

MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS
WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2019
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
John Pallone, Solicitor

OPENING OF BIDS – None

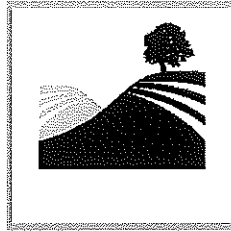
OPEN TO THE FLOOR –

Allen Uhler, 2213 Turkey Ridge Road, asked about the well plugging notice received, who has the decision if any permits are needed from the township and who has the courage to go and see? Conley asked for plugging a well? Dave Kerchner replied that the township never received any permit applications from Penneco. Uhler stated the work is already completed. Kerchner replied the permit to cap the well comes from the PADEP and the supervisors have no jurisdiction to police the DEP. Attorney Pallone stated that the notice received from the PADEP was for review only and this resides with the DEP. Uhler stated he is just bringing this to our attention. Conley and Kerchner will review the site to see if any earth moving has been done.

Ron Saylor, 7185 Guyer Road, asked about the court decision to have the election wards redistricted. Solicitor Pallone replied this is just one time and both districts will now have equal representation, he believes currently you cannot have more than 1500 voters per precinct.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by Walker, second by Dombroski to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2019, 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 – Vice Chairman Dombroski reported that for the month of June, time was spent patching, mowing, trimming, placing R4 rip rap in the washed out areas of the roads, some minor equipment maintenance and the mower is broke down and has been sent out for repairs.

POLICE REPORT – 131 calls for the month, 23 traffic citations issued. Sgt. Speer reported that the police department will be attending the Northmoreland National Night Out. Sgt. Speer stated come out and meet all the first responders and last year’s event was a huge success.

EMC REPORT - None

ENGINEERS REPORT – Dave Kerchner stated that he needs authorization to solicit bids for the 2019 Cross Dain Replacement and Paving Projects along with the CDBG paving in the Lincoln Beach area.

Motion made by Walker second by Dombroski to authorize the Engineer to prepare and solicit bids for the Ross Plan and Chapeldale along with the other roads mentioned in the 2019 Cross Drain Replacement and Paving Projects for bituminous surface treatment, base repair, cross drain replacements, inlet repairs, grade adjustment and slide repair.

Motion passed 3 - 0

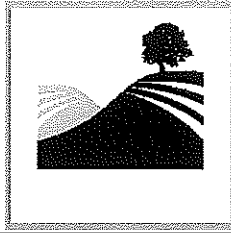
Motion made by Walker second by Dombroski, to authorize the Engineer to and solicit bids for the four (4) roads for the Lincoln Beach CDBG paving project.

Motion passed 3 – 0

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, asked about the Long Range Paving Plan. Mr. Myers inquired as to how did the Ross Plan and Chapeldale area of the Township get put ahead for paving before Turkey Ridge Road? Mr. Myers asked how is the priority getting set for paving, is the decision based on need, were all 3 supervisors involved in the decision? Dombroski stated that these two roads are getting done for the preservation of pavement and all the grates are failing. Dombroski stated that Turkey Ridge and Hunter Hill Road will need to be ground up. Myers stated what good is a plan without dates on it. Myers stated reallocate funds from the Capital Fund to pave these roads, spend it wisely.

Myers also stated that the Township needs to get a PA System for the meeting room. Mr. Myers also stated that the weeds on Whitten Hollow are hanging over and the township should contract this weed cutting and grass cutting out, put the road crew on fixing roads. Mr. Myers stated that Turkey Ridge Road just keeps getting smaller and smaller, there is a ditch in front of his house and the water does not reach the drain which is also clogged. Allen Uhler also stated that there is a hole in front of mailbox due to water run off cause the drain is in the wrong location.

Dave Kerchner reported that he reviewed the PA One Calles received and this is for the proposed waterline realignment piping for the proposed well off of Merwin Road, just in the design phase now.



