

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022
MEETING ROOM, 3735 - 7TH STREET ROAD**

Board of Supervisors, Vice Chairman, Michael Conley, 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
 Kenneth R. Slahtovsky, Supervisor

Also present: Michael Moore, Engineer & David Kerchner
 Melissa A. Cortilesio, Secretary
 Steve Yakopec, Solicitor

OPENING OF BIDS –

Bid opening on Friday, April 29, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., at the Township Building for the Washington Boulevard and Davis Street Paving and Drainage Project, using the CDBG funds and extra funding that was approved by the Westmoreland County. Bid results will be available for the May meeting based on the recommendation and approval from Bankson Engineers of the lowest responsible qualified bidder.

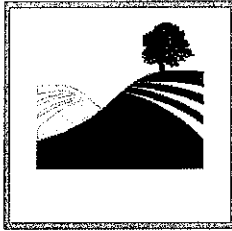
Back the Blue AKV Committee, presented the police department with a check in the amount of \$1200.00. This committee does fund raising all year long to help provide donations to police departments and also help with police schooling. The committee stated they will be including Upper Burrell from here on out.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR –

Sigrid Moore, 214 Mosaic Blvd., asked why they did not include Mosaic Blvd., in the upcoming drainage project in Lincoln Beach. Dave Kerchner stated this project is a series of work that will be done using the CDBG grant funding from Westmoreland County. Dave stated that the work in that area started with Lincoln Blvd., at the bottom and will work their way up thru the streets and Mosaic would be the last street in the area. Moore stated that when it rains and snows it will lift up. Kerchner stated Mosaic should be considered in the next round of the CDBG funding.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by Walker, second by Slahtovsky to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2022, regular meeting. 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 Slahtovsky reported most of the time was spent on snow removal, patching, cleaning out ditches and cleaning up trees. Slahtovsky stated that Olympus Energy will be in to make repairs/paving on the following roads, Bethesda, Guyer and Rich Hill Roads.

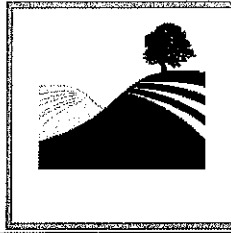
Conley stated he is not certain what to do with the Grader equipment and he would also like to sale the 3 Point Hitch Street Broom. It was asked what the value of this equipment would be and is it worth spending the money to advertise the sale of the equipment if it's not worth it. Dave Kerchner recommended looking in the website call Gov.deals, this site allows municipalities to sell equipment but he is not certain if there is a charge. Dave Knox stated he believes they will take a percentage of the sale price and Dave stated to make certain that you put "reserved" on the price. Conley stated the scrap value for the grader is a lot more now and that the grader will run but would need to some work first.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Pate reported for the month of March there were 84 calls. Chief thanked the Back the Blue AKV Committee for their generous donation. Chief Pate stated these funds will be used to pay for the purchase of the Bola wrap. Chief stated for safety reasons they did make this purchase, this will allow them to get away from the use of Tasers.

Chief Pate stated there is a current mail scam going on, please if possible do not put any mail that has payment in it out in the mailbox for collection until as close time as the mailman comes by to deliver mail. Chief also stated that the speeding complaint from last month about the speeding issue on Oak Lake Road has been monitored for around a month with the speed sign. Chief stated around 8600 cars traveled thru and 79% were going under 30 mph.

EMC REPORT –

Dave Knox, reported that he did attend the quarterly meeting which was held virtually, he does expect that the June meeting will return back to in person meetings. There will be a spring weather exercise done. Dave stated that due to rising costs they will no longer be part of the Region 13 Knowledge Center and will probably never come back, however the state does have a program that is similar and he is currently learning how to use it. Knox also reported that residents can now text emergency calls to 911, you will need to provide the location of the emergency and the community you are in and what kind of help is needed and you will need to respond back to the questions asked from 911, also very important to make certain that your phone is not on roaming and even if you have a deactivated phone you can still use that to text and if you are in a very scary situation please silence your phone and you can still communicate without anyone being able to hear. Knox stated being an emergency responder himself can be very hard on a person and at all times he supports the police. Conley thanked Dave for all of his service.



ENGINEERS REPORT –

Michael Moore stated that as is stated on the Agenda there will be a bid opening for the Washington Blvd., and Davis Street Paving and Drainage Project, on Friday, April 29, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., at the Township Building.

Moore stated that the funding for the Lower Drennen Road Slide Project thru Senator Casey's office has been awarded and currently they did apply for another grant to try to cover the 20% match that is needed from the Senator's grant.

Moore stated that the guardrail project for Whitten Hollow Road and Hartge Road is moving along just waiting on PennDot to execute the agreement.

