



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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2015, 7:00 PM
MEETING ROOM, 3735 - 7TH STREET ROAD**

Board of Supervisors Chairman, Ross Walker, 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: **Ross G. Walker, III**
 Vice Chairman Dombroski
 Supervisor Uhler

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

COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by Walker, second by Uhler, to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2015, 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 April.. Supervisor Dombroski stated that on wet days they spent cleaning up Anti Skid and on dry days they will patch. They are waiting on Lower Burrell's street sweeper to get repaired and will then finish clean up.



Supervisor Dombroski stated that the Township had an individual drive an excavator on Myers Road and did damage to the road.

Dombroski made a motion second by Walker to have to the solicitor send a letter of notice to the owner of the Company advising of the damage done to the road.

Motion passed 3 - 0

Supervisor Dombroski also reminded the residents that clean up day this year will be on Saturday, May 16, 2015.

POLICE REPORT

There were 121 calls for the month and 38 of those calls were traffic offenses.

EMC REPORT – No Report.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Kerchner reported he did attend the class on Long Range Paving Plans and he will have a proposal to the Township before next months meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Reported as of the last meeting they still had not received the revised drawings from the surveyor for the Beattie Lot Line Revision. The Commission also reported that Brian Neff asked them for permission to open a small engine repair business at his residence located on Upper Drennen Road which is zoned RA, the referred him to address the Supervisors.

SOLICITORS REPORT – Mr. Yakopec stated that he has been working with the Engineer on the Walsh Leeds Worlds matter, 400 Hunt Valley Road, a small portion of this property runs thru Washington Township and they have filed suit wanting 50% of Upper Burrell's LST Taxes for the employees who work there. The Solicitor stated that only about 20 employees work in that area that is located within Washington Township.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Walker second by Uhler to send someone to attend the PennDot meeting being held on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 from 4-5 pm in regards to the Rapid Bridge Replacement Project.

Motion passed 3 - 0

A motion was made by Walker second by Dombroski to adopt Resolution #8-2015, adopting the PA Agricultural Security Area.

Motion passed 3 - 0

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

Motion Passed 3 - 0



OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Ron Slabe, 516 Angelcrest Drive, asked about the adoption of Agricultural Security Area, what does this entail. Walker stated that it does follow under the PA Law and that landowners within 250 acres of accumulative land can create this area. Every 7 years this needs reviewed and at that time the property can either remain in the Area or pull out. The state requires this resolution.

Leon Yurkin, 3603 Baxter Drive, asked about the New Ken Better Block Event, said event was held on Saturday, May 2, 2015 in the City of New Kensington, they had several vendors set up on the street trying to encourage new business into the City.

Supervisor Walker stated that thanks to the Police Chief the Emergency Vehicle issue on Swank Lane has been resolved.

Supervisor Uhler stated that the Supervisors have a meeting this Wednesday with the Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority to look into obtaining some funds for demolition work in the Lincoln and Keibler Beach section of the Township.

Ron Slabe, asked about an article that was in the Valley News Dispatch on 4/26/2015 in regards to some local police departments who have encrypted the radio communication while on calls being dispatched by 911. Walker stated this was done so that the criminals who have these apps on their cell phones cannot hear the radio transmissions between the police and 911 ultimately it comes down to officer safety. Mr. Slabe asked if these transmissions could be decrypted and Walker replied the criminals are always trying to come up with new ways to hack the system.

Ron Slabe, asked about a WEDIG Report. Walker stated that years ago Kevin Snyder from PSNK wanted to meet with the local representatives from the communities they service eventually a meeting was held and WEDIG was established. WEDIG is a group that represents the 5 communities, Upper Burrell, Lower Burrell, Allegheny Township, New Kensington and Arnold and the goal is to help better the communities, motto was working better with each other than against each other. They have been applying for and receiving many grants. Mr. Slabe, stated he thinks in his opinion the annual allocation designated to WEDIG from the communities should be based on Per Capita taxes and not an equal share among the communities. Walker stated that no other community has to offer what Upper Burrell does.

Several residents from Washington Blvd. asked the Supervisors if they have any plans to come down to that area and make all the necessary repairs on the roads and the bridge. Dombroski stated they are waiting on Lower Burrell's street sweeper to be repaired then will be done either late this week or early next week. Walker went on to state about the condition of the Townships roads and stated we could have perfect roads but that would require a tax increase and currently the Township has no debt. Dombroski went on to state that the plan is to first fix culverts and then fix roads he was hoping to use the CDBG monies for that rather than demolition. Engineer Kerchner stated that to take the roads all the way down to the base would be very expensive, you could also mill an overly but hard to say depends on other aspects. Walker stated they will look into the 2016 budget and see if monies could be allocated for paving roads.



Ron Slabe asked if the Township had a 10 year comprehensive plan. The Solicitor replied we do not and under the Planning Code we are not required to have it. Walker stated the Township looked into this several years and the cost is what kept them from doing it.

Dan Myers, Turkey Ridge Road, stating please never consider allowing Lower Burrell to merge with Upper Burrell, the residents of our community like the rural living.

AJDOURNMENT

Motion made by Walker, second by Dombroski to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by:
Melissa A. Cortileso

Note***

Next monthly meeting , will be held on Wednesday, July 6, 2015, beginning at 7:00 pm