

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022
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**
 Michael P. Conley, Vice Chairman
 Kenneth R. Slahtovsky, Supervisor

Also present: Michael Moore, Engineer
 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 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.

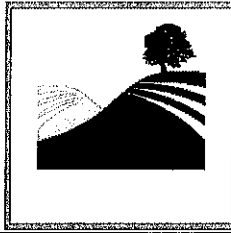
Bid Results: West Penn Paving LCC – 10% bid bond included – bid amount \$84,675.00. (This amount did not add up correctly when the Engineer was reviewing the paperwork, the correct award amount is \$85,385.00, as you will see under new business).

Supervisor Slahtovsky asked if the extra monies (\$14,000.00) due to bid amount could be looked into to use to get the berm areas done.

A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to add the revision to include the berm work.
Motion Passed 3 – 0.

Public Comment – Marcella Moore, 107 Lincoln Blvd., stated shouldn't the contractors already know this work needs to be done.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR – None



APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by Walker, second by Conley to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2022, regular meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Walker asked Mrs. Cortilesio, to review the correspondence from the month. Mrs. Cortilesio reviewed the items that were listed on the agenda.

ROAD REPORT – Supervisor Slahtovsky reported most of the time was spent sweeping up anti-skid from the winter. Myers, Woodlawn, Dewey and Rich Hill roads were cleaned up. Olympus Energy will overlay in 2 weeks from the Ross Plan down to Oak Lake Road, the road department did a lot of prep work to get the road ready. Olympus Energy is currently paving Guyer and Bethesda Roads and once fracking is completed on the Porter Pad they will do Oak Lake Road to the township border on White Cloud Road.

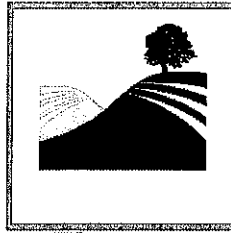
Supervisor Conley would like to have Bankson Engineers look at the following roads and prepare an estimate to have said roads double seal coated and chipped. Hillview Drive, Woodland, Whitten Hollow and Turkey Ridge Roads. Supervisor Slahtovsky would like to have the berm issue also addressed in this estimate.

A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to add the revision to include the berm work.
Public Comment – None

George Richard, 350 Hunter Hill Road, asked why Turkey Ridge Road again, they just did it a year ago. Slahtovsky replied to preserve the road. Slahtovsky stated there are other roads that need done but the sealing also needs completed. Conley stated how do you justify paving from Whitten Hollow at Double R Lane when there are no homes. Someone stated the road is still traveled. Conley stated that Menk Road is 3 ½ miles long it would take a million dollars to pave it. It was stated that monies were already spent on Whitten Hollow and Turkey Ridge Road. Menk Road need more than just patching and every road should get something. Conley stated Menk Road would only be able to get done in sections. It was also stated that White Cloud Road shortcut has not been touched in 15 years. Conley stated last season a lot of time was spent on Menk Road patching.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Pate reported for the month of April there were 101 calls. The Chief also reminded residents of the scam calls going around again asking for personal information and to send money. Chief stated they will get caught up on line painting on Rte. 780 and Milligantown Road as soon as the paving work is completed.

Pastor James Moore, 94 Lincoln Blvd., asked what could be done about the speeding coming out of Keibler Beach Drive back to the bridge. Pastor Moore stated the driver's center uses this area for testing and when leaving that area the cars are flying. Chief Pate stated he will go down and check things out he also stated you just cannot change the speed limit without following the guidelines.



EMC REPORT –

Dave Knox, reported that he did attend the daylong event weather exercise on April 20, 2022. It was pretty much a virtual simulation on what to do if a tornado were to touch down. Knox reminded residents to be careful while driving during a storm.

ENGINEERS REPORT –

Michael Moore stated that bids were received on Friday, April 29, 2022, and only one bid was received from West Penn Paving LLC. Moore stated that after reviewing the bid documents the addition was off. Amount read at the bid opening was \$ 84,675.00.00, but after the review the correct amount was \$85,385.00.00. Moore stated the contractor was notified of the error and Moore stated this is not uncommon to have an addition error. Moore stated he does recommend awarding the bid.

Moore stated they have submitted 3 appropriations for the Lower Drennen Road Slides and are currently still waiting on PennDot for the guiderail project. Moore also stated that the township did receive \$184,000.00 from Senator Casey and also applied to the Gaming monies to help with the 20% match for the guiderail project.

PLANNING COMMISSION –

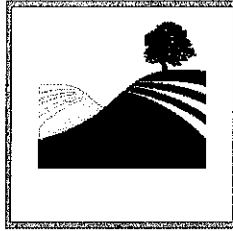
Campbell Plan of Lots, Lot Line Revision

Todd Campbell presented a lot line revision plan for their property on Schafer Drive. They own two parcels of land which are awkwardly shaped and they would like to revise the property line between the parcels to have more conventional shape. Bankson Engineers have reviewed the plan and recommend approval in their letter dated April 8, 2022. After a discussion, Rick Ryan moved to approve the plan, seconded by Chester Lockwood and all were in favor.

