

MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 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 –

Clint Craft – 1520 Menk Road, as about the Westmoreland County Comprehensive Plan.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by Walker, second by Dombroski to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2018, regular meeting and the October 24, 2018 Budget Workshop Meeting of the Township Supervisors.

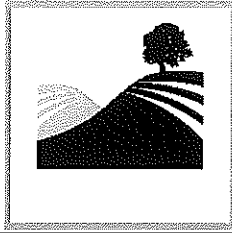
Motion passed 3-0.

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 – Spent the month patching and placing rip rap, getting the salt spreaders ready for the winter season and cleaning up after all the trees that fell down.

POLICE REPORT – 76 Incidents for the month and 28 traffic offenses. Sgt. Speer once again encouraged residents to please use the 911 system when the police are needed. If the police are out on patrol it could be hours before they return to the station to check messages. 911 is the best and quickest way to get the police. Sgt. Speer also reminded the residents that the deer are in rut and to be please be safe and watch for deer while driving.



EMC REPORT -

David Knox reported that he has nothing really new to report on and that the Westmoreland County 2018 Comprehensive Plan is available to view on the County website. This plan is very important and also needed to help all communities work together and also need for grant monies.

ENGINEERS REPORT –

Kerchner reported that he attended an informational meeting on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, concerning upgrades that WCIDC would like to do at the Business and Research Park located in the Township. Said upgrades would include a 4 phase safe pedestrian trail network as well as site planning a vacant lot that may accommodate local retail/café/office/training.

PLANNING COMMISSION – None

SOLICITORS REPORT – None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A motion was made by Walker second by Dombroski to authorize the advertisement of the 2019 General Budget and that the Budget is available for inspection.
Motion passed 3 - 0

- B. A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to grant the request allocation of \$2,100.00, to Betty Beestrice for the 2018 Senior Christmas Luncheon.
Motion passed 3- 0

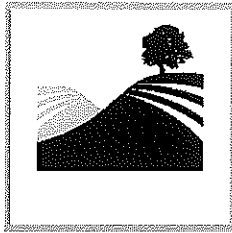
- C. A motion was made by Walker second by Dombroski to accept with regrets the resignation of Part Time Patrolman Zachary Vernail.
Motion passed 3 – 0

- D. A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to accept with regrets the resignation of Part Time Patrolman Zachary Chamblee.
Motion passed 3 - 0

- E. A motion was made by Conley second by Walker to pay all the bills and accept the financial report for the month of October.
Motion passed 3 - 0

OPEN TO THE FLOOR –

Dan Hosac, 1301 Menk Road, asked what can be done about residents while cutting grass allow the grass clippings to be discharged all over the road. Mr. Hosac stated he followed a gentleman on Menk Road and said gentleman had a very difficult time keep his motorcycle from not falling due all the grass on the roadway. Sgt. Speer stated to call 911 as soon as this happening and the police will respond to the call and handle the matter.



Cari Armstrong, 260 Upper Drennen Road, asked how would go about seeing a copy of the 2019 Budget? Walker replied by coming to the Township office. Mrs. Armstrong also thanked the Supervisors for their support for the Halloween Party, she stated it was such a great party.

Paul Romito, 900 Menk Road, thanked the road department for filling the slide on Menk Road, he also state there are other areas that need this work also before more slides start. Mr. Romito stated that while reaching to his neighbor, phone numbers were exchanged. He stated that something happened in the neighborhood and they were able to reach out to everyone thru a group message. Mr. Romito stated he thought this was a great way to communicate and would be faster than calling 911 or the police.

Mr. Romito inquired about the green spray dots on the ground. Dombroski replied those are garbage truck drivers so they know which residents are their customers.

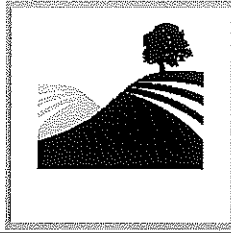
Mr. Romito inquired as to what road got paved in 2018? Dombroski replied none. Dombroski stated that for 2019 hoping ditches will get cleaned, cross drains repaired and some seal coating and possible paving in Lincoln Beach. Mr. Romito asked how all the other communities doing paving and we are not? Mr. Romito stated there is money in escrow why are we not using it, by ignoring this issue it will only cost more money down the road. Yakopec stated that in Lower Burrell that were paved were PennDot roads so it did not cost the city any monies. Walker asked Dave Kerchner about the Township Road Maintenance Plan. Kerchner stated that he did inspect the township roads and assessed the condition of the roads and prioritize which roads are the worse plus costs to make repairs and stated it is a substantial amount of money. Mr. Romito stated again has over the years all the maintenance been kept up we would need all this work.

Mr. Romito asked if he was allowed to have the Supervisor's make a vote on whether to keep or get rid of the grader. Yakopec replied they do not have to take a vote. Walker asked Dombroski his thought on this piece of equipment. Dombroski replied he has used it in the past in the winter time in the deep snow and it does not cost anything to keep it and that's what he would like to do is keep it. Walker stated if Dombroski felt it was not needed they would have sold it.

Walker read a letter received back in June of 2017 from Westmoreland County Elections Bureau. Said letter was in regards to trying to have the 2 voting districts in the township evenly split. The letter indicated that the County would not help, however the township must follow the guidelines of the Election Code if redistricting/consolidation of the districts were to get done.

George Richards, 350 Hunter Hill Road, stated he thought the division of the 2 voting district was Route 780. However, he stated that the Election Bureau does not thoroughly look at new voters in the Township and they seem to just get placed in District #1, they need to pay better attention.

Dan Hosac, 1301 Menk Road, inquired as to why the tractor trailer traffic on Route 780 has increased so much. Mr. Hosac stated he thought that when the bridge work was completed on Greensburg Road the weight limit signs would be removed, this has not happened which is why the trucks are using Route 780 due to GPS directing them this way.



Chester Lockwood, 4425 – 7th Street Road, also agreed with Mr. Hosac stating the truck traffic is very heavy on Route 780 and he has even witnessed trucks traveling down Manchester Hill Road and Milligantown Road.

Timothy Rote, 2240 Greensburg Road, inquired as to why he has received a summons from the Building Inspector in regards to installing an above ground swimming pool at his residence. Mr. Rote stated he applied for a permit and that under building code he should have received written notice if the permit was denied. Mr. Rote stated two neighbors have pools and that he is a Veteran and has received several medals during his service and the pool is needed for his therapy. Walker stated that he will have the Solicitor call Scott Chermak, Building Official to see if this can be resolved.

Dan Makowski, 7166 Guyer Road, asked if he would be entitled to any kind of payment from the Marcellus Shale Well? Yakopec replied only if the well were going under his property and that he signed a lease.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Walker, second by Conley to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Melissa A. Cortilesio,

Note*** Next monthly meeting, will be held on January 2, 2019 beginning at 7:00 p.m.