

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 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, Supervisor

Also present:

Michael Moore, Engineer

Melissa A. Cortileso, Secretary Steve Yakopec, Solicitor

OPENING OF BIDS - None

OPEN TO THE FLOOR -

Gloria Butler – 1201 Oak Lake Road asked about the status of the old golf course property on Oak Lake Road. Butler stated that the owner keeps bringing in material and the current site is growing. Supervisor Walker stated eventually the owner will get the site moved to the new location.

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, also stated that he attended the hearing about the old golf course site and the owner was found guilty, however he was not fined daily. Myers stated the Supervisors need to the owner to get a move on things. Myers stated previously before the owner purchased the property all those items were stored somewhere else; he needs to be told to store the equipment off-site. Walker stated they are working on a resolution.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES -

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

Motion made by Walker, seconded by Conley to approve the minutes of the October Budget Workshop 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 patching, out ditches and culverts and cleaning up trees and branches.

POLICE REPORT -

Chief Pate reported there were 81 calls for the month of October. The Chief stated they had the computer workstations updated, and they will be doing swat training. The Chief stated that the No Uturn sign has been put up on Greensburg Road, however, there are still no speed limit signs, and the department is still running traffic down there. The Chief stated he is putting out feelers for hiring a 3rd full time officer.

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, asked if the township was still looking into the police regionalization. Chief Pate replied it's a dead issue. The township did not receive any interest from a lot of departments and the one department that did reach out was not for regionalization it was for taking the department over. Myers stated then currently we are still using the State Police. Pate replied we cannot find any part-time officers. Myers stated if it's going to be a part-time department then he feels there is no need then to hire a 3rd full-time officer.

EMC REPORT -

David Knox reported that he did attend the Great American Shakeout, it was a mock-up scenario that was held in October. Knox also stated he will be attending the meetings in November for the HMP plan that the County will be holding.

ENGINEERS REPORT --

Mike Moore stated he does recommend payment to Dun Rite Construction in the amount of \$66,049.00 for the Hartge Road Project.

Moore stated that the Lincoln Beach drainage project should start in a few weeks and only take 2 weeks to complete. Dan Myers asked about the Turkey Ridge Road project. Moore replied that the bids will go out in the winter for a spring project.

PLANNING COMMISSION - None

ZONING HEARING BOARD --

Alcoa's special exception for temporary parking was granted.

SOLICITORS REPORT -

Solicitor Yakopec stated that at last month's meeting, Allen Uhler brought the issue he is having with brake retarding. Yakopec stated that some more information is needed from PennDOT in regards to what if any guidelines must be followed. Mike Moore stated he is awaiting a return phone call from PennDOT. Dan Myers asked about the road bond for the logging company. Moore stated the bond remains in place until the job is completed, and they ask for it to be released. If they damage the road they will have to fix it. Uhler stated the drivers need to have some decency for the neighborhood and



people keep running the stop sign at the intersection and it would be hard for the trucks to stop.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to authorize the advertisement of the 2025 General Budget and that the budget is available for inspection. Motion passed 3-0.
- B. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Conley to grant the 2024 Senior Citizens luncheon to the Recreation Committee in the amount of \$2,700.00.
 Motion passed 3 – 0.
- C. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky based on the Engineer's recommendation to pay Dun Rite Construction in the amount of \$66,049.00, for Contract #24-7, Payment Number #1. Motion passed 3 0.
- D. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to execute the Memorandum of Understanding for the Township and the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union on behalf of the Membership of Local 1324-37, for the changes in its current health care plan. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- E. A motion was made by Conley seconded by Walker to pay and ratify all the bills and accept the financial report for the month of October 2024.
 Motion passed 3 0.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Allen Uhler, 2213 Turkey Ridge Road, talked about the abandoned wells in the township. Uhler did supply by message a listing of those wells. Uhler asked about considering an Ordinance to protect the residents from any injection well sites.

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, asked if the park property in Lincoln Beach has been transferred yet. Walker stated no. Yakopec stated he will investigate the issue.

Supervisor Slahtovsky stated that he would like to recognize Olympus Energy for the audio system and storage building.

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, December 4, 2024, beginning at 7:00 pm