

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2017
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, Chairman**
 Peter F. Dombroski, Vice Chairman
 Allen E. Uhler, Supervisor

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

OPENING OF BIDS – None

OPEN TO THE FLOOR - None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by Walker, second by Dombroski to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2017, regular meeting of the Township Supervisors.

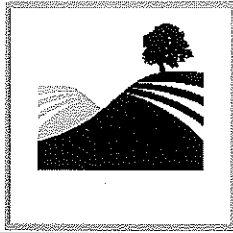
Motion passed 3-0.

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 reported that a lot of the time was spent sweeping of Anti-skid, patching and cutting up the dead Ash trees. Dombroski stated that resident George Richard asked him about all the trees that are on private property that are hanging over into the Township right of way. Dombroski stated that previously they had put the property owners on notice but that did not work. Dombroski stated maybe we should look into having someone on hand to do this work which would require the use



of a bucket truck. Dombroski reminded residents of cleanup day on Saturday, May 20, 2017 and that the retired mower will get out to bid.

Ron Slabe stated if trees were to fall on a vehicle in the right-of-way this could be a liability. Solicitor Yakopec stated this is not a liability for the Township it is for the property owner. The Township can cut what trees are on the Township right-of-way. Dombroski stated that Lower Burrell does borrow the city of New Kensington's bucket truck but was not sure if we had a maintenance agreement with them. Uhler thought the agreement with WEDIG would allow for this sharing of equipment. Dombroski stated that WEDIG is more for infrastructure and new improvements not for use of equipment.

Ron Slabe stated he saw the Road Department sweeping the roads, he asked if that was the Township's equipment? Dombroski stated yes that was the Township's tractor & broom.

POLICE REPORT – 94 calls for the month, 19 being Traffic Offenses. Sgt. Speer stated that on 5/20/2017, 2 Officers along with the Chief did attend the Touch a Truck fundraiser at BonAir School, which allowed the students to purchase tickets to be able to choose a vehicle to sit, ride, etc. Sgt. Speer also stated and urged residents to once again please call 911 when you need to make a report to the police. During this last storm by the time he got to the messages on the machine it was hours later.

EMC REPORT -

Mr. Knox reported that the County is trying something new by moving the monthly meetings to various different locations, with the one May to be held in Murrysville.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Kerchner stated he had Mike Moore, Bankson Engineers look at 7 cross drains to be included in the bid document.

2-Guyer Rd.

1-Bethesda Road

1-James, Ross and Knoll Intersection

1-Turkey Ridge Road

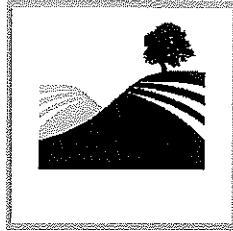
1-Lower Drennen Road

Mr. Kerchner also stated they looked at 30 cross drains on Menk Road and at least 13 need replaced before any paving. Mr. Kerchner also stated they do recommend awarding the seal coating project in the Industrial Park, bid to Russell Standard.

PLANNING COMMISSION – None

SOLICITORS REPORT –

Solicitor Yakopec stated that finally all the issues with the UBVFD truck have been resolved and he was able to secure a title for the vehicle and it is now back in service. Yakopec stated that all parties involved in the Troiano Validity Challenge have agreed to bypass the ZHB and waive this to the Court of



Common Please saving the Township thousands of dollars. Yakopec also stated he had also received a call from another municipality solicitor, stating they believe they are going to do the same thing.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Walker second by Dombroski, to continue to participate in the County's CDBG Program for the years 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Walker, second by Dombroski to accept with regrets the resignation of Part Time Patrolman, Perry Sciulli.

Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Walker but was rescinded to send a representative from the Township to attend the "Scooping Filed View Meeting" with PennDot on the Pucketa Bridge Project. Due to this project not having any impact on Township infrastructure.

A motion was made by Walker second by Uhler to appoint Ron Slabe and Maxine Gregg to a three (3) year term as alternate members to the Zoning Hearing Board with said term to expire on, December 31, 2019.

Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Walker second by Uhler to accept letters of interest thru the month of May for a three (3) year period as an alternate member of the Zoning Hearing Board with said term to expire on, December 31, 2019.

Motion passed 3- 0

A motion was made by Walker second by Dombroski to advertise for the sale of the old Tiger Boom Mower, by placing an advertisement in the newspaper.

Motion passed 3 – 0

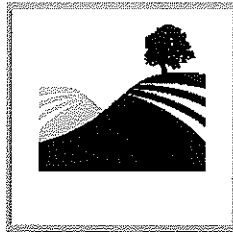
A motion was made by Uhler second by Walker, to pay all bills and accept the Financial Report.

Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Walker second by Dombroski to award the 2017 Bituminous Seal Coating and Paving Repairs, Westmoreland Business and Research Park to Russell Standard in the amount of \$63,366.00

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

George Hawdon, 412 Hillview Drive, asked the Supervisors for permission to have the sewer septic tank repairs made to the above mentioned property by a certified plumber, providing such proof to the Township that said repairs have been made. After some discussion as what had previously taken place at said property with the sewer issue, the Supervisors stated they did not have any problem with the repairs being made by a certified plumber and such proof be provided to the Township.



Ron Slabe, 516 Angelcrest Drive, asked the Solicitor to please reiterate what is necessary for someone to recuse themselves from any decision making when it pertains to Oil & Gas. The Solicitor stated that it comes down to being biased or financial integrity. For instance if you owned a business and it comes in front of any board you would have bias, if you owned property you would then have to recuse. The Solicitor stated that this is not a conflict of interest under the Planning Code but still has some bias. Slabe stated where he read an article about a Supervisor in Allegheny Township who was allowed to bid on a project, however was not allowed to be part of the vote on awarding the bid. Mr. Slabe stated that he himself has no monetary interest in this but has recused himself with being involved with the ZHB on issues of oil & gas drilling because of his adverse stance on this issue.

Supervisor Uhler stated that the Township will be accepting letter of interest for the open alternate seat on the Zoning Hearing Board and that we have already received on letter from resident Paul Schwan.

Supervisor Uhler stated that he read the article in the newspaper that pertained to Seismic Testing being done in the City of Lower Burrell, stating that maps will be provided to the city showing where the testing crews are going and the energy sources they will be using at each place. Uhler stated he would like to same maps of what will be going on in Upper Burrell to be provided to Upper Burrell Township.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Walker, second by Dombroski to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Melissa A. Cortilesio,

Note*** Next monthly meeting, will be held on July 5, 2017, beginning at 7:00 pm