

REGULAR MEETING OF THE **UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS** WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023 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

Steve Yakopec, Solicitor

OPENING OF BIDS -

Opened and read aloud on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. for the following:

Item #1 - 1974 WABCO 555 motor grader with Cummins 855 engine and 12' moldboard ROPS cab

Item #2 – 8' Sweepster Rear Mounted Mechanical Sweeper hydraulic angle.

2 bids were submitted for the 1974 WABCO 555 motor grader:

Clyde Auto Service

\$ 1500.00

Micale's Wrecking

\$1978.23

No bids were received for the 8' Sweepster.

After some discussion took place it was decided that the Supervisors thought they could get more from scrapping the WABCO 555 motor grader.

A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to reject all bids. Motion passed 3 – 0.



OPEN TO THE FLOOR -

Milton Pitts, asked if the area from Greensburg Road entering to Keibler Beach Drive Bridge was private or township property. Mr. Pitts stated the potholes are pretty bad and that the middle of the road is high. Keitha White stated that Mr. Eiler does the patching work he just has not gotten to it. Conley stated the township will look into this.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES -

Motion made by Walker, second by Conley to approve the minutes of the April 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 cleaning up AS1 Anti-Skid, couple of big trees over in Rich Hill got cleaned up and patching was done on Lower Drennen, Pleasant Valley, Baxter, Laing and Menk Roads.

POLICE REPORT -

Patrolman Bartrug reported 80 calls for the month.

EMC REPORT - None

ENGINEERS REPORT -

Michael Moore, Bankson Engineers stated that the notice to proceed for the road material bids have been issued. Moore stated the double seal coat project will begin in June and the Hillview Drive project will start late May or June.

PLANNING COMMISSION - None

SOLICITORS REPORT - None

NEW BUSINESS

A. A motion was made by Conley seconded by Walker to pay all the bills and accept the financial report for the month of April 2023.



OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, asked about the Zoning Hearing Board notice. The Secretary stated there will be a variance hearing held on Tuesday, May 30th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building to hear the request of Austin Schafer.

Marcella Moore, Lincoln Beach, asked about a letter she received from the drilling co. Mrs. Moore asked if the Supervisor's knew anything about it. Walker stated if she could get a copy of the letter up to the township building they would reach out and see what they could find out. Reverend Moore stated he believed the letter was in regards to the Selene Well Pad. Walker also stated to call the number on the letter and they should answer her questions.

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, asked if there is anything new on the police regionalization. Walker stated no. Myers replied then he would assume it's off the table. Walker stated unless the issue were to come up again. Myers asked the status of police department. Conley replied 2 Full Time Officers and 1 Part Time Officer. Walker stated they are trying to supply and increase service and decrease costs. Coley stated he never agreed with the issue of having being charged to have State Police coverage. Conley stated Washington Township might be interested just have to wait and see if we hear anything.

Reverend Moore asked if any decision has been made about the Lincoln Beach Park Ground. Walker stated they would like to sell it to Reverend Moore. Conley stated if Reverend Moore is interested in buying the property they would have the solicitor draft an agreement and Reverend Moore review it.

Milton Pitts asked what about the road that leads to the park. Is that township property all the way up to the park? Conley stated it stops at the bottom of the hill and you would need right of ways. Slahtovsky stated it is part of the property not a roadway. After some discussion it was determined that more research is needed.

A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to add to the agenda authorization for the Engineer to research the Lincoln Beach Park property. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to have the Engineer do more research into the ingress and egress to the Lincoln Beach Park Area. Motion passed. 3-0.

Dan Hosac, 1031 Menk Road, asked about the letter about smoke detectors that he received with his tax bill statement. Hosac stated he was worried about the language that stated if the smoke detectors were not present you could get sued. Solicitor Yakopec stated that is a state law and that yes if there is a fatality and it was discovered that no smoke detectors were present then yes the homeowner could be liable.

Hosac stated what if after the tenant moves in they remove the detectors. Yakopec replied as long as you have documentation that there were installed. Hosac asked if this would negate the homeowner. Solicitor Yakopec stated that would be up to a Judge to decide.



Chester Lockwood, stated have the tenant sign paperwork when they move in that the smoke detectors were installed and in working condition.

Solicitor Yakopec stated that under the Township Code that for the sale of the property to the church, consideration of \$6,000.00 or less would need to have a an appraisal done by a certified appraiser. However, under Section 1503 of the Township Code states that this does not apply to a Non-Profit Organization which would mean the appraisal is not necessary.

Milton Pitts, again stated why the road issue is a problem now and why not before. Conley stated that when the park was there the township had an agreement to access the area. Pitts stated that is not correct. After some more discussion took place it was again decided that the Engineer will look more into this matter.

Cari Armstrong, 260 Upper Drennen Road asked when the township stopped using this area as a park. Conley stated he was not certain of the date.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Melissa A. Cortileso,

Note*** Next monthly meeting, will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, beginning at 7:00 pm.