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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024  
MEETING ROOM, 3735 - 7<sup>TH</sup> 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  
                             Stephen Yakopec, Solicitor

**OPENING OF BIDS – None**

**OPEN TO THE FLOOR –**

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, stated he had a few items and asked that as those items come up during the meeting if it would be ok to then speak about it. Walker replied yes.

Joyce Ewing, 201 Stoney Hill Road, asked about the first item under the correspondence. Ewing asked if the Planning Commission received a copy of the facts and findings from the Zoning Hearing Board hearing for the Oak Lake Road property. The solicitor stated that would not be part of the reclassification request, they know they are in violation. Yakopec stated it goes to the Planning Commission to have a meeting then a hearing will be needed.

Cari Armstrong, 260 Upper Drennen Road, asked about Item B under New Business. Armstrong stated there were 3 applicants who applied and who will the board appoint. Walker stated we will discuss that shortly. Armstrong asked if there would be any public discussion on it and Walker replied no.

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, stated he is speaking as a resident and feels the facts and findings of the Zoning Hearing Board should be part of the reclassification issue. Myers stated the hearing at the Magistrate's office has been continued due to this. Myers stated again he wanted this info provided to the Planning Commission. Yakopec stated if he has it he can provide to the Planning Commission.



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Joyce Ewing, 201 Stoney Hill Road, asked about the information for the reclassification on Oak Lake Road why is only one parcel number (#62-06-00-0-074) being addressed and why was it continued until May.

Magistrate Yakopec stated that everyone involved in the case is entitled to one continuance. Yakopec was under the impression that the reason for the continuance was it was being worked out. Ewing stated there were multiple violations at the Oak Lake Road property. Ewing stated the reclassification was for only one of the issues. Ewing asked if the other violations have been set aside also. It was also stated that all work was to cease. The Solicitor stated the township would have to get an injunction to stop the work. Myers stated it is the Supervisors job to enforce.

Cari Armstrong, 260 Upper Drennen Road asked about Item C under New Business, the sale of the properties in Lincoln Beach.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES -**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE -**

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

**ROAD REPORT -**

Supervisor Slahtovsky reported most of the time was spent cutting trees, cleaning out ditches, culverts, getting the property prepped for the new building and getting the roads prepped for the seal coating work.

**POLICE REPORT -**

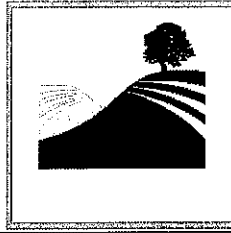
Chief Pate reported there were 60 calls for the month of March which included 911 calls and walk-ins. Chief Pate reported that the department will be getting all of their recertifications done. The Chief reminded residents to please not drive the quads and ATV'S on the road. This is not allowed. A warning will be given the first time after that citations will be issued and the equipment will be towed.

Dan Myers asked out of the 60 calls how many did the State Police answer. The Chief replied 6. Myers also asked if there was any more movement on the police regionalization. The Chief replied nothing yet. Myers stated it has been a year. Supervisor Conley stated that Rich Gardner from Washington Township did reach out and they are hoping to have a meeting soon.

**EMC REPORT – None**

**ENGINEERS REPORT –**

Mike Moore stated that the notice to proceed letters for the seal coat and overlay will be mailed out soon. Moore stated he has meeting tomorrow with PennDot to review the paperwork for the Menk



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Road project. Moore stated hoping to schedule the Lower Drennen Road Drainage Project bid opening before May.

**PLANNING COMMISSION – None**

**ZONING HEARING BOARD – None**

**SOLICITORS REPORT –**

Solicitor Yakopec stated the township did receive the appraisal for the Lincoln Beach properties from Colodi Real Estate. The appraisal stated that all 3 parcels are worth \$6,000.00. Steve recommended that the bid reflects that the parcels will be sold as one. Yakopec stated this will have to go out to bid and will be made public.

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, stated this property belongs to everyone in the room. Myers asked if the township owns the mineral rights and surface rights. Supervisor Slahtovsky replied yes. Myers stated hold onto the mineral rights and use those monies to buy the PA system for the meeting room. Slahtovsky stated that is the intention to keep the mineral rights. Supervisor Conley stated they do know the exact wording that is needed for the advertisement. It was asked if the sale will be made public. Conley stated it is township property it has to go out to bid. Myers asked if the property was surveyed. Slahtovsky stated yes. Joyce Ewing asked how many acres in total. Walker stated he thought almost 4.

Chester Lockwood, 4425 – 7<sup>th</sup> Street Road, stated the agreement with the church never worked out and this is not the best place in the world. Lockwood stated I wonder what it would cost the church.

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, stated there are requirements when selling township property and the church did not meet those requirements. Yakopec stated the church would meet the requirements they are non-profit. Walker stated they gave the church a contract and it has never been signed.

Milton Pitts, 1914 Ridge Ave., Arnold, PA, stated that about half way up Mosaic Blvd. from Washington the rain washed out the side of the road and also that tree fell and he did remove the tree off of the road. Walker stated the road department will look at it tomorrow.

Supervisor Walker asked Cari Armstrong is she had any input in Item B under New Business. Armstrong stated she was in favor of Mr. Brown and Mr. Uhler, they regularly attend meetings and seem to be invested in the community.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Conley to grant the address request to the Artemis Well Pad, as per 9-1-1 addressing agency as 941 Merwin Road. Motion passed 3 – 0.



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- B. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to adopt Resolution #6-2024, appointing Scott Brown and Matthew Zicarelli as alternate members to the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- C. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Conley to have the Solicitor prepare and advertise for sale the three (3) parcels of property as identified in the appraisal report completed by Jim Collodi:  
Parcel # 62-07-04-0-062, #62-07-04-0-063 and #62-07-04-0-064  
The parcels shall be sold as one (1) unit and not sold separately. The minimum bid will start at \$6,000.00. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- D. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to have the Engineer prepare and advertise for bid openings on Friday, April 26, 2024 at 11:00 am for contract #24-5, Lower Drennen Road Drainage Improvements.  
Motion passed 3 – 0.
- A. A motion was made by Conley second by Walker to pay and ratify all the bills and accept the financial report for the month of March 2024. Motion passed 3 – 0.

#### **OPEN TO THE FLOOR**

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, stated again about the acoustics in the meeting room. Myers stated could you at least get some microphones. Walker stated they are working on this and it takes time. Myers stated if this was Olympus Energy the board would move fast.

Joyce Ewing, 201 Stoney Hill Road, asked if there has been a date set yet for Clean Up Days. Conley replied not yet.

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, asked again about the dollar value for variances. Myers stated the fees have not be increased since 1991. It was stated that those variance application fees can only be used for certain items.

#### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Melissa A. Cortileso,

Note\*\*\* Next monthly meeting, will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, beginning at 7:00 p.m.