PLANNING COMMISSION – None

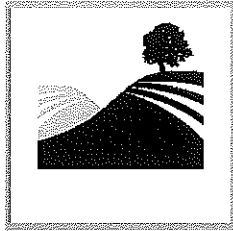
SOLICITORS REPORT – Solicitor Pallone reported the court did grant the redistricting of the two election districts. The County will send out notice to the voters letting them which district they reside in.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Motion made by Walker second by Dombroski to advertise Ordinance #1-2019, Authorizing its joinder and participation in an intergovernmental police mutual aid agreement with other municipalities for the training, deployment and compensation of specially trained officers (STO) for the purpose of responding to police emergency situations in any authorized jurisdiction provided for in the ordinance and proposed Intergovernment Agreement.
Motion passed 3 – 0
- B. Motion made by Walker second by Conley to exonerate Joyce Ewing, Tax Collector from collection the 279 uncollected Per Capita Items.
Motion passed 3 – 0
- C. Motion made by Walker second by Dombroski to hire Kyle Pierce as a Part Time Patrolman.
Motion passed 3 – 0
- D. Motion made by Walker second by Dombroski to accept the Winter Traffic Services “Municipal Snow” Agreement for Fiscal Years 2019 thru 2024 in the amount of \$117,100.69.
Motion passed 3 - 0
- E. Motion made by Conley second by Walker to pay and ratify all the bills and accept the financial report for the month of June 2019.
Motion passed 3 - 0

OPEN TO THE FLOOR –

Ron Saylor, 7185 Guyer Road, asked why is up to the Township to make sure the road is up to code in the Chapeldale Housing Plan. Mr. Saylor stated that when the development was built this should have been done. Kerchner stated that as for Phase I of the development he is not certain if an inspector was on site , however in Phase II, there was an inspector present who did oversee this and at the time the company did comply with the design drawing standards that were in place at that time. Mr. Saylor stated the thought that Chapeldale was a private road. Kerchner stated he does not recall it ever being a private road. Dombroski stated there was meeting with Washington Township but this was so the Liquid Fuel Funds that Washington Township received could be turned over to Upper Burrell so we can maintain the road.



Jeff Ewing, 201 Stoney Hill Road, asked if Bituminous seal coat is the same as tar and chip. Kerchner stated that #2 stone followed by #8 stone. Ewing also asked what is \$117,100.69 from Penn Dot used for? Dombroski stated this is the Winter Services Agreement to maintain the State Roads and is a 5 year contract.

Allen Uhler, 2213 Turkey Ridge Road, stated that Penn Dot asked the Township to take over more roads are there any plans for this? Walker replied, "No".

Ron Saylor, 7185 Guyer Road, asked if the grader worked? Mr. Saylor stated that the ditch in front of his house by Bernie's house on his side is completely full. Dombroski stated this is scheduled to get all done next year.

Ben Mermelstein, 260 Upper Drennen Road, asked what the 1.5 million dollar of assets in the General Fund is there for. Walker stated that each department requires around \$300,000 to run on a yearly basis and we do have a balanced budget every year.

Ken Slahtovsky, 6200 Schafer Drive, had some road concerns over due to last time Penn Dot did work they made a mess of his property. Slahtovsky asked for a contact number for Penn Dot. Slahtovsky also stated that he has noticed that when HHEX is making the necessary repairs on Bethesda Drive they are not completing the work as marked, they are doing a smaller repair than what is marked and also the berm/shoulder should be higher. Kerchner stated he will reach out to HHEX.

Ben Mermelstein, 260 Upper Drennen Road, asked if anything was learned from the meeting that HHEX held in Plum? Walker stated that no one attended. Slahtovsky stated he did attend and it was an informational meeting.

George Richard, 350 Hunter Hill Road, stated he does not see Pete anymore on Hunter Hill Road, the ditches were pulled but have not paved. Mr. Richard also asked about the grant for the slide repairs on Lower Drennen Road? Kerchner stated the grant was denied. Mr. Richard stated it needs fixed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Walker, second by Conley to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Melissa A. Cortilesio,

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