

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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 – Due to not receiving any bids for the Pole Barn Building at Police Garage.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR –

Joyce Ewing, 201 Stoney Hill Road, asked about letter C under New Business the purchase of a new backhoe and the cost. Mike Moore stated grant monies will be used to make the purchase but the monies will not cover inflation.

Cari Armstrong, 260 Upper Drennen Road, asked the Supervisors to consider putting a condition on the Artemis Well Pad Conditional Use Request. Armstrong requested that any light being used be 3000 watts or lower and red tone which will help with the pollution and scattering the lighting may cause. Walker stated yes they will ask.

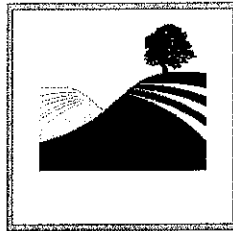
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES -

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

Motion made by Walker, second by Conley to approve the October 20, 2023 Budget meeting minutes. 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. Did add the information for the proposed well pad being drilled by CNX located at 674 Marco Road, Apollo, PA – Washington Township.



ROAD REPORT -

Supervisor Slahtovsky reported the time spent was berming roads on Guyer, Laing, Turkey Ridge, Rich Hill and Menk Roads. Patching was done on Lower Drennen, Hunter Hill, Menk, Michael and Guyer Roads. The crew is also getting the winter equipment ready.

POLICE REPORT -

Chief Pate reported 62 calls for the month. Chief Pate reported they did hire a Full Time Officer, Vince from Butler City where he worked. Vince has 3 years' experience along with military experience. Vince is currently in Field Officer Training now. Chief Pate stated he did use an outside agency to do the background check on Vince which came back favorable.

EMC REPORT

Dave Knox, stated that the annual Great American Shakeout drill has been completed. Knox stated he did receive the emergency plan for Respirationics and he will review and submit any comments back to them.

ENGINEERS REPORT – None

PLANNING COMMISSION –

Artemis Well Pad Conditional Use Application

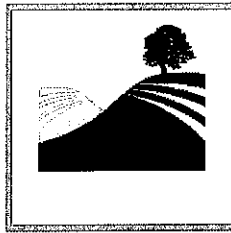
Staff of CEC presented the plans for the Artemis Well Pad along Merwin Road. If approved, construction of the well pad would begin in October 2024 with the start of drilling in February 2026 and start of fracking in August 2026. Twelve wells are anticipated to be drilled. No dwellings are within 1,000 feet of the well pad. The primary access to the well pad would be from Greensburg Road. CEC was informed that there is an active roadway slide on Merwin Road between Greensburg Road and the well pad site. CEC indicated they will be coordinating with Penn Dot to fix the slide prior to drilling. CEC is in receipt of Bankson Engineers October 13, 2023, review letter that outlines required permit approvals that are needed prior to construction. A public meeting at the township regarding this Conditional Use will be held on November 1, 2023. After a discussion, Chester Lockwood moved to approve the Conditional Use contingent on the items in Bankson's letter being completed, seconded by Dennis Matto and all were in favor.

Dan Myers

Dan Myers is a member of the township Zoning Hearing Board. He suggested that future subdivision submissions include a Zoning Certificate from the township to ensure proper zoning is noted for the parcel.

ZONING HEARING BOARD –

There will be a special exemption/variance hearing relating to property located at 1151 Oak Lake Road, formerly known as the Oak Lake Golf Course. Said hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m., here at the township building.



SOLICITORS REPORT –

Solicitor Yakopec stated there was an enforcement notice sent out to the property located at 1151 Oak Lake Road and that the township is still waiting for an appraisal to be done on the Lincoln Beach Property.

NEW BUSINESS

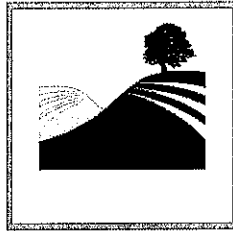
- A. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to transfer the paving line item in the general fund into the capital fund in the month of November 2023. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- B. A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to authorize the advertisement of the 2024 General Budget and that the budget is available for inspection. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- C. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to adopt Resolution #9-2023, requesting a Statewide Local Share Account Assessment Grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the purchase of a backhoe. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- D. A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to hire Vincent Beaver as a Full Time Patrolman, pending a passing background check and physical. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- E. A motion was made by Conley seconded by Walker to pay all the bills and accept the financial report for the month of October 2023.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, asked the supervisors to consider in the 2024 budget a new PA system for the meeting room. Conley stated he agreed.

Cari Armstrong, 260 Upper Drennen Road, stated there are grants out there at the state level to help fit old municipal buildings. Armstrong stated that the township does meet the threshold and population guidelines. Conley stated if it is a matching grant that could be an issue. Walker asked Armstrong if she would please give the grant information to Supervisor Conley.

Tim Rote, 2240 Greensburg Road, stated there is a lot of truck traffic on Greensburg Road. Rote stated the issue is the speed limit. Rote stated he spoke to Penn Dot and it is up to the township to start the process to lower the speed limit. Rote also stated that the State Police have received complaints in regards to the speed. Rote stated that 30 trucks went by and at least 18 of them were over the limit. Chief Pate stated a speed study will need to be done. Pate stated this was tried years ago. Pate stated he does not know the reason behind that stretch of road being that speed limit. Rote also stated there will be a set up at Gregg's parking lot for truck inspections. Walker stated that Greensburg Road travels thru 6 different municipalities.



Jim Hickey, 2300 Greensburg Road, stated it's almost impossible for him to pull out of his driveway. Hickey stated that stretch of road goes from 1 lane into 2 lanes. Hickey stated would it be possible to do like what has been done in Delmont putting in the yellow divider to slow traffic. Chief Pate stated he will reach out to the Engineer and Penn Dot to see what can be done. It was stated that in order to get the homes they have to go up the road and do a u-turn.

Keitha White, 282 Mosaic Boulevard, stated lately there has been a lot of traffic up at the park area past her house. White also stated there is a lot of speeding going on in the neighborhood and the stop sign that is painted on the ground off of Mosaic is faded. Chief Pate stated he will pick up the patrols. White stated there are a lot of drifters going up to the vacant park property. Chief Pate suggested putting a cable across the road. White stated the area where the road department cleaned up, they can drive right around it.

Diana Kadunce, 2295 Turkey Ridge Road, asked how long it takes to get an appraisal done. Solicitor Yakopec stated there is no set time it will be when he can get out there.

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, asked what will be the next step after getting the appraisal done. Yakopec stated letting people know whether they will be selling it or not. Supervisor Slahtovsky stated the property will be going up for sale.

Supervisor Walker thanked Judge Cheryl Yakopec for coming to speak to residents prior the start of the meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Melissa A. Cortileso,

Note*** Next monthly meeting, will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, beginning at 7:00 p.m.