

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024
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
 Ryan Pallone, Solicitor

OPENING OF BIDS – None

OPEN TO THE FLOOR –

Gloria Butler, 1201 Oak Lake Road, stated that about 2 months ago she attended a Zoning Hearing Board Hearing on the property located at 1151 Oak Lake Road. Mrs. Butler asked about the status of the property. Supervisor Walker stated that rumor was the property owner was planning on filing an appeal and did not. Walker stated the board will have to cite the property owner. Mrs. Butler stated that since then more equipment has been brought in, along with dirt and they burn material at night.

Joann Colaianne, 2515 Turkey Ridge Road, stated the property owner at 1151 Oak Lake Road needs to start being fined. Mrs. Colaianne stated she received a letter giving her 30 days to remedy her situation and they did take the structure down. Mrs. Colaianne stated you let people walk all over you.

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, stated Mr. Schoepke had 30 days to appeal. A letter of intent was sent for the appeal and Mr. Schoepke did not ask for an extension. Myers stated the owner is past the appeal period and is in violation. Walker stated the supervisors will go thru with the next step.

Keitha White, 282 Mosaic Blvd., asked if there was any update on the Lincoln Beach Park Area. It was stated that the township is waiting for the appraisal from Collodi.

Dan Hosac, 1301 Menk Road, asked how the township stands on the appraisal of the Lincoln Beach Park Area. Slahtovsky stated that Steve is handling this and have to get answer from him. Mr. Hosac stated



he spoke to the appraiser and did offer to take him up there. Hosac stated that Mr. Collodi's health is an issue. Slahtovsky stated that he does not have any issue having another appraiser to do the appraisal.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES -

Motion made by Walker, second by Slahtovsky to approve the minutes of the January Reorganizational and regular meeting. Motion passed 2-0.

CORRESPONDENCE -

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

ROAD REPORT -

Supervisor Slahtovsky reported most of the time was spent on snow removal, spreading anti-skid, patching on Lower Drennen and Menk Road, maintaining equipment and time spent on garbage removal along Myers Drive.

POLICE REPORT -

Chief Pate reported there were 69 calls for the month of January. Chief Pate reported that the DA'S Office has applied for a grant to upgrade the EMO devices (taser). The office is giving around \$2,000 per device up to \$6,000.00.

Dan Myers, 200 Barniew Drive asked if the department has gotten any new part time officers. Chief Pate replied there are no part time officers anywhere.

Dan Hosac, 1301 Menk Road asked if one of the Road Department vehicles was in an accident. Chief Pate replied that a car bumped into the back of the salt spreader, no damage to the township vehicle and the other vehicle had a dented hood.

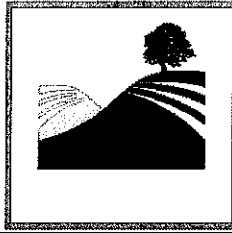
Dan Myers, 200 Barniew Drive, asked if there was any response to letter that was mailed out to neighboring municipalities in regards to police regionalization. Chief Pate replied the letters just went out and there probably has not been enough time for discussion on the recipients end. Chief Pate stated there was just an article in the paper about the police decline in the academy.

EMC REPORT - None

ENGINEERS REPORT –

Mike Moore stated just has the motions to advertise for bids under new business.

PLANNING COMMISSION – None



ZONING HEARING BOARD –

On January 17, 2024, a meeting was held to review and adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law, and Written Decision of the Board in support of the Board's denial of the appeal and request for variance filed by Gary Schoepke, dated October 27, 2023, regarding the use of property located at 1151 Oak Lake Road, New Kensington, PA 15068, and otherwise identified by Westmoreland County as Block and Lot Nos. 62-06-00-0-007 and 62-06-00-0-074.

Received correspondence from the ZHB stating that on January 17, 2024, the board unanimously voted to appoint Harlan Stone, as the ZHB Solicitor

SOLICITORS REPORT – Solicitor Yakopec sends his regards and that Mr. Pallone will report back to him.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to grant the request of Tax Collector, Melissa Baronie asking to be exonerated from the collection of the 2023 unpaid Per Capita Taxes, Township Property Taxes and the Fire Hydrant Taxes. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- B. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to ratify the full time Non-Uniform employee benefit schedule and add the General Election Day in November as a paid holiday. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- C. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to grant the Recreation Committee the 2024 Children's Easter Party allocation in the amount of \$650.00. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- D. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to have Bankson Engineers prepare and advertise and open bids on Friday, March 1, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., and award at the March 6, 2024 meeting. For the following: Motion passed 2 – 0.

Contract Number 24 -1:

- 1. Michael Drive Double Asphalt Seal Coat – 6.650 S.Y.
- 2. Laing Road Double Asphalt Seal Coat – 2,950 S.Y.

Contract Number 24 -2:

- 1 Menk Road 1-1/2 Inch Thick WMA 9.5 mm Wearing Course – 8.800 S.Y.

2024 Road Material Bids

- E. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to approve the Kaforey Holdings II, LP-Leeds Building Addition Application for Land Development Approval. Motion passed 2 – 0.



- F. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to rescind the appointment of John Pallone for the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- G. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to pay all the bills and accept the financial report for the month of January 2024. Motion passed 2 – 0.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, stated that according to the current fee schedule the cost to have a variance appeal hearing is \$750.00. Myers stated that amount is current with costs in 1991. Myers suggested the supervisors raise the cost of the appeal hearing to \$1660.00. Myers asked if there was any update on the PA system for the meeting room. Slahtovsky replied they have a guy working on it. Myers asked about the truck traffic along Merwin Road. Myers stated the trucks are coming from Route 780 and asked if they are still using Greensburg Road or are they using Merwin Road. Slahtovsky stated he believes the truck traffic is the work being done on the pipeline and not the well pad. The alternate route is from 780. Myers asked if PennDot said they would not fix the road.

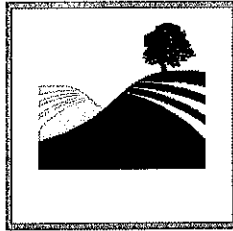
Adjournment

A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Melissa A. Cortilesio,

Note*** Next monthly meeting, will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Reminder Children's Easter Party will be held on, Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 1-3 pm



There was an addendum added to the Agenda:

New Business

Item D.

The Engineer did state that the Supervisors would like to get quotes on both the 4,400 S.Y. and the 8,800 S.Y. this would not be in addition to what Contract #24-2. Just two separate quotes of the square yards.

A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to add the following to the Agenda.
Motion passed 2 -0.

Contract 24-3:

- 1 Menk Road 1-1/2 Inch Thick WMA 9.5 mm Wearing Course, 4,400 S.Y. Motion passed 2 – 0.

A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to add Contract 24-3 to the Agenda and have Bankson Engineers prepare and advertise and open bids on Friday, March 1, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., and award at the March 6, 2024 meeting. Motion passed 2 – 0.