

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016, 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, 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 –

Kurt Britton, corrected the information on the letter received from 911 in regards to the UBVFD apparatus list. Mr. Britton stated the UBVFD does not have a gator it is a Kubota, the Quint Ladder Truck was not put out of service by the Police Chief it was done by the Fire Chief, and their tanker truck serves a dual purpose truck and as an engine.

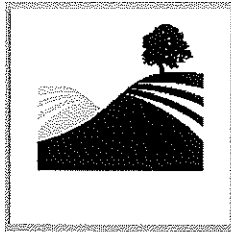
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by Walker, second by Dombroski, to approve the minutes of the September 7, 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.



ROAD REPORT

Supervisor Dombroski reported for the month of September that a lot of the time was spent patching, getting Myers Drive ready for the seal coating, minor vehicle repairs and cutting and removing a lot of dead Ash trees and also getting the trucks ready for inspection. Supervisor Uhler asked how much wear and tear do you expect to get out of the work done on Myers Drive? Dave Kerchner replied about 5 years is the average. Ulher replied never. Dombroski replied a lot depends of the traffic. Dombroski also stated that dumping of TV's has become a problem he has a small collection going on.

POLICE REPORT – 98 calls, 22 Traffic Offenses, 1 theft and 23 assists. Any questions please feel free to stop by the office and speak to the Police Chief.

EMC REPORT - None

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Kerchner stated he is awaiting for the documents from RJF to come back and they could possibly be starting at the end of October on the Whitten Hollow Drainage Project they will coordinate with Pete.

Mr. Kerchner stated that he is OK with both of the contractors seal coating work performed on Myers Drive.

PLANNING COMMISSION – None

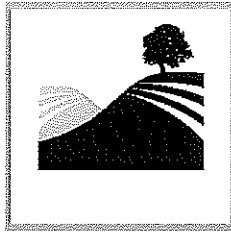
SOLICITORS REPORT –

Ron Slabe, 516 Angelcrest Drive, questioned the 18 page legal opinion the Solicitor prepared in regards to Supervisor Walker being allowed to vote on Oil & Gas. Mr. Slabe asked how was this work the Solicitor did authorized? Mr. Slabe stated this work cost the taxpayers of the Township several hundred dollars. Solicitor Yakopec stated that the Ethics Act says it has to be a Legal Opinion. Supervisor Dombroski stated that during one of the meetings that Ross, Steve and Mr. Slabe all were talking about this and the Solicitor asked Walker if he wanted him to look into this and Dombroski stated he also agreed that the Solicitor should look into this matter. The Solicitor stated that this legal opinion does not apply to Walker only also applies to the whole board. Mr. Slabe asked does this have to be put to a vote and how in the future can this not happen? The Solicitor stated that the legal opinion can be ratified.

A motion was made by Walker second by Dombroski to ratify the Solicitor's legal opinion.

Motion passed 3 - 0

Dombroski asked when it comes to general Township business do we always have to make a motion? The Solicitor replied when it comes to spending money you should have a motion. The Solicitor also stated that when you look at Ethics opinions it specifically states you have to be "requested" by a "Supervisor" not the Board.



Walker stated that Mr. Slabe challenged him and the opinion came from the Solicitor. The Solicitor stated that he did opinion to protect the board that way if you had them charged they would be protected.

Ken Slahtovksy, 6200 Schafer Drive, stated that opinion was done in the boards interest not Walkers. Mr. Slahtovsky stated that Supervisor Uhler challenged Walkers letter. Uhler stated that the Ethics Commission states that anyone who stands to gain must recuse themselves and that he is here to protect the township.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Walker second by Dombroski, to transfer the police capital purchase line item from the General Fund into the Capital Fund in the month of December 2016.
Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Walker, second by Uhler, to transfer the police radio line item from the General Fund into the Capital Fund in the month of December 2016.
Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Walker second by Dombroski to transfer the Highway & Street capital purchase line item from the General Fund into the Capital Fund in the month of December 2016.
Motion passed 3 – 0

