

## **MINUTES**

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE **UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS** WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018 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, Jr., Vice Chairman

Michael P. Conley, 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 Conley to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2018, 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 - Started the month of by plowing the slush off the roads. More Ash trees fell, spent time patching and getting the spreaders off the trucks, cleaned up and put away, fixed a catch basin, and spent time cleaning up antiskid.

POLICE REPORT - 88 calls for the month and 20 traffic citations issued and got the roads ready with the lines for speeding.

EMC REPORT - Mr. Knox reported that did receive the correspondence from Dave Kerchner about the landslides in the Township and that he is trying to compile the info on this and once completed he will get the damage reports submitted. He will also work with other municipalities on this that way everyone can submit together to help bring the dollar value up. Mr. Knox stated that an emergency



declaration will be needed and asked if the Supervisors could do that now so this is not delayed another month.

Walker made a motion Dombroski second to allow Mr. Knox to prepare an Emergency Declaration if needed so to process is not delayed another month.

Motion passed 3 - 0

**ENGINEERS REPORT** – Mr. Kerchner reported that he and Pete did go out and look over several active landslides in the Township. Mr. Kerchner stated that he did get record setting rain in the month of February. Mr. Kerchner stated he did make contact with Mr. Knox, EMC, to see what would be needed to have a declaration declared and see if possible if any funds would be available through the county for repairs.

Mr. Knox stated he will be working on this taking pictures and getting all the information needed.

Mr. Kerchner stated that he does recommend payment in the amount of \$12,272.10 to NorthRock, payment request #2 for the cross drain project that was done in the township.

Walker made a motion second by Dombroski to pay request #2 from NorthRock Construction in the amount of \$12,272.10.

Motion passed 3 - 0

Mr. Kerchner stated that he had the documents for the 2018 road material bids and just needs some signatures.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION** - None

**SOLICITORS REPORT** – Solicitor Yakopec reported that he is currently working with Joyce Ewing, Tax Collector on the LST Tax Case. Yakopec stated that the 7 judges upheld the townships position, with Upper Burrell Township receiving 72% and Washington Township to receive 28%, which is what the township originally offered to settle.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A motion was made by Conley second by Walker to pay all the bills and accept the financial report for the month of April.
   Motion passed 3 - 0
- A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to approve the new address request for Lot 79, Guyer Road, as 7172 Guyer Road as per the recommendation of Westmoreland County GIS/CAD Operator.
   Motion passed 3 - 0



- C. A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to send a representative if desired to attend the TRANSCAER Briefing on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at 1:00 pm in Carnegie. Motion passed 3 - 0
- D. A motion was made by Walker second by Dombroski to hire Zachary Vernail as a Part Time Patrolman.
   Motion passed 3 - 0

## OPEN TO THE FLOOR -

The Solicitor mentioned it maybe a little difficult getting funds to repair the landslides in the Township due to the County having to purchase new voting machines at a cost around 7 million dollars.

Gene Syminof, 3803 Baxter Drive, complained about the dump area on Schafer Drive by the little bridge. Dombroski stated he noticed fresh tracks there the other day.

Chester Lockwood, 4425 Seventh Street, also made mention of the dump area on Schafer Drive.

Cari Armstrong, 260 Upper Drennen Road, just reminded residents to get out and vote on Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

Walker had a brief discussion about his visit to the Zeus Well Pad and stated he was very impressed and stated that everyone and everything he observed was done in the most professional manner. He stated he has not heard very much noise at all from his home and that the well will be coming down next week.

George Richard, 350 Hunter Hill Road, stated he also thought the site was very well done but he would not want it next door to his home. He stated they did it right by placing the pad in the middle of the 100 acres. His only concern was the transportation of the gas and he stated they are lucky they have a transmission line to go right into.

Conley stated he also thought the site was very clean, professional and everyone takes their job seriously, very well done.

Ken Slahtovsky, 6200 Schafer Drive, stated he also thought everyone at the well site was very professional. He stated that when at the farm house he had to ask if they were drilling yet due to not hearing anything.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Walker, second by Conley to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Melissa A. Cortileso, Note\*\*\* Next monthly meeting, will be held on July 5, 2018 beginning at 7:00 pm