to discuss this and he and a fellow Engineer do plan to attend this symposium and he will have a report prepared for the May meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION – No report

SOLICITORS REPORT – Mr. Yakopec congratulated Young Al Beatty on being a 3 time WPIAL and Southwest Champion.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Dombroski second by Uhler approve Resolution #7-2015 adopting the Westmoreland County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion passed 2 - 0

A motion was made by Dombroski second by Uhler to exonerate Joyce A. Ewing, from collection at face value delinquent taxes in the amount of \$8,508.36.

Motion passed 2 - 0

A motion was made by Dombroski second by Uhler to exonerate Joyce A. Ewing, from collection of 2013-2014 Per Capita Items.

Motion passed 2 - 0



A motion was made by Dombroski second by Uhler to pass Ordinance #1-2015, approving the amendment to the Unemployment Compensation Fund.

Motion passed 2 – 0

A motion was made by Dombroski second by Uhler to grant a request to Betty Beestrice in the amount of \$650.00 for the annual Easter Party. Supervisor Uhler stated as long as all receipts are turned in.

Motion Passed 2 – 0

A motion was made by Dombroski second by Uhler to have Grandma's House Childcare Center, 200 Hunt Valley Drive, request for proper bus stop signage be placed on their property by the Township be denied. Dombroski stated this request needs to be formally done by Bruce Campbell, Burrell School District.

Motion denied 2 - 0

A motion was made by Dombroski second by Uhler to ratify the bills for the month of February 2015.

Motion Passed 2 - 0

A motion was made by Dombroski second by Uhler to grant the use of the Township Building to Westmoreland County Election Bureau to use as a polling place for the May 19, 2015, Municipal Primary.

Motion Passed 2 – 0

A motion was made by Dombroski second by Uhler to hire Kenneth Sebastian as a part time policeman to replace an officer who resigned earlier in 2014.

Motion Passed 2 – 0

A motion was made by Dombroski second by Uhler to have the Solicitor help draft and establish a public comment policy.

Motion Passed 2 – 0

A motion was made by Dombroski second by Uhler to contact the Township Representative by sending a letter informing him that the Supervisors oppose the proposed Legislation to change the term limit of Township Supervisors from 6 years to 2 year terms.

Motion Passed 2 - 0

A motion was made by Dombroski second by Uhler to send Melissa Cortileso to attend the Annual Community Outreach Meeting, being held on Thursday, March 19, 2015 in Greensburg, PA.

Motion Passed 2 - 0

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

Motion Passed 2 - 0



OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Al Beattie, 6205 Schafer Drive, asked about New Business item J, establishing a public comment policy. Mr. Beattie stated he thought this was already set up under Roberts Rules. Solicitor Yakopec stated he believed that the Township never adopted those rules and under Township rules they can establish policies that would allow them to write in a time limit which Robert Rules does not state a time length.

Ron Slabe, 516 Angelcrest Drive, stated that residents from Allegheny Township have commented on how more liberal and relaxed the atmosphere is at our meetings. Mr. Slabe stated that Allegheny Township has a 5 minute rule to speak and it seems as if more attention is spent watching the clock then listening to what is being said. Mr. Slabe stated please consider conduct also when looking into this policy. Vice Chairman Dombroski stated one of the reason is to eliminate redundancy he stated a lot of the people have the same comments.

Al Beattie, 6205 Schafer Drive, asked will out of Township residents have the same amount of time to speak as Township residents and in the recording of minutes consider letting people know they are from outside the community.

Ron Slabe, 516 Angelcrest Drive, stated that at the Allegheny Township meetings they have allowed him to speak for 5 minutes, addressing the board is a courtesy, Allegheny Townships Solicitor stated at their meeting that Township residents only may speak unless your within close approximately.

Brian Uhler, 2259 Turkey Ridge Road, asked if the Supervisors would consider making seating arrangements for guest who are planned to attend the meeting, maybe somewhere up front instead of in the back of the room.

Supervisor Allen Uhler made a motion second by Dombroski to change the June Supervisors meeting from Monday June 1, 2015 to Wednesday, June 10, 2015 beginning at 7:00 pm
Motion passed 2 – 0

George Banyas, 361 Hunter Hill Road, stated that the limestone used by the Road Department on the ice really worked well. He asked if they would consider using that more. Vice Chairman Dombroski stated that they are now screening the limestone. Mr. Banyas stated the limestone works much better than the anti-skid. Dombroski stated that however cleanup is a problem, should not leave it lay. Mr. Banyas stated sweep it to the berm.

Ron Slabe, 516 Angelcrest Drive also asked the Supervisors to consider when adopting the public comment policy to have a police presence at the meetings. Mr. Slabe stated there always used to be until a few months back. Solicitor Yakopec stated that would be up to the Board to make that decision. Yakopec stated the cameras are working and are tied into the Police Department. Mr. Slabe stated then when he attended a meeting in Penn Township they has 10 – 12 officers at the meeting and he also had to walk thru a metal detector. Mr. Slabe said police presence maybe a deterrent for some behavior. Solicitor Yakopec stated he remembered attending meetings in Frazer Township where there were State Police present and people were squaring off, the State Police just stood there waiting for a punch.



Mr. Peck, 209 Peck Lane, stated he could not hear what Mr. Slabe had to say maybe he could stand up.

Some discussion as to where to podium should be placed during a meeting so that all in attendance could hear what is being discussed. Solicitor Yakopec stated once again this would be up to the board on how they wanted the meetings conducted, whether they wanted a PA system or where the podium should be placed.

A motion was made by Dombroski second by Uhler to have the podium placed on the floor up front. Motion Passed 2 – 0

Robert Myers, 108 Sunnyridge Drive, stated if you are going to make a motion now as to where the podium needs to be placed why not make a motion now on the time limit a person can speak. Dombroski stated he wants to look into this matter more.

Tim Gorenec, 2529 Turkey Ridge Road, stated all people should stand up and address the board with their name and address.

A motion was made by Dombroski to adjourn, second by, Uhler, meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Minutes Submitted by:

Melissa A. Cortileso

Note***

Next monthly meeting , will be held on Monday, April 8, 2015, beginning at 7:00 pm