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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025  
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 - Absent  
Kenneth R. Slahtovsky, Supervisor

**Also present:** Michael Moore, Engineer  
Melissa A. Cortilesio, Secretary  
John Pallone, Solicitor

**OPENING OF BIDS** – Bids were received and opened aloud on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., for the following: Lower Drennen Road Repair of Slides 1 and 6 – Contract #24-6  
Turkey Ridge Road Drainage Improvements – Contract #25-1

Mike Moore, Bankson Engineers, read the recommendation letters received from Bankson Engineers regarding Contract #24-6 and Contract #25-1. (Please see attached bid results)

**OPEN TO THE FLOOR –**

Diane Kadunce, 2295 Turkey Ridge Road, asked how much grant money was received for the Turkey Ridge Road Project. Mike Moore stated \$20,000.00. Mrs. Kadunce stated that Turkey Ridge Road is destroyed, and the edges are cracking from the logging project. Mike Moore stated he will reach out to the contractor to see if the work is completed and will do a post inspection and will check to see what the pre-inspection report states. Mrs. Kadunce also asked where the Turkey Ridge Road Project is located. Mike Moore stated the rain garden will be in the areas of the intersection of Turkey Ridge Road and Horvath Lane. Mrs. Kadunce was concerned about the water run-off and her driveway. Mike Moore stated he believed that the detour would begin before her driveway.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES -**

Motion made by Walker, seconded by Slahtovsky to approve the minutes of the Organizational Meeting and regular meeting held on Monday, January 6, 2025. Motion passed 2-0.



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**CORRESPONDENCE -**

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

**ROAD REPORT -**

Supervisor Slahtovsky reported most of the time was spent removing snow, cleaning ditches on Pleasant Valley and Menk Roads. Slahtovsky stated that the newly paved section of Menk Road has been damaged by a delivery truck delivering to the new home being built. It was stated that most of the township roads have a 10-ton weight limit, and the ordinance does allow for the local deliveries which can exceed the weight limit. Slahtovsky stated that he would like to see that when applying for building permits the contractor supply a haul route so that in the future maybe this could be avoided happening if there is another route that could be used. Chief Pate also stated that local deliveries can get around the weight limit but thought having an approved route would be a good idea. Chief Pate stated he did speak to the contractor, and they have agreed to use the other route. Solicitor Yakopec stated he will investigate this matter and that adding a haul route to the building permit application is only an administrative issue.

**POLICE REPORT -**

Chief Pate reported that there were 87 calls for the month. Chief Pate stated that the other full-time officer has completed training with the CRT team in conjunction with 11 other municipalities, which goes all the way out and including Irwin. There were several issues discussed about the weight limit and how to try and solve the issue.

**EMC REPORT –**

Dave Knox, stated that on 1/22/2025 he did attend the Coordinators meeting, which was a recap of 2024 and the 911 calls for the year. Mr. Knox reminded the residents that Westmoreland County 911 does have a text option for emergency services, you do not have to speak 911 will still be able to get all the information from the caller.

**ENGINEERS REPORT –**

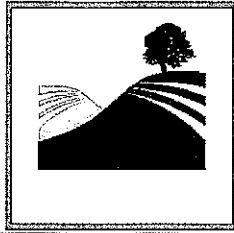
Mike Moore stated he previously spoke about the bids that were received.

**PLANNING COMMISSION – None**

**ZONING HEARING BOARD – None**

**SOLICITORS REPORT –**

Solicitor Yakopec stated he was charged with looking into an injection well ordinance. He looked at Penn Trafford and Fayette County. He believes that the Penn Township Ordinance best suits Upper Burrell Township and he will also need the engineers help. He will continue the research and hopefully have a draft copy for the April meeting.



**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to have the Engineer prepare and advertise for the 2025 Road Material bids. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- B. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to award Contract Number #24-6, Lower Drennen Road Repair of Slides 1 and 6 to Lutterman Excavating the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$ 128,800.00. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- C. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to award Contract Number #25-1, Turkey Ridge Road Drainage Improvements to Tim Fouse Excavating the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$ 26,900.00. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- D. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to grant the request of Melissa Baronie, Tax Collector to be exonerated in the collection of the 2024 duplicate of Property and Fire Hydrant Taxes in the amount of \$7,943.74. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- E. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to grant the request of Melissa Baronie, Tax Collector to be exonerated in the collection of the 2024 Per Capita Items in the amount of \$6,807.10. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- F. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to pay all the bills and accept the financial report for the month of January 2025.

