

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 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 - Absent
 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 Slahtovsky to approve the minutes of the November regular meeting. Motion passed 2-0.

CORRESPONDENCE -

Chairman Walker asked Mrs. Cortileso, to review the correspondence from the month.

ROAD REPORT -

Supervisor Slahtovsky reported the time spent was patching Hartge and Irwin Road, cleaning trees on Hunter Hill and Lower Drennen Roads, doing maintenance on the winter equipment and sign repairs due to vandalism.

POLICE REPORT -

Supervisor Slahtovsky reported there were 78 calls for the month, citations issued on Greensburg Road for speeding and the speed study change needs to come from the residents.



EMC REPORT

Dave Knox, reported that the Hazardous Mitigation Plan is scheduled to be adopted on February 27, 2024 and he will participate. Knox stated there is a new program "Handle with Care" working with school children trauma issues. This is a volunteer program and he is hoping to get something for Lower Burrell and Upper Burrell. Knox stated he spoke with the PA Fire Commissioner and they are working on some issues to help benefit the township. Knox stated he is also having issues with his current radio. After some discussion Walker and Slahtovsky stated move forward with getting a new radio before the old when breaks. Knox stated he can still use the Code Red Program and still be able to communicate with text alerts.

ENGINEERS REPORT –

Mike Moore stated they finally got the go ahead for the Lincoln Beach Crossdrain project and will get it finalized for spring. This would be the area just below the Mason Hotel.

Moore stated they just finished up the surveying on utilities on Lower Drennen Road for the drainage and 2 landslides and will be getting ready to put up for bid.

PLANNING COMMISSION – None

ZONING HEARING BOARD –

Two hearing were on held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023.

Gary Schoepke – 1151 Oak Lake Road – both uses were denied.

Todd Nonn – 505 Lower Drennen Road - Granted

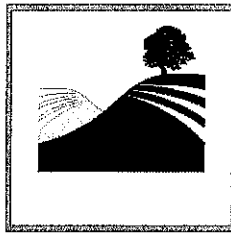
SOLICITORS REPORT –

Solicitor Yakopec stated that Elias Plastic has filed a tax appeal along with the Hillcrest Shopping Center, he mentioned Hillcrest due to possibly having an effect on the school tax.

Yakopec stated the appraisal on the Lincoln Beach property will take a while longer to complete. The appraiser had a serious accident and is recovering. Dan Myers stated get someone else to complete the appraisal. Ross stated that Jim Collodi is the best and Yakopec agreed. Yakopec wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to adopt Resolution #10-2023, adopting the 2024 General Budget and the budgets for the special funds.
Motion passed 2 – 0.
- B. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to adopt Resolution #11-2023, fixing the tax rate for the fiscal year 2024 at 12.0 mills. Motion passed 2 – 0.



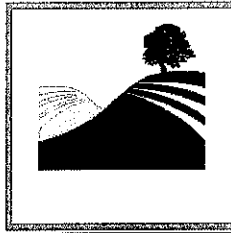
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- C. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to set and advertise the Annual Organizational Meeting for January 2024, which will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Motion passed 2 – 0.
 - D. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to set and advertise the Annual Auditor’s meeting for January 2024, which be held on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 beginning at 11:00 a.m. Motion passed 2 – 0.
 - E. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to transfer the employee health insurance contributions from the Payroll Fund into the General Fund in the month of December 2023. Motion passed 2 – 0.
 - F. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to approve and ratify the advertisement to the appointment of a CPA or firm to perform the 2023 township audits. Motion passed 2 – 0.
 - G. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to grant the 2023 Senior Christmas Dinner donation to the Recreation Committee in the amount of \$2700.00. Motion passed 2 – 0.
 - H. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to pay all the bills and accept the financial report for the month of November 2023. Motion passed 2 – 0.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Chester Lockwood, 4425 -7th Street Road, asked the Supervisors if they would please look into getting mics and a speaker for the meetings. Walker stated they did use a pa system years ago but did not work well but will look into this. Lockwood also stated that the agenda stated that the January 2024 meeting is on a Tuesday. Walker stated yes the first meeting of the year is required by law to be held then.

Dan Hosac, 1301 Menk Road, stated that the traffic on Myers Drive is a nightmare. He stated the other day there was a collision at the bottom of the road. Hosac stated that he passed by a car on the road. Hosac stated that people know that if they get cited for speeding the fine will other be dismissed or get reduced. Hosac stated the speeding is out of control. Walker stated he will let the Chief know. Hosac stated he did see the police on Greensburg Road and they are doing a good job.

Cari Armstrong, 260 Upper Drennen Road, stated that she did drop off the grant information at the township building. This would be the information for applying to the USDA Rural Development for grant monies to help possibly with the acoustic for the meeting room. The grant does have different level based on population and median income.



Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, stated 2 hearing were held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 and it was embarrassing due to the acoustics in the room. Myers stated spend a few bucks and bring the room up so you can hear better. Myers stated authorize Mike Moore to find a company who does acoustic engineering. Walker stated to have Mike look into this.

George Richard, 350 Hunter Hill Road, asked is the grader and broom were ever sold. Slahtovsky stated yes on both. Richard also asked to please update the website, it currently still shows Dan Hosac on the Planning Commission.

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, stated there are currently only 2 full time officers. Myers asked if they are still searching for more. Myers stated to reach out to Washington Township and partner with them. Walker stated he is favor of this. Myers stated we are not getting 24/7 coverage.

Dave Knox, Oak Lake Road, stated that under the Board and Administrative tab on the webpage it does show only the Chief and Officer Beaver.

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, talked about the issue of residents not getting permits. Myers stated the police department covers 27 miles of road and they are trained to observe. Myers stated if they see activity they should report it and give the information to Scott Chermak, be productive. Walker stated he will ask the Chief about it. Myers stated he reports to you.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 7:38 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.