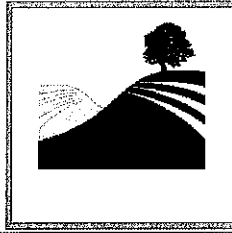
PLANNING COMMISSION - None

SOLICITORS REPORT –

Solicitor Yakopec stated he was directed at the March meeting to look into the Davis Street culvert issue. Yakopec stated that he contacted the Clerk of Courts, who then said to contact the Recorder of Deeds who then said contact the GIS mapping department, which has now led up to the County researching the archives.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to have the Engineer prepare and advertise for the Washington Boulevard and Davis Street, Drainage and Paving Project, using the CDBG funds and extra funding that was approved by Westmoreland County. Said bids will be opened and read aloud on Friday, April 29, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.
Motion passed 3 – 0.
- B. A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to turn the Washington Boulevard and Davis Street, Drainage and Paving Project over to Bankson Engineers for recommendation and approval of the lowest responsible qualified bidder. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- C. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to adopt Ordinance #2-2022, amending the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement, Police Participation, to include the City of Greensburg as the seventh municipality. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- D. A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to set the date for the 2022 Clean Up Days as Saturday, May 7, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- E. Motion to have the solicitor prepare and advertise the sale of 3 Point Hitch Street Broom. Let the record show no action was take on this item.



- F. A motion was made by Conley second by Walker to pay and ratify all the bills and accept the financial report for the month of March, 2022. Motion passed 3 – 0.

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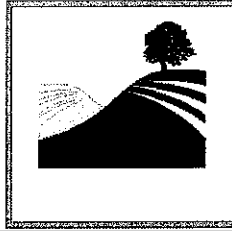
Chester Lockwood, 4425 – 7th Street Road, stated that EQT is plugging a well on Lower Drennen Road and there is a lot of equipment going in and out. Chester asked if they bonded the road. Conley replied yes they did.

Sigrid Moore, 214 Mosaic Blvd., asked how to vote people on to the board. Yakopec explained how the process works.

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, asked how Planning Commission Members are appointed to the board. After some discussion on how the process worked, it was stated that before the next member is reappointed there will be notice of the open position.

Myers asked about the last month mention of the restrictions on rental properties. Conley stated that he and Walker both talked with Sandy on this issue. They decided to not move forward with this it and it would not at this time help Sandy. Conley asked Dan if he recalled the meeting when some of the landlords attended a meeting stating they did not like this idea at all. It was asked if other communities had this kind of restrictions and Yakopec stated he knew that the Cities of Lower Burrell and New Kensington do. Yakopec stated he believed all units should have fire detectors and this also help with your insurance rate. Dave Knox stated he believed this was tried before and there is not a full time inspector to do these inspections. Knox stated that fire detectors are required in every bedroom or vicinity of a bedroom. Conley stated he did read all about the Compliance Update that was submitted to the Township from Olympus Energy and Conley stated it is all about safety.

Sigrid Moore, 214 Mosaic Blvd., asked if there was any more discussion on the park at the of Mosaic Blvd., Conley stated to be honest he would like to sale the property. A resident asked what would you like for the property. Conley stated you would need a bulldozer to get up the road due to the ruts beings so deep. A resident stated he would be willing to rent one. A resident asked if the grader could do the work to fix the road. Conley stated yes but it would take a lot to get the grader up and running. It was stated that the residents would be willing to purchase the property. Yakopec stated that if it is in excess of \$6,000.00 it would have to go out to bid. Myers asked can the supervisors decide on their own if this property should be sold. Yakopec replied yes. Myers stated what is the value of it and it would need appraised. It was also asked if the property could be donated. Yakopec replied yes but to a nonprofit organization who provides community services.



After some discussion with several residents about the clogged culvert on Davis Street, which is flooding a home every time it rains and has now made a new path down the road along the side of the bar which is causing flooding. Conley stated that it has been determined that this clogged drain is on township property and as soon as the township can figure out where the funds will come from they will address and fix this. Kerchner stated to inquire to the County to see if this could be part of the CDBG project that is going out to bid, whether the County will pay for this extra work or even if the township contributes. A resident asked if a hole could be bored thru the drain to open it up. Conley stated the township does not have that kind of equipment and that maybe the old tin whistle pipe needs removed and just fill with big stone and let the water take its natural course to reach the discharge area. Dan Myers stated just get it fixed.

Dan Hosac, 1301 Menk Road, stated be careful what you wish for. He was told that all of the water runoff from above his property is his responsibility to take care of. When the drains were replaced on Menk Road he now gets all that runoff and a section of his yard is like a swamp. Kerchner stated that yes unfortunately water does run downhill.

A resident asked that when doing the Washington Blvd., and Davis Street project could it be possible to make certain that it will wide enough for two cars to pass by and also the same if in the future Mosaic Blvd., were to get done. He stated that he was on Mosaic Blvd., he almost went over the hill when the other car tried to pass by. There was some discussion on the width of the roads.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Melissa A. Cortileso,

Note*** Next monthly meeting, will be held on Wednesday, June 1, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Reminder**** Clean Up Day – Saturday, May 7th, from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.