

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 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
Kenneth R. Slahtovsky, Absent

Also present: Michael Moore, Engineer
Melissa A. Cortileso, Secretary
Steve Yakopec, Solicitor

OPENING OF BIDS –

Bids were opened and read aloud on Thursday, August 29, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. for the following items:

Hartge Road 1-1/2" thick WMA 9.5 mm Wearing Course Overlay – 315 Tons (3,830 S.Y.) Contract #24-7
4 bids were received:

A. Liberoni, Inc.	\$ 72,395.55
Derry Construction	\$ 62,922.50
Dun Rite Construction	\$ 61,412.50
El Grande Industries	\$ 80,828.00

Lincoln Boulevard Cross Drain Replacement Contract Number #24-4.

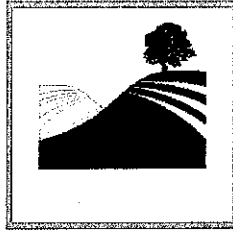
4 bids were received

KGD Contraction	\$ 43,000.00
N & N Landscaping LLC	\$ 125,966.94
Northrock Construction	\$ 29,500.00
RJF Development Co.	\$ 36,600.00

OPEN TO THE FLOOR – None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES -

Motion made by Walker, seconded by Conley to approve the minutes of the August regular meeting.
Motion passed 2-0.



CORRESPONDENCE -

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

ROAD REPORT -

Supervisor Conley reported most of the time was spent cleaning up storm debris, patching and cleaning ditches and filling them with rip rap.

POLICE REPORT -

Chief Pate reported there were 77 calls for the month of August. The Chief stated the department has been watching speed down in Lincoln Beach and some citations were issued and the same on Greensburg Road. The Chief stated the new speed limit signs for Greensburg Road have not been put up yet but also a no U-Turn sign will also be installed. The Chief stated the new tasers should come next week and the department also has some upcoming training.

Dan Hosac, 1301 Menk Road asked if lines could be painted on Myers Drive. The Chief replied no.

Clint Craft, 1520 Menk Road asked where the 45-mph speed limit would be located. The Chief replied only in the Upper Burrell section. The Chief stated that at Exton Mowers in Washington Township is where the 55-mph speed limit begins once it reaches the area of Murrysville and Upper Burrell it will be reduced to 45-mph. The area of Mr. Craft's home along Greensburg Road is located in either Plum or Murrysville. The Chief stated the traffic will still be coming from the same direction and the department will still be enforcing.

Allen Uhler, 2213 Turkey Ridge Road, asked about the use of the jake brake over on Turkey Ridge Road at the logging project. Uhler stated it starts at 5:40 in the morning and goes on until about 6:10 am. The Chief stated he will stop and talk to the drivers but using the jake brake is a safety issue.

Chester Lockwood, 4425 – 7th Street Road, if the police could watch for speeding on Manchester Hill Road to the little store.

EMC REPORT –

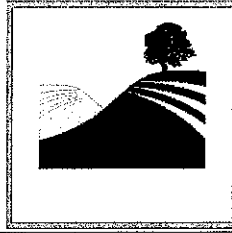
David Knox reported there are 2 upcoming meetings in September.

ENGINEERS REPORT –

Mike Moore stated he has payment #2 request for Tim Fouse Excavating for Contract #24-5 in the amount of \$8,200.00 and recommends payment.

PLANNING COMMISSION –

Schafer Drive property has secured both an on-lot sewage permit and building permit plans have been approved.



ZONING HEARING BOARD – None

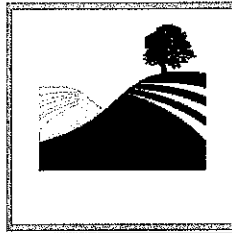
SOLICITORS REPORT –

No issue with Dun Rite they are the lowest responsible bidder. Walker stated they do good work. Dan Hosac asked if the legal issue with Dun Rite has been resolved. Solicitor Yakopec stated a continuance has been requested by the Ordinance Officer. It was asked if there is a limit on the number of continuances that can be granted. Magistrate Yakopec stated no as long as no one is complaining.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Conley to approve resolution #9-2024, defining the contribution to the Police Pension Plan for the year 2025. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- B. A first motion was made by Walker to approve resolution #10-2024, defining the contribution to the Municipal Pension Plan for the year 2025. Conley abstained. With Slahtovsky being absent a second motion was made by Walker seconded by Conley. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- C. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Conley to approve year 4 dues of the Alle-Kiski Intergovernmental Council in the amount of \$904.01. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- D. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Conley to grant the approval request to Westmoreland County Election Bureau for the use of the Township Building for the General Primary to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- E. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Conley to have Jim Collodi prepare an appraisal for the property on Milligantown Road. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- F. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Conley to advertise for an Auditor’s meeting to be held on Friday, September 20, 2024, beginning at 11:00 a.m., for the purpose of considering a wage rate increase for an Employee/Supervisor based on additional duties and changes in the workforce. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- G. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Conley to pass a Memorandum of Understanding with USW regarding wage rate increase in salary for the Road Department due to additional duties, changes in the Township’s workforce, workforce retention issues. Motion passed 2 – 0.

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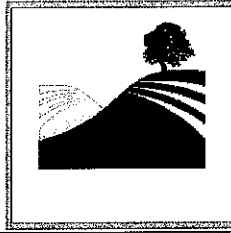
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- H. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Conley to award Contract #24-7, Hartge Road 1-1/2-inch-thick WMA 9.5 MM Wearing Course Overlay, 315 Tons (3,830 S.Y.) based on the Engineer's recommendation to Dun Rite Construction in the amount of \$61,412.50. Motion passed 2 – 0.
 - I. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Conley to award Contract #24-4, Lincoln Boulevard Cross Drain Replacement based on the Engineer's recommendation to Northrock Construction Co. in the amount of \$29,500.00. Motion passed 2 – 0.
 - J. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Conley to apply for the Dirt Gravel & Low Volume Roads Program. Motion passed 2 – 0.
 - K. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Conley to approve payment #2 (Final) to Tim Fouse Excavating in the amount of \$8,200.00 for the Lower Drennen Stormwater Project Contract #24-5. Motion passed 2 – 0.
 - L. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Conley to hire Dan Spiering as a permanent part time employee with the Road Department beginning October 7, 2024, provided all pre-employment background checks are completed. Motion passed 2 – 0.
 - M. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Conley to hire Nate Smith as a part-time employee with the Road Department. Motion passed 2 – 0.
 - N. 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 August 2024. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Milton Pitts, Arnold, Pa asked about item H. Michael Moore replied that it will be a wearing course, and scratch coat will be done to fill in and some berm work will be done. Moore stated it will be the entire width of the road around 3,800 square yards which is roughly 2,200'.

Allen Uhler, 2213 Turkey Ridge Road, asked when paving will they be putting down an apron for water diversion. Moore replied no. Uhler also asked if anything has been secured for the sign off for the Turkey Ridge Road project. Moore stated the Conservation District will be dropping off a copy to him, the original digital drawings did not work for him.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Clint Craft, 1520 Menk Road stated there needs to be a motion to get the battery changed in the smoke detector.



Joyce Ewing, 201 Stoney Hill Road, asked if the budget meetings have been scheduled yet. Walker replied no. Ewing also asked with the opening in the Road Department did you hire a new full-time employee or part-time only. Walker replied Dan Spiering currently has been hired part-time he cannot yet do full-time.

Allen Uhler, 2213 Turkey Ridge Road, asked that when hiring for the Public Works Department is a CDL License required. It was answered that full-time employee – yes and part-time employee-no.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Melissa A. Cortilesio,

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