

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 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

Steve Yakopec, Solicitor

OPENING OF BIDS - None

Broadband Ready Communities Program. This program is to bring high-speed internet to locations that have poor or no internet service. This is an optional program that aims to reduce procedural, policy, and permitting barriers to broadband deployment at the municipal level and prepares municipalities for a smooth transition to upgraded broadband infrastructure.

Comments:

George Richard, 350 Hunter Hill Road, stated that currently he does not have cable would this make it available to him.

No other comments

OPEN TO THE FLOOR - None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES -

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



CORRESPONDENCE -

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

ROAD REPORT -

Supervisor Slahtovsky reported most of the time was spent patching, cleaning up trees and re-trimming the edges of the roads and putting the summer equipment away. Olympus Energy did some base repairs on Oak Lake Road.

POLICE REPORT -

Chief Pate reported there were 78 calls for the month of September. The Chief stated they have some training coming up, taser instruction school and bolo wrap school. The bolo is a less lethal device, it wraps around the legs. Greensburg Road still does not have the new speed limit and no turning signs up yet and the new tasers should be delivered next week.

EMC REPORT - None

ENGINEERS REPORT -

Mike Moore stated the letter to proceed for the Hartge Road project went out on 9/30/24. Lincoln Beach Cross Drain Project will send out the letter to proceed once the contract is signed. Moore stated the agenda asked for the 2025 Mosaic Blvd. drainage to be submitted along with getting quotes for the Turkey Ridge Road Project.

PLANNING COMMISSION – None

ZONING HEARING BOARD --

Alcoa special exception hearing will take place on Thursday, October 3, 2024, beginning at 7:00 pm.

SOLICITORS REPORT - None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to advertise the Budget Workshop meeting dates Thursday, October 17th and Friday, October 25, 2024 (if needed) at 3:00 p.m. Motion passed 2 0.
- B. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to have the township obtain a minimum of three quotes for the Turkey Ridge Road Drainage Improvements
 Project. Contract #24-8. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- C. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to add the 2025 CDBG Application submittal for the Mosaic Boulevard Drainage Installation Project. Motion passed 2-0.



- D. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to grant the 2024 Children's Halloween Party donation in the amount of \$600.00 to the Recreation Committee. Motion passed 2-0.
- E. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to transfer the paving line item in the general fund into the capital fund in the month of November 2024.
 Motion passed 2 – 0.
- F. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to transfer the police line item, capital purchase in the general fund into the capital fund in the month of November 2024. Motion passed 2-0.
- G. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to pass Resolution #11-2024, to obtain designation from the PA Broadband Development Authority as a Broadband Ready Community. Motion passed 2-0.
- H. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to pay and ratify all the bills and accept the financial report for the month of September 2024.
 Motion passed 2 – 0.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Joyce Ewing, 201 Stoney Hill Road, stated she spoke to Scott Chermak regarding the Oak Lake Road property about the issue of being continued. Chermak stated he did not know it was continued and that she would need to speak to the Engineer, Mike Moore. Ewing stated they are still dumping at the site and a permit has still not been issued. Moore stated that yes, a Grading Permit is needed. Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive also address this issue stating that the site is growing, and the owner should be served with a violation. After some discussion it was determined that the Engineer would get a hold of Scott Chermak and have site visit.

Allen Uhler, 2213 Turkey Ridge Road, asked the board if they knew how many abandoned mines there are in the township. Uhler stated several years ago he brought to the board's attention about injection wells. Uhler also addressed the jake brake issue from the logging company. Uhler asked if something could be done about this, possible a jake brake ordinance. Solicitor Yakopec stated he believed that a PennDot study would need to be done and that all trucks come with jake brakes since it is a safety device. Yakopec stated if signs go up that would trigger a study. Uhler stated a few townships do have a jake brake ordinance such as Allegheny Township. Uhler stated he will provide the information to township on the abandoned wells.



Keitha White, 282 Mosaic Blvd., stating the speeding issue from Alta Drive into the Lincoln Beach Bridge area is still on-going. The Chief stated he has been down 2 to 3 times a day and have stopped many cars.

The Chief stated he was approached by a business owner who stated they were being picked on. White stated there are a lot of children in the area and there is a blind spot on Mosaic Blvd., and it is only 1 lane, and you must go up slowly. The Chief stated there has not been an accident there in 17 years. White asked if the STOP could be painted on the ground on Alta. The Chief asked Mrs. White to call him tomorrow.

Allen Uhler, 2213 Turkey Ridge Road, stated again about the traffic of the logging trucks and that there is a handicap child who lives in the area and everyday at 7:00 a.m., the parents push the child to and from the bus stop while these trucks are passing by. Uhler did stated that since he asked the Chief to investigate this matter it has alleviated a lot.

Chester Lockwood, 4425 – 7th Street Road, stated if the child is handicapped can't you get a sign. Uhler replied that the sign approval needs to come from the school district and the school has stated that it is not needed.

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, asked if the Lincoln Beach Park property has been transferred out of the townships name yet. Solicitor Yakopec stated he will look into this, and they have been waiting for the purchaser to get his plans and documents together. Myers also asked about the sale of the Milligantown Road property. Walker stated that it was appraised at \$52,000 but the board is not certain if they want to sale the property and may want to make it into a park.

Joyce Ewing, 201 Stoney Hill Road, stated in 1980 they had grants for the Milligantown Road property, but the board back then would not do it. Ewing stated a park would be nice.

George Richard, 350 Hunter Hill Road, asked if that is the field along Milligantown Road. Walker replied yes.

Adjournment

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

Minutes Submitted by: Melissa A. Cortileso,

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