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**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2016, 7:00 PM**  
**MEETING ROOM, 3735 - 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET ROAD**

Board of Supervisor's 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, Jr. Vice Chairman**  
                          **Allen E. Uhler, Supervisor**

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

**COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS –**

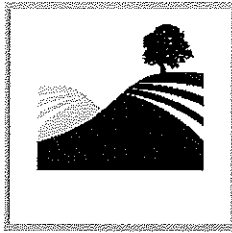
Ron Slabe, 516 Angelcrest Drive, Asked about the annual LST allocation of .35% to the Upper Burrell Volunteer Fire Department, asking about how much is that. Mr. Slabe asked how much was Lincoln Beach asking for and what is the progress on that? Mr. Kerchner replied due the late returns of the income surveys, which are all now turned in but 1, it is unlikely that the project will be funded for the year 2016, however, if any other project should not be funded or any possibility of funds left over it may be possible to still be funded for the year 2016 but the possibility is unlikely.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion made by Walker, second by Dombroski, to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2016, 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.



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#### **ROAD REPORT**

Supervisor Dombroski reviewed the activities of the Road Department for the month of April. Most of the time was spent cleaning intersections of anti-skid and patching and making repairs to the Peterbuilt and tamper.

A motion was made by Dombroski, second by Walker, to review the applications for the Part Time Road Department position and hire from said applications.

Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Walker, second by Dombroski to have the Engineer to prepare specs for have Myers Drive seal coated and to advertise.

Motion passed 3 - 0

Supervisor Dombroski also announced 2016 Clean Up Days will be held this year on May 14, from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm.

**POLICE REPORT** – 89 calls, 29 Traffic Offenses. There have been no reported burglaries for the month and Sgt. Speer reminded the residents if they see anything to please call 911 not the station phone.

#### **EMC REPORT -**

Mr. Knox stated there is a lot of planning going in the County but nothing definite.

#### **ENGINEERS REPORT**

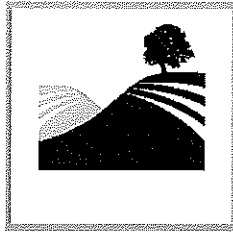
Mr. Kerchner stated the survey crew was out to Whitten Hollow Road for the cross drain project. The seal coating for Myers Drive he will get quotes have to wait to what costs will be and the Township Long Range Paving Plan, they will be out again next Tuesday weather permitting and as of date they have 29 of the 40 roads done.

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION – None**

**SOLICITORS REPORT** – Has to attend a mediation hearing on 5/17/2016 on the Welsh Leeds case, he knows what he is instructed to give by speaking with the Supervisors which is 24%. Mr. Yakopec stated for those who did not know what was going on the Township is being sued by Washington Township over the LST Tax for the above mentioned property which a small portion is located in Washington Township. Mr. Yakopec stated the law clearly states that they are only entitled to the portion of tax that reflects the amount of employees who work in the location located in Washington Township, they contend that the employees go back and forth all day and want 50% of the LST Tax monies.

Ron Slabe asked if the Township was getting any help from the school Board. The Solicitor replied yes.

Leon Yurkin, asked if the Solicitor would let it be known when the hearing will take place in the Commonwealth Court. The Solicitor stated he would advise of the date.



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### **NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Walker second by Dombroski, to grant the 2 requested allocations to the UBVFD.

- a. \$20,000 annual allocation
- b. \$.35% of the LST Tax

Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Walker, second by Uhler to pas and ratify resolution #7-2016 for reimbursement of funds for Winter Storm Jonas.

Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Walker , second by Dombroski to have the Engineer prepare specs for the seal coating of Myers Drive and to advertise.

Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Walker second by Uhler, accept with regrets the resignation of Part Time Partolman Ryan Winkler.

Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Walker second by Uhler to hire Jeremy Belusar as a Part Time Patrolman contingent upon successful testing.

Motion passed 3 – 0

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

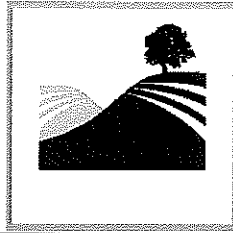
Motion passed 3 – 0

### **OPEN TO THE FLOOR**

Ron Slabe, 516 Angelcrest Drive, asked about the wording used on the Agenda referring to the executive session of the Huntley & Huntley meeting. The Solicitor replied we had to announce this information only no discussion among supervisors. Executive meaning informational can come together in order to make a decision at a later date. Mr. Slabe stated this is technical legal issue.

Dave Knox, 1307 Oak Lake Road, asked about the no parking sign that was put up at the intersection of White Cloud and Oak Lake Roads, in the pull off area there is a lot of gravel there. Dombroski stated this is on private property and he does see the school bus pull in there.

Ron Slabe, 516 Angelcrest Drive, spoke of the gas explosion that occurred in Salem Twp. and that it was a tragedy and could have been a monstros disaster had it occurred closer to Rte. 22. Mr. Slabe stated it was bad enough that a home was destroyed and others greatly damaged with 1 person critically injured. Mr. Slabe stated it must be remembered that there is little difference in a pipeline or gas well explosion and it is necessary to prevent such tragedies or have something in place to reduce the risk and as Supervisors you have the power to do so.



Mr. Slabe went on to speak about the debate of the 500' setback and this needs to be increased that at least 1000' or greater. The home destroyed in Salem Twp. was not 500' away more like 500 yards away. Mr. Slabe stated that after what has happened in Salem Twp. and the recent Green County blowout how can anyone believe that 500' setback is safe? This is not the time play Russian roulette with the public's safety. Mr. Slabe stated its time to stop drawing circles on maps to see how many well can be placed in an area, instead how many lives and properties could be saved by increasing the setback to a minimum of 1500' for more. Mr. Slabe stated that after Salem Twp., to do nothing is simply a dereliction of duty and a disregard for your sworn oath to protect the public and you cannot continue to hold a 500' setback just because a gas co. wants you to. Mr. Slabe asked can you live with yourself knowing you had the ability to either prevent or reduce damage and risk life and property but instead, did nothing? Mr. Slabe pleaded with the Supervisors asking them to take the necessary steps to increase the setback distances.

Chester Lockwood, 4425 – 7<sup>th</sup> Street, agreed with Mr. Slabe that what happened in Salem Twp. was a tragedy. Mr. Lockwood stated that the tragedy occurred due to corrosion in the line. Mr. Lockwood stated yes this dangerous but many properties within the Township have gas lines in their front yards and call the Gas Co. when trouble and always be aware of it maybe if they had been educated and smelled if first, don't put it all on this when it could have been an accident.

Ron Slabe stated that the Federal Agency is investigating this incident and has not come up with any conclusive evidence. Mr. Slabe stated reduce the risk factor, 500' is inadequate increase this. Mr. Slabe stated he is just comparing a gas line breaking to a gas line blow out just be prepared for it and increase the setback at least to a minimum of 1500'.

Ron Saylor, 7185 Guyer Road, stated tonight's meeting was about Marcellus Shale, Salem Twp. was a gas line.

Ed Valentas, Huntley & Huntley, stated the Salem Twp. incident was a high pressure interstate line nothing like the Marcellus Shale.

Ron Slabe, stated there was a great deal of similarity, Green Co. had evacuate within a mile.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Walker, second by Dombroski, to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by:  
Melissa A. Cortileso

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Next monthly meeting, will be held on Wednesday, July 6, 2016 beginning at 7:00 pm