

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2021
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 - Absent**
 Michael P. Conley, Vice Chairman
 Kenneth R. Slahtovsky, 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

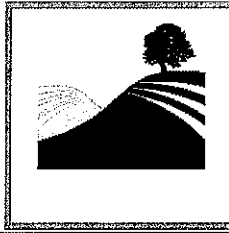
Motion made by Conley, second by Slahtovsky to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2021, regular meeting. Motion passed 2-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Vice Chairman Conley asked Mrs. Cortileso, to review the correspondence from the month. Mrs. Cortileso reviewed the items that were listed on the agenda.

ROAD REPORT – Supervisor Slahtovsky reported that most of the time spent was patching Lower Drennen Road and doing the prep work on the roads for the upcoming seal coating work. Clean Up Days filled up 2 dumpsters and the work for the seal coat projects is get done the week of 6/9/2021.

POLICE REPORT – 142 total calls. Chief Pate stated that training will be starting soon along with the DUI Checkpoints. Dan Hosac, Menk Road asked about the proposed radar bill. Chief Pate stated that bill did not come to fruition, the police will continue with the painting of the white lines on the road. Chief stated that with the pandemic it seemed more important to enforce calls then to run traffic. Chester Lockwood thanked the Chief for painting the lines in front of his home on 7th Street.



EMC REPORT – Dave Knox reported that he is now fully retired and is spending a lot more time at the County doing more with the EMC. Knox reported that the zoom meetings seem to work for their meetings. Knox stated that Act 105, the Move Over Law has been enacted, this means that you must reduce speed by 20 miles below the posted speed limit if you are not able to mover over. Also the State Police will now be sitting in unmarked cards at work zones and will now be recording speeds and they will no longer pull you over you will just receive a citation in the mail. Knox mentioned please be mindful of the bank scams that are going on, no one will call and ask for your personal information over the phone and if they do, do not give it out. Also the new package theft, people are dressing up like the drivers they pretend to leave the package and instead they take it, so anyone with camera’s who are at home, please watch entirely until they leave that the package has been left. Knox stated he will continue to work on the 2020 NIMS and see what the Township will need to be compliant should and emergency arise and he will prioritize as such.

ENGINEERS REPORT – Dave Kerchner reported the following:

Russell Standard start date for Angelcrest, Maple and the Ross Plan will be June 9, 2021, all patching and prep work has been completed by the Road Department completion date is July 31, 2021.

Lincoln Beach paving project has been completed just waiting on some final paperwork.

Chapeldale base work should be completed this week and will need to cure with the seal coat to get done next week.

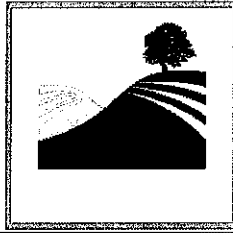
CDBG application is due by September 30, 2021, the application for the Lower Drennen Road Slide will need completed by getting the rest of the income surveys submitted. The Supervisor’s need to decide if they would like to continue with this project or submit another project.

Senator Casey’s office is soliciting for infrastructure projects in 2022. Kerchner stated he believes that best interest is to submit for the road slides on Lower Drennen. Kerchner stated there are 7 current slides, he will prioritize them and get this is by the deadline. Chris Procyk asked about the condition of Merwin Road. Kerchner replied that Merwin Road is a state road and agrees it is bad. Conley stated that the Road Department has been keeping a watch and noticed that the road is marked for repair.

PLANNING COMMISSION - Hyperian Midstream LLC – 400 Rich Hill Road

Jeremy Burden, Krista Stanley-Babst Calland, Ryan Dailey-CEC gave presentation. Construction will begin in August of 2021 and completed late winter early spring.

After a discussion, Dan Hosac moved to approve the plan seconded by Chester Lockwood and all were in favor. Motion passed.



Morrow-Pepler Lot Line

A motion was made by Chester Lockwood seconded by Dan Hosac to approve the plan and all were in favor. Motion passed.