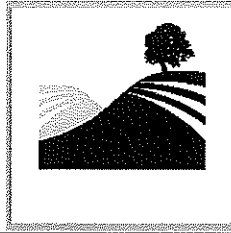
A motion was made by Walker second by Uhler to transfer the employee health contributions from the Payroll Fund into the General Fund in the month of December 2016.
Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Walker second by Dombroski to transfer the highway repair paving line item from the General Fund into the Capital Fund in the month of December 2016.
Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Walker second by Uhler to transfer line item 01-491-100 (LST) from the General Fund and open a new account "LST Tax Suit Account".
Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Walker second by Dombroski to accept the 2017 contract for animal services from Hoffman Kennels.
Motion passed 3 – 0

A motion was made by Walker second by Uhler to accept with regrets the resignation of Part-Time Patrolman Chad Meyers.
Motion passed 3 – 0



A motion was made by Walker second by Dombroski to grant the request of \$2,000.00 to Betty Beestrice for the 2016 Seniors Christmas Party.

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

Dave Knox, 1307 Oak Lake, asked if the bond that Consol Energy had on Oak Lake Road was still in affect? Mr. Knox stated that at the intersection of White Cloud Road and Oak Lake Road where the telephone pole was removed and relocated is eroding away. Mr. Knox asked if we could use the bond to have this issue fixed? Dombroski stated that he believes this area is Penn Dot's. Dave Kerchner, Bankson Engineers, stated that the township did have an excess maintenance agreement with Consol Energy but has since expired and is no longer in affect and Mr. Kerchner did agree with Dombroski on the issue of this being Penn Dot's area, however he will take a look at it.

Nicole Bush, 414 Hillview Drive, stated that she has small children who attend the Bon Air School within the Burrell School District. Mrs. Bush stated that she did attend the meeting the school district held in regards to the SRO and how to keep him in the school. Mrs. Bush stated that the grant monies are about or have already run out and she asked if the township had made any budget arrangements for monies for the SRO? Walker stated that only 14% of the students are from Upper Burrell and that the taxpayers already spend tax dollars thru taxes. Dombroski stated that residents from Upper Burrell pay the same amount school taxes as the residents in Lower Burrell. Walker stated this happens in very many school districts. Fox Chapel School for instance is located in O'Hara Township and it is an O'Hara Township Patrolman working in the school. Yakopec stated the school does not want to raise taxes, the money comes from the same pocket, you pay the school for these decisions, it's up to them not the communities. Uhler stated he also attended the same meeting that Mrs. Bush referred to and stated that the school has a reserve fund in the amount of 2 million. Uhler stated then when the decision was made to hire a SRO, no one came to Upper Burrell asking to hire him. Uhler asked if when the SRO was hired for the position did the City of Lower Burrell hire another officer to replace him? Yakopec stated no, the SRO works for 9 months for the school and then 3 months for the city. Uhler stated that other avenues need to be looked at.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Walker, second by Dombroski, to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by:

Melissa A. Cortileso

Note*** Next monthly meeting, will be held on November 2, 2016 beginning at 7:00 pm

UPPER BURRELL TOWNSHIP
BUDGET MEETING
3735 SEVENTH STREET
NEW KENSINGTON, PA 15068
OCTOBER 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Ross G. Walker, III, with the Pledge of Allegiance at 1:30 PM. Present at this meeting were Supervisor s, Peter Dombroski , Allen Uhler, Secretary, Melissa Cortileso and Police Chief Kenneth Pate.

DISCUSS 2015 BUDGET

A budget work session of the Board of Supervisors of Upper Burrell Township was held on October 11, 2016. The Board of Supervisors discussed the proposed 2017 Budget. After reviewing the proposed revenues and proposing the anticipated expenses the Board decided that they arrived at a balanced budget. Supervisor Dombroski asked for a few days to review everything to determine if a second workshop would be needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dombroski made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Uhler second. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa Cortileso, Secretary