

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 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 – None

OPEN TO THE FLOOR – None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES -

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

CORRESPONDENCE -

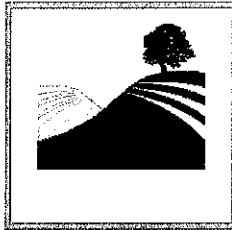
Chairman Walker asked Mrs. Cortileso, to review the correspondence from the month.
Mrs. Cortileso reviewed the items that were listed on the agenda.

ROAD REPORT -

Supervisor Slahtovsky reported the time spent was cleaning ditches and culverts. Olympus Energy did seal coat the whole length of Rich Hill Road from doing the overlay last year and plan do to a few other roads next year.

POLICE REPORT -

Supervisor Conley reported 60 calls for the month. Conley stated that interviews for Full Time Officers will begin and an ad has been placed. The speed box has been installed on Milligantown Road and Conley stated if you have any problems please contact the Chief.



EMC REPORT

Dave Knox, stated that everyone should have received the phone alert today. Knox stated he did attend the monthly County Coordinators Meeting on September 26, 2023, they will continue to review for the rest of the year and currently are working on the Delmont Apple Festival.

ENGINEERS REPORT –

Michael Moore stated he did meet with Quaker Sales Co. and they agreed to make the repairs to Whitten Hollow and Turkey Ridge Roads where the aggregate was lost. Moore stated they will also look over the Artemis Well Pad application and have a comment letter prepared for the October Planning Commission Meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION – None

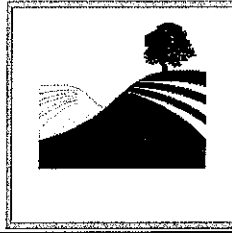
ZONING HEARING BOARD – None

SOLICITORS REPORT –

Solicitor Yakopec stated the Supervisors need to pick a time to hold the Artemis Well Pad Conditional Use Hearing. Walker made a motion second by Conley to hold the Artemis Well Pad Conditional Use Hearing on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, immediately following the regular meeting of the township supervisors. Motion passed 3 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to adopt Resolution #8-2023, defining the contribution to the Municipal Pension Plan for the year 2024. \$9,000 per employee/annually. Motion passed 2 – 0. Conley abstained.
- B. A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to grant the 2023 Children’s Halloween Party donation in the amount of \$600.00 to the Recreation Committee. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- C. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to approve and ratify the application to apply to Westmoreland County for the 2024 CDBG Block Grant for the Lincoln Beach Bridge Drainage Installation Project. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- D. A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to advertise the 2024 Budget Meetings. Meetings will be held on, Friday, October 20, 2023 beginning at 3:00 p.m., and the second meeting if needed will be held on Friday, October 27, 2023, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Motion passed 3 – 0.



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- E. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to advertise for bids, a Pole Barn Building, 24'x40'x12'/14' post frame building, Eave Condition 12" open overhangs front and back walls, no garage doors, walk doors, windows, ceiling and wall insulation, ceiling and wall liner panel and floor and to also have a special meeting to be held on Friday, October 27, 2023, beginning at 2:30 p.m. to open bids. Motion passed 3 – 0.

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

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Diane Kadunce, 2295 Turkey Ridge Road, asked if some stone could be placed along Turkey Ridge Road where the road dropped off. Conley stated yes they will get it done. Mrs. Kadunce also asked about the lower driveway area where the driveway pipe is exposed due to getting washed out. Conley stated when they are over in that area he will take a look.

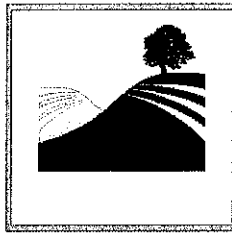
Keitha White, 282 Lincoln Beach, stated that the run-off is again running into her yard and there is debris laying all over the road. Conley stated they will look into this. Conley stated he thinks it was 2 or 3 years ago when they came down to clear that out previously.

Solicitor Yakopec stated does the road drop off area qualify for gabion block, limestone wrapped in wire. Yakopec asked if that would work any better. Mike Moore stated that large rip rap will work.

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, asked about the status of the Police Department. Conley stated the current status is on full time officer. Myers asked if there has been anything from other departments. Walker replied no. Myers stated then maybe you need to reach out to them again and Washington Township. Myers stated currently it would be the state police to respond and you would have to wait 2 hours for them. Myers stated that the website currently states they are a 6 man department. Conley stated he does not want to give everything up with the police department. Conley stated what if in 3 years it did not work out what would the township have then. Conley stated they will talk to Washington Township. Myers stated reach out again to neighboring departments. Yakopec stated with regionalization each department chips in and that the DCED would do a study.

Dan Myers also asked about any updates on the Schafer Drive property. Conley stated that both plots passed PERC test and now Mr. Schafer needs to get his plans in for his house. Myers stated that he is not going to let this go. Myers stated the police should be more observant when they see something being built or ground being moved they should report it. Myers stated you have the authority to have the police do this.

Cyrstal Beam, 300 Whitten Hollow Road, asked about the police budget before the last full time officer resigned.



Cari Armstrong, 260 Upper Drennen Road, asked when mutual aid kicks in. Conley stated it would depend on the type of call and if there is an officer on duty he would call for back up, if State Police it does not. Mutual Aid is with individual communities and again depending on the call they know when to call in for back up for other departments to respond.

Dan Myers, asked about the status of the sale of the Lincoln Beach property. Myers asked if Mrs. White's questions had been answered. Yakopec stated there is no sale going on. Mrs. White asked why not address the answers to her questions now. At that time Yakopec did read off the answers to the 8 questions that were addressed to the Supervisors. Myers stated get the park up and running. Supervisor Slahtovsky stated that the Reverend still wants the ground, however, he currently has some personal issues going on right now. It was stated that property needs to be appraised. Slahtovsky stated he is about ready to drop the issue and is tired of getting drug thru the mud.

Brock White, 282 Mosaic Blvd., asked what the reason is for selling the property. White stated the township does not want to fix the road. White stated that a new road needs to be built and the township does not have the manpower or money to do it. White stated that selling public property to make a park can only be owned by the city. White asked if the sales agreement would have blueprints of what is being built and how it is going to be paid for and make certain the park area is safe. Yakopec stated that the Township has nothing to say about it, under church and state.

Diane Kadunce, stated how do you sale a property with no access to it. It was replied that if you buy it you would have to fix it.

Dan Hosac, 1031 Menk Road, asked if the right of way was part of the township property.

Dan Myers, stated you need to know the value of the property and that you can't sale it without having an appraisal done and if the appraisal comes back over \$6,000 then you would have a different sale. It was stated that an appraisal will be done and that Solicitor Yakopec will contact Jim Collodi to have this done.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Melissa A. Cortilesio,

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