

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 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. Cortileso, Secretary
 John Pallone, Solicitor

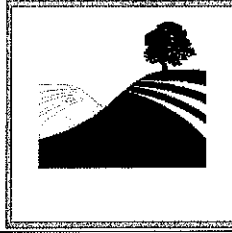
OPENING OF BIDS – None

OPEN TO THE FLOOR –

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, asked if there was distinction of gas lines and water lines for the proposed Selene to Hephaestus Pipeline Project or was this a secret. Myers asked the Supervisors if they knew for certain where the proposed 4th well pad will be going. Conley stated he did look at the maps for the proposed pipeline project and he is not certain where the proposed 4th well pad site will go due to the township not being placed on notice as of date.

Myers asked about the tractor purchase and what the mid mount means. Conley replied this refers to the mid mount will hang out the side and not the back. Myers stated for the cost of the tractor could this work not be contracted out at a cheaper rate.

Sandy Schaffer Sipes – 7098 Guyer Road, stated this is the 3rd request she has asked of the supervisor's to please consider adopting a rental inspection ordinance. Sipes stated she and her daughter did encounter a scary situation and had to be air lifted due to carbon monoxide poisoning. Sipes stated rental properties should have the same inspections as if building a new home. Chairman Walker stated when this issue previously came up several residents attended the meeting stating they were opposed to this rental inspection ordinance. Solicitor Pallone asked about her lease and stated that she should be escrowing funds and under the landlord/tenant act she may be entitled to some rights under this act. Dan Myers stated that at one the previous meeting the Township EMC did state that at a minimum the township should require all properties have fire detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Myers stated the board has the power to do this.



APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by Walker, second by Conley to approve the minutes of the August 3, 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.

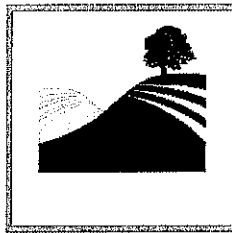
ROAD REPORT – Supervisor Slahtovsky reported most of the time was spent patching and cleaning up storm debris. Slahtovsky stated there are road signs up on Milligantown Road reminding residents that the Schafer Bridge project will be starting on September 12, 2022 and the bridge will be closed.

Supervisor Conley stated they are looking to purchase a new tractor if it can be afforded and the current tractor is 20 plus years old. Dan Myers stated only once a year the sides of the roads get cut could you hire out a contractor to cover this cost. Conley stated you asked before about contracting out the grass cutting and that was not cost effective. Myers stated with wages and benefits being paid it may be worth looking into. Myers stated the road department is needed more to fix the roads. Myers stated after the storm why they did not use the broom for cleanup instead of sweeping and shoveling. Myers stated look into getting a contractor that is a lot of money to spend for only once a year. Myers also asked about the status of the guardrail project. Engineer, Mike Moore, stated they are hoping to have a bid opening at the end of September or early October and have ready to award at the meeting. Myers asked why there were no bids for the seal coat job. Moore replied they reached out to several contractors and no one wanted to bid due to their schedules being full. Moore stated they will advertise for this early spring next year. Milton Pitts asked if they do make the purchase of a new tractor would the township consider donating the old tractor to church for the park property. Walker stated that it will probably be put out to bid it still has a good value.

Tom Bajack, Rich Hill Road, asked how many miles are in the township. Walker replied 44 miles of roads. Bajack stated to contract that out you are probably going to pay at least \$150.00/hour for an operator. Bajack stated at that rate if you do the math it would make more sense to purchase the tractor.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Pate reported there were 102 calls for the month of August. Chief Pate stated there have been some speeding complaints on Myers Drive. Chief stated this is due to the detour and the kids being back in school at the New Kensington Campus. The Chief stated the radar sign is up and lines have been painted. The speeding issue again came up when leaving Keibler Beach Drive and coming into the Lincoln Beach area. The speed goes from 35 down to 15 mph and they are not abiding by the lower speed limit. Chief Pate stated the police have been down in the area watching speeding and traffic and a lot of the speeding is coming from residents and patrons of the bar. Mr. Pitts stated he sometimes leaves his car partially out on the road to try and curb the speeding. Chief Pate recommend that he does not do that.

EMC REPORT – -None



ENGINEERS REPORT –

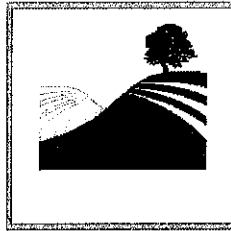
Michael Moore stated he is hoping to have the guiderail project ready for bid at the end of September or early October. Moore also stated they will reapply for the same project thru Dirt and Gravel Road Grant.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Approved the April 2022 meeting minutes.

SOLICITORS REPORT – None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to grant the 2022 UBVFD request for the 2022 donation in the amount of \$20,000.00. Motion passed 2 – 0. Conley abstained
- B. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to grant the 2022 UBVFD request for the .35% of the LST Taxes which will be distributed in the month of December 2022. Motion passed 2 – 0. Conley abstained
- C. A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to adopt Resolution #10-2022, Municipal Adoption of the 2020 Westmoreland County Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of Upper Burrell Township. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- D. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to approve Resolution #11-2022, defining the contribution to the Municipal Pension Plan for the year 2023. Motion passed 2 – 0. Conley abstained
- E. A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to approve Resolution #12-2022, defining the contribution to the Police Pension Plan for the year 2023. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- F. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to continue and execute the agreement for year 2 of the Alle-Kiski Intergovernmental Council Cooperation Agreement in the amount of \$617.74. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- G. A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to purchase contingent upon financing a 5711D Massey Ferguson Tractor with mid mount mower in the estimated cost of \$ 167,055.01. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- H. 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 August, 2022. Motion passed 3 – 0.



OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Milton Pitts, Arnold, Pa, asked if he could be added to park lease as the second point of contact. Chairman Walker did provide a copy of the lease to Reverend James Moore for his review. Reverend Moore stated about the road that leads up to the park area and that it seems now this area may not be able to be used to gain access due to the fact that the access road does travel thru 4 separate properties. It was stated that there is a driveway along Mosaic Blvd. with a chain across it. Engineer, Mike Moore stated that Bankson Engineers will be out this month to get the survey completed. It was discussed by several residents about whether the property could be chained off and deny access to property owned by others on Bullitt Street. After discussion the Solicitor advised the best action to take is to review the original subdivision plan, see if right of ways were given to each lot of number in the recorded deeds and have a title search done and this should be done by the person who wants to assert their right. The Solicitor stated this is a civil matter and that it is possible in the state of Pennsylvania to own property that is landlocked.

Keitha White, 282 Mosaic Blvd., stated she is the owner of the property that has the chain up. Mrs. White stated she did this to keep out the trespassers and hunters from coming onto the property.

Marcella Moore, Lincoln Beach, stated that both of her daughters own property in that area and one daughter is having trouble getting an address assigned. Again Solicitor Pallone stated get a title search done.

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, asked if competitive bids will be used for the tractor purchase. Conley stated this purchase will go thru the state Co-Stars program for purchase. Myers also asked about the status of the \$238,000 in American Recovery Funds that the township received. Why not use these funds to get broadband to the residents.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Melissa A. Cortilesio,

Note*** Next monthly meeting, will be held on Wednesday, November 2 beginning at 7:00 pm.