

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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 Yakopiec, 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 August 2, 2017, regular meeting of the Township Supervisors.

Motion passed 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

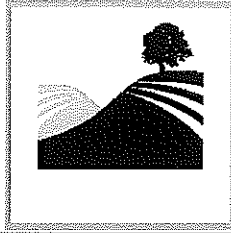
Chairman Walker asked Mrs. Cortileso, to review the correspondence from the month. Mrs. Cortileso reviewed the items that were listed on the agenda.

ROAD REPORT –

Supervisor Dombroski reported that a lot of the time was spent finishing up the mowing, trimming, cleaning ditches and placing rip rap in the wash outs. Dombroski stated he made contact with three (3) contractors for the frame repair on the truck he has heard from two (2) and one (1) to come tomorrow.

POLICE REPORT – 87 calls for the month, 27 being Traffic Offenses. Sgt. Speer stated one DUI checkpoint was attended. Walker asked what was the most serious call for the month, Speer replied the drug calls. Sgt. Speer also reminded residents if the police are needed please call 911.

EMC REPORT - None



ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Kerchner reported that he received notification for the next round of the CDBG monies which would be for the years 2018 – 2020. Kerchner stated that the current CDBG project, which is the cross drain work down in the Lincoln Beach area of the township would make sense to pave that area once the work is complete. Kerchner recommend that using the 2018-2020 CDBG funds to have this paving work done.

Walker made a motion second by Dombroski to have the Engineer apply for the next round of CDBG Funds for the paving work in the Lincoln Beach area of the Township.

Open to Floor – Ron Slabe asked if this is the same project that has been talked about over time? Kerchner stated yes. There will be two (2) phases, 1-the cross drain project, 2-the paving.

Motion passed 3 – 0

Mr. Kerchner stated that he received notification the Westmoreland Conservation District is now accepting applications for the Dirt, Gravel & Low Volume Road Program. Said application needs to be submitted by 10/31/2017. Kerchner stated it would be a good idea if the township had a couple of projects to submit.

Kerchner stated that the cross drain project was put out to bid and said bids came in under the \$70,000 estimate, with the low bid in the amount of \$63,950.00. All the references for this contractor did check out, however Kerchner is not ready to recommend awarding the bid, he still has easements to work on. Next meeting it will be ready. The Contractor is North Rock Construction out of St. Mary's, PA.

PLANNING COMMISSION –

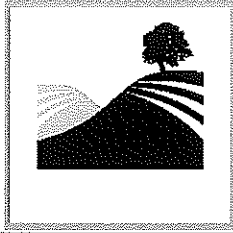
George Richard has been appointed as Secretary of the Commission. Chairman O'Brien stated that after a discussion with Jen Hoffman, Huntley & Huntley that all property owners within 1,000' of the drilling corridor will be notified with letter by regular mail of the proposed well drilling and ask them to inform Huntley & Huntley regarding any existing wells or other issues on their property.

Byers Plan of Lots No. 2 Subdivision Plan

David Byers and Jim Barazanski presented a two lot subdivision between Upper Drennen Road and Pleasant Valley Road. The plan conveys 23.125 acres from Byers to Barazanski and to combine with Lot 202 to create Lot 202-R (34.705 acre). The remaining Byers land will be known as Lot1-R (7.781 acre). After a discussion Leon Yurkin moved to approve the plan, seconded by George Richard and all were in favor.

Discussion from the Floor

Ron Slabe asked if Huntley & Huntley will present additional information to the Planning Commission. During Tom O'Brien's August 18 call to Jen Hoffman she indicated that Huntley &



Huntley will again review their application with the Commission after the Judges stay is lifted, probably in November.

SOLICITORS REPORT –

Ron Slabe asked about the expert reports the township received in regards to testimony on the Zeus Well Pad. Slabe stated that he assumes then that the township has no expert reports. Yakopec stated that currently there are no expert reports. Slabe stated he thought all reports had to be submitted within 15 days. Yakopec stated that Troiano's experts had to come forth within 15 days and the township and Huntley & Huntley have X amount of days for their experts to come forward. Yakopec stated it is limited to experts unless parties agree to have any others come forth

Leon Yurkin asked about the status of the tax suit. Yakopec stated that two (2) post arguments have been filed. Yakopec stated that this case could make law thru out the commonwealth. If granted on bunk he would then have to reargue in court. As of date, Yakopec stated he has not got any more court orders on this matter. It will probably be heard in Pittsburgh but cannot guarantee this.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Walker second by Uhler to accept the 2018 MMO Contracted Employer Contribution Rate expressed as Dollar per member as \$9,000.00 and \$20.00 administrative fee. Motion passed 2 – 0 with Dombroski abstaining.

A motion was made by Walker second by Uhler to approve Resolution #7-2017 defining the contribution to the Police Pension Plan for the year 2018.
Motion passed 3 – 0

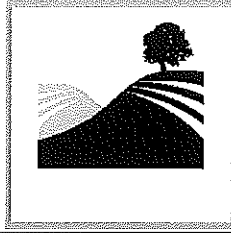
A motion was made by Walker second by Uhler to approve Resolution #8-2017 defining the contribution to the Municipal Pension Plan for the year 2018.
Motion passed 2 – 0 with Dombroski abstaining

A motion was made by Walker second by Uhler to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation for the two lot subdivision request of David Byers. Byers Plan of Lots No. 2
Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Walker second by Dombroski to have the Engineer apply for the Dirt, Gravel & Low Volume Road Program.
Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Walker second by Uhler to grant the request of Joyce Ewing, Tax Collector, to destroy by shredding the record from 2009 and prior years that were indicated in her letter.
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 pay Freedom Systems \$1595.00 to prepare all the yearend services.

Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Walker second by Uhler to accept the 2018 service contract for animal services with Hoffman Kennels.

Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Walker second by Dombroski to accept the quote from Tim Fouse Excavating for the replacement of two (2) cross drains.

Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Walker second by Uhler to allow the Westmoreland County Election Bureau use the Township Building as a polling place for the November 7, 2017, Municipal Election.

Motion passed 3 – 0

OPEN TO THE FLOOR - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Walker, second by Dombroski to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Melissa A. Cortilesio,

Note*** Next monthly meeting, will be held on October 4, 2017, beginning at 7:00 pm