Thimons/Novak Lot Line Revision

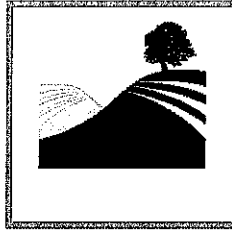
Nathan and Lisa Novak presented a lot line revision plan for their property along Upper Drennen Road. The plan consists of two lots which will be revised by an exchange of property between the two owners. The lots are being revised to add a 20' strip of land from Lot 1 to Lot 2 to provide the minimum frontage along Upper Drennen Road for a future water line. Bankson Engineers have reviewed the plan and recommend approval in their letter dated April 8, 2022. After a discussion George Richard moved to approve the plan, seconded by Chester Lockwood and all were in favor.

SOLICITORS REPORT – None



NEW BUSINESS

- A. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to award the Washington Boulevard and Davis Street Paving and Drainage Project Contract Number 22-1 contingent upon Westmoreland County Community Development Department approval to West Penn Paving LLC in the amount of \$ 85,385.00 and to have the Engineer inquire about the additional funding to be used for berm work.
Motion passed 3 – 0.
- B. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to accept with regrets the resignation of Planning Board Member, Dan Hosac. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- C. A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to accept letters of interest for the vacant Planning Commission seat thru May 25, 2022 and to advertise.
Motion passed 3 – 0.
- D. A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to grant the address request to Thomas P. Richey, Jr., as per Westmoreland County 911 Addressing Agency as 338 Manchester Hill Road. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- E. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to approve the Thimons/Novak Lot Line Revision as per the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- F. A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to approve the Campbell Plan of Lots as per the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- G. A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to have Bankson Engineers prepare estimates to have the following roads double seal coated and chipped. Hillview Drive, Woodland, Whitten Hollow and Turkey Ridge Roads and to include the berm work. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- H. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to sign Exhibit “A” the Winter Municipal Snow Agreement for the 2022 – 2023 Winter season with PennDot.
Motion passed 3 – 0.



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- I. A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to have the solicitor prepare and proceed with the legal requirements necessary to donate the 3 acre property (lots 11 to 26 PC PT LOT 27, 28, 29) in Lincoln Beach to the Jesus Apostolic Church. Motion passed 3 – 0.
 - J. 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 April, 2022.

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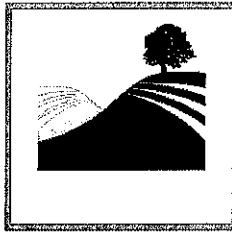
Marcella Moore, 107 Lincoln Blvd., stated there are 2 streets in Lincoln Beach that do not have street signs. The first is the small area right by the bridge known as Booker Street and the second area is up on the hill on Mosaic Blvd., known as Bullitt Street. Moore asked if it was possible to get street signs for the 2 streets.

Gino Montemurro, 305 Menk Road, stated Pleasant Valley Road, Menk Road and some areas on Rte. 780 have internet service and some do not. Mr. Montemurro stated that Comcast wanted around \$10,000.00, to provide the service. Montemurro stated he also called Verizon and they told him he needs to get with municipality to start the process.

Dan Hosac, 1301 Menk Road, stated there is fios right by his house but Verizon will not run the extra 150' to provide service to him. Sigrid Moore stated about getting a petition signed to have internet service provided. Conley stated that after speaking with Comcast providing the service is not the issue the cost is.

Dan Hosac, 1301 Menk Road, stated although he is no longer a member of the Planning Commission, he asked that when a project gets approval and does not conform to what was presented to the Commission, what are the penalties. Solicitor Yakopec stated the Planning Commission is just an advisory board and that the project has to be approved by the Supervisors. Yakopec stated you can send a cease and desist order, go to court, the Judge would decide. Unless indicated in the recommendation you would not know to go back and check.

Marcella Moore, 107 Lincoln Blvd., stated every month a financial report is provided, are all the accounts reported on all different accounts or do they overlap one another. Moore stated give the gentleman his money to get internet. Moore stated that if her tax dollars go to the township then she should have say in how the money is spent. Conley suggested



that she attend the budget meetings. Joyce Ewing stated that budget meeting this year only lasted 15 minutes and when her husband came to attend the meeting it was already over.

Conley stated that from January thru April the township has to be careful on how the monies are spent until the tax monies come thru in May.

Sigrid Moore, 215 Mosaic Blvd., stated that the next time before roads are paved you need to survey the road.

Chester Lockwood, 4425 – 7th Street Road, stated use some of the American Recovery Funds the township received to address the stormwater issue on Lower Drennen Road and the rest for internet service.

Dan Hosac, 1301 Menk Road asked about the correspondence in regards to the well pad on Guyer Road. Walker stated this is Olympus coming back to the Zeus Pad.

Some discussion took place in regards to the correspondence on the donation of the 3 acre park in Lincoln Beach to the Jesus Apostolic Church. Why is the property being donated? Everyone should have the chance to buy the property. Walker stated the solicitor will check the deed to see if this parcel can even be donated and/or sold.

Dan Hosac, 1301 Menk Road, stated that if they planned to sell the site it would have to go out to public bid it could be given away to a Non-Profit Organization.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Melissa A. Cortileso,

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