SOLICITORS REPORT – None

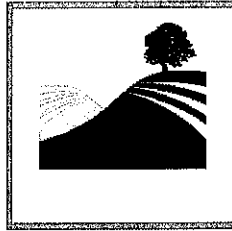
NEW BUSINESS

- A. A motion was made by Conley second by Slahtovsky to have Bankson Engineers prepare and submit a project for the CFA grant funding. Motion passed 2 – 0. Kerchner stated this would be state funds for Multi Modal related to transportation and road slides and paving are eligible.
- B. A motion was made by Conley second by Slahtovsky to grant the Land Development Application to Union Barn. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- C. A motion was made by Conley second by Slahtovsky to grant the Lot Line Revision request for the Morrow-Pepler application. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- D. A motion was made by Conley second by Slahtovsky to Adopt Ordinance #1-2021, Amending Chapter 299-1 thru 6, Taxation of the code of Upper Burrell Township. As amended by providing: A new time frame for the payment of Per Capita Tax, setting forth the exemption amount, and a change from Treasurer to Tax Collector. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- E. A motion was made by Conley second by Slahtovsky to pay and ratify all the bills and accept the financial report for the month of May 2021. Motion passed 2 – 0.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR –

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, stated that he received his letter in regards to the formal complaint he filed in regards to the Township violating its own Zoning Ordinance by allowing the tree service company to store their vehicles in the back parking lot at the Township Building. Myers stated he was insulted by this letter. After some discussion took place the Solicitor stated that by the company leaving on voluntary basis there is no longer any controversy. The Solicitor stated that the Mr. Myers wanted an opinion on this. Myers stated no he wanted a letter from the Zoning Officer. The Solicitor apologized and Myers and Conley came to an agreement that now this situation has been resolved and will be dropped by Mr. Myers.

George Richard, 350 Hunter Hill Road, stated that the Road Department never finished up the patching work on Lower Drennen Road. Conley stated that they got pulled away to do the prep work for the



upcoming seal coating projects. Richard stated that they did get the parking lot at the Township Building patched in time for Election Day. Richard stated maybe they need to hire another man. Conley replied they are doing it as fast as they can.

Joyce Ewing, 201 Stoney Hill Road, asked if they would be addressing the water run off issue on Maple Drive before the seal coat work begins and cleaning out the ditch. Conley stated the Road Department will take a look at it.

Dave Knox, 1307 Oak Lake Road, addressed the issue again about the need of stop signs on White Cloud Road at the intersection with Oak Lake Road. Mr. Knox stated there was another accident there. Kerchner stated that a few years back the Township did provided that information needed to PennDot to address this issue, however PennDot felt there was no justification for the stop signs. Chief Pate stated that speed does play an issue and he also thank Olympus Energy for cutting back the trees and shrubbery in that area which helped a lot. Chief Pate also stated that accident has been the first in about a year.

Marcella Moore, 107 Lincoln Blvd., asked who would be responsible for fixing the bridge on Lincoln Blvd. Kerchner stated that this is jointly owned by both Westmoreland and Allegheny County Bridge Department. Kerchner stated that he believes that this bridge repair work is still on the books planning significant repairs. Kerchner stated that any issues they have would be legitimate and that a contract would be signed and meetings would take place before construction begins. Mrs. Moore stated that the drop off from the bridge is really bad and the first time the paving work was done on Lincoln Beach it was terrible. Mrs. Moore asked about getting speed bumps to help with the speeding cars in this area. Chief Pate stated that this is the first he is hearing about the speeding issue. Chief Pate stated he will monitor this area.

Dan Myers stated is there any additional funding to be able to do more guardrails? Kerchner stated he believed that the Multi Modal Grant does allow for guardrails.

Rae Mason, thanked the Township for getting the potholes along Greensburg prior to crossing over into Lincoln Beach fixed.

Brock White, 282 Mosaic Blvd., asked what exactly a road slide is. Kerchner replied in a road you have a high and low side and when water cuts into this it may allow for the ground to move. Mr. White thanked the Township for putting up the sign.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Conley, second by Slahtovsky to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Melissa A. Cortileso,

Note*** Next monthly meeting, will be held on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, beginning at 7:00 p.m.