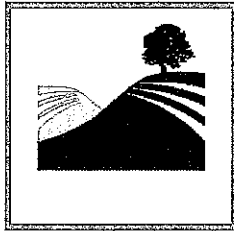
**11. Pay all Bills & Financial Report**

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$ 938,513.45
Receipts	54,776.22
Expenditures	56,096.16
Closing Balance	\$ 937,193.51

<u>FIRE HYDRANT TAX</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$ 631.25
Receipts	.21
Expenditures	0
Closing Balance	\$ 631.46

<u>CAPITAL RESERVE FUND</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$ 571,877.56
Receipts	1,019.98
Expenditures	0
Closing Balance	\$ 572,897.54

<u>STATE AID FUND</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$ 295,944.79
Receipts	527.84
Expenditures	0
Closing Balance	\$ 296,472.63



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### **Open to the Floor**

Gloria Butler, 1201 Oak Lake Road, asked about the status of the old Oak Lake Road Golf Course Property. Butler stated that the owner is still hauling in material. Butler stated why he is allowed to continue to operate. Walker stated the owner will soon be submitting plans. Walker stated that the owner did apply for a driveway permit.

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, stated he did attend every hearing held at the Magistrates Office regarding the Oak Lake Road property and the owner was told to cease and desist. It was stated that Mike Moore and Scott Chermak visited the site, and the owner should be fined every day. Walker stated he will have Scott Chermak visit the site and take pictures.

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, asked if the supervisors had any knowledge of the impact that the new proposed data center will have on the township. Walker stated that it will bring a great number of employees and construction. It was asked what the impact on the amount of energy needed will bring.

George Richard, 350 Hunter Hill Road, stated the new company spent 10 million to purchase the property and it will be run from gas and require 3 gigawatts of power. Discussion took place as to what kind of compliance will be needed from the new company regarding subdivision. Solicitor Yakopec stated if a subdivision is required, they will have to meet the township requirements. It was stated that according to the newspaper the new company already has a customer in the building.

Chester Lockwood, 4425 – 7<sup>th</sup> Street Road, stated he believes a subdivision will be needed for the property across Route 780 on Merwin Road.

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, asked about the status of the Lincoln Beach Park Property sale. Solicitor Yakopec stated as of date nothing yet has been transferred. Myers stated you need to get it done. Supervisor Slahtovsky stated that he believes Mr. Pitts is out of town for the winter. Myers also stated that the property on Route 780 where the old Schafer Fruit Farm Stand was located is being use to store vehicles and this needs to be looked at.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky at 7:46 p.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

TURKEY RIDGE ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

CONTRACT #25-1

TABULATION OF BIDS

(Bids received: January 29, 2025)

TIM FOUSE EXCAVATING	\$ 26,900.00	10% BID BOND
3D MURIN CONSTRUCTION	\$ 32,000.00	10% BID BOND
RJF DEVELOPMENT CO.	\$ 32,000.00	10% BID BOND
KGD CONTRACTING	\$ 39,800.00	10% BID BOND
HILES EXCAVATING	\$ 44,000.00	10% BID BOND
TEN MILE PAVING	\$ 51,858.00	\$ 5,185.80 CHECK
HOLBEIN INC.	\$ 60,032.00	10% BID BOND
MORGAN EXCAVATING	\$ 69,191.00	10% BID BOND
GRIT INDUSTRIES	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 5,000.00 CHECK
W.G. LAND COMPANY	\$ 137,000.00	10% BID BOND
LIGONIER CONSTRUCTION	\$ 140,000.00	10% BID BOND

LOWER DRENNEN ROAD REPAIR OF SLIDES 1 AND 6

CONTRACT #24-6

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(Bids received: January 29, 2025)

Lutterman Excavating	\$ 128,800.00	10% Bid Bond
Wright Asphalt & Concrete	\$ 138,790.00	10% Bid Bond
C.H. & D Enterprises	\$