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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021  
MEETING ROOM, 3735 - 7<sup>TH</sup> 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 -**  
                          **Michael P. Conley, Vice Chairman – Absent**  
                          **Kenneth R. Slahtovsky, Supervisor**

**Also present:** David Kerchner, Engineer  
                          Melissa A. Cortileso, Secretary  
                          Stephen Yakopec, Solicitor

**OPENING OF BIDS – None**

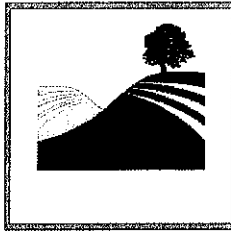
**OPEN TO THE FLOOR –**

Amy Cromie, 3752 Milligantown Road, stated that her mother Betty Beestrice owns property along the field where the proposed Dollar General store is being built. Ms. Cromie stated that on several occasions she has called the police due to vehicles parking in that area. Ms. Cromie stated that the property has never surveyed and there are no stakes in the ground.

Dave Kerchner, Bankson Engineers, stated he reviewed the drawings submitted by Dollar General and stated they should have shown more level of detail outside of the property. Dave referenced the deed on the Westmoreland County website which shows small chunk of property this is dashed and shows that property is owned by Mr. Antoniono and that is what the drawings reflect. Kerchner stated this is not the first time property lines have been disputed. Dave stated that don't have to stake the ground that is not a requirement. Steve Yakopec, Solicitor, stated that if there is a discrepancy between the property lines this is not a township issue. Kerchner stated that a dashed line represents consolidated property. Kerchner will call the Dollar General Engineer to get a digital copy of the survey and get a copy to Amy Cromie. Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, stated let Ms. Cromie get her own surveyor and work it out.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion made by Walker, second by Slahtovsky to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2021, regular meeting. Motion passed 2-0.



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## **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 mowing, weed eating, trimming trees and patching. Mowing will finish up in about a week and will continue to clean out culverts and berms.

**POLICE REPORT** – 151 total calls and 94 incidents. Chief Pate stated that when he say incidents that mean actual reportable crimes. Chief stated that the new radios have come in and they can now be fixed right over the air unlike the old radios where it's so hard to even get parts for them. Chief stated he painted the roads in Lincoln Beach to address the stop issue on Mosaic Blvd. Chief stated that a stop sign would never qualify due to there never being any accidents in that area. Marcella Moore asked about a 15 MPH sign or slow sign coming off the Keibler Beach Bridge.

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, asked the Chief how the staffing in the police department is going. Chief replied well. Mr. Myers stated that he has seen the police car patrolling in the area.

Brock White, 282 Mosaic Blvd., asked how he finds out about pedophiles living in his neighborhood. Chief replied, go onto the Meghan's Law website.

**EMC REPORT** – None

**ENGINEERS REPORT** – Dave Kerchner reported the following:

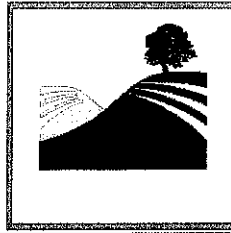
Kerchner requested payment #A1 final payment for the Angelcrest, Maple Drive and Ross Plan, Double Asphalt Seal Coat, Contract #21-1 in the amount of \$39,510.79. Slahtovsky asked if the cleanup work has been completed. Kerchner replied yes it has be completed.

A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky pay Russell Standard in the amount \$39,510.79 for payment request #A1-Contract #21-1, final payment for the Angelcrest, Maple Drive and Ross Plan, double Asphalt Seal Coat. No comment on the floor. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Kerchner stated he attended a meeting along with Pete Dombroski and Jim Pilsbury of the Westmoreland Conservation District along with residents along Lower Drennen Road, to look over the areas of concerns from the residents at the July monthly meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to have the Conservation District review and approve storm water plans, listen to the residents and get solutions to the 2 issues on Lower Drennen Road.

Kerchner stated that the storm water pipe from Route 780 has been replaced by Penn Dot and there is now a lot more water since the pipe is now working correctly, need ways to deal with this.

Kerchner stated that water comes from the Fire Department and a lot of the water discharges into Mr. Shrock's yard and then down the right side of Lower Drennen Road where Mr. Saye driveway cannot handle the run off. Some suggestions are to work with the Fire Department on some rain gardens and plant some trees which there are grant programs for this. Dave Kerchner & Jim Pilsbury are willing to



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work on getting a grant to try to remediate this problem said paperwork is due by 8/16/21. Most of the cost will be covered by the grant except for soft costs such as design work and legal fees. The Conservation District is willing to do the design work but will want paid for this at cost of around \$7,000.00. Walker seemed to think the letter sent by the Conservation District indicated they thought the grant funds would pay the cost.

A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to pursue the grant funding and would also need to get authorization from the Fire Department for any work that would need done of fire hall property. No comment on the floor. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive asked why Mr. Dombroski was present at the meeting and not the 2 Roadmasters. Slahtovsky replied because he was on vacation and Conley has just had knee replacement surgery. Kerchner replied that Mr. Dombroski has great knowledge.

George Richard, 350 Hunter Hill Road, asked if the grant monies will cover the retention pond on fire hall property. Kerchner replied there may be an agreement needed stating the township will maintain it. Yakopec stated that the fire department is a government agency it should be covered. It was mentioned about the inlet. Kerchner stated this does nothing. Mr. Shrock now has a small wetland area in his yard. Kerchner stated this would need to be addressed by Penn Dot along with addressing the issue of the fire departments downspouts and where they go. Kerchner stated they will put together a general scope of work and balance it out. Kerchner stated that having the Conservation District do the design work he is hoping that will better the chances of getting the grant.

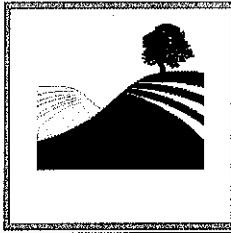
## **PLANNING COMMISSION**

### Capiross Plan Revision No. 1

Rick and Pat Varhola presented their plan of lots adjacent to Oak Lake Road. The plan proposed to shift an access right of way from the east side of the parcels to the west side of the parcel to improve access to the three lots that are not fronting along Oak Lake Road. The plan also adds a 20 foot corridor to Lot 2-R from Oak Lake Road to provide the required corridor for a water line access. This 20 foot corridor takes this property from Lot 1-R. The plan was reviewed by Bankson Engineers and in their letter July 14, 2021, review letter they recommended approval of the plan. After a discussion Chester Lockwood moved to approve the plan, seconded by George Richard and all were in favor.

### Dollar General Store

As a follow up to a conversation with Tom O'Brien, Amy Cromie presented a survey plan of her mother's property along Dewey Drive that appears to show that a sliver of that property is on the Dollar General side of Dewey Drive. Tom O'Brien indicated that the Dollar General Site plan shows their property along the Dewey Drive right of way line with no encroachment from her mother's property. After a discussion Amy said she will coordinate with Melissa Cortileso and show her additional plans that show this discrepancy. We will also coordinate with Bankson Engineers to investigate this matter further.



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### **SOLICITORS REPORT –**

Solicitor Yakopec reported that beginning September 1, 2021, Act 65 of 2021 will take place. This act states that the Township has to have an agenda posted 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Also you cannot take action on a subject if not on the agenda, however, you may add new items to the agenda by majority vote, after first stating the reason for the change. A vote to add the item to agenda will be required before the vote to add the item to the agenda before the board votes on the new issue. In addition, the amended agenda must be posted on the township's website, if it has one, and at the township office by the first business day following the meeting at which the agenda was changed. The minutes must include the substance of the item added to the agenda, the announced reasons for the addition, and the final vote on the item added.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to execute the 2021-2022 Winter Municipal Agreement with PennDot as stated in the Exhibit "a" of the contract. Total miles 15.56 miles Total cost \$23,073.76. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- B. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to approve the Capiross Plan Revision No. 1. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- C. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to grant the 2021 annual donation in the amount of \$20,000.00 to the UBVFD. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- D. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to grant the 2021 - .35% of the LST Tax monies collected to UBVFD in the month of December. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- E. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to pay and ratify all the bills and accept the financial report for the month of July 2021. Motion passed 2 – 0.

### **OPEN TO THE FLOOR –**

Dan Hosac, 1301 Menk Road, asked if there any future plans for the paving of Menk Road. Hosac stated this is probably the worst road in the township. Hosac stated he had traveled on dirt roads that are in better condition than Menk Road. Hosac asked what does it cost to pave a road. Hosac stated reprofile it and establish a crown and go over it like Turkey Ridge Road. Kerchner stated he will update costs.

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, stated look at balances and focus on upgrading roads. Reach into the surplus and hire a private contractor to get things fixed.

Keitha White, 282 Mosaic Blvd., asked again about being able to get a street light up the hill on Mosaic Blvd., Mrs. White stated that it is very dark along that whole section of the road. Mrs. White stated that there are 3 transformers along the road. Walker asked if the light on her property could reach the road. Brock White stated they light they pay for is behind the home and would not reach out to the road.



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Mrs. White stated that West Penn Power stated that there is a street light account out there, whether it's the City of Lower Burrell or New Kensington. Walker stated that the township does not pay for street lights. Mr. Brock stated that currently there are street lights on Lincoln Blvd., who pays for those lights? Walker stated that area is no darker than any other area in the township that does not have any street lights.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Walker, second by Slahtovsky to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Melissa A. Cortileso,

Note\*\*\* Next monthly meeting, will be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, beginning at 7:00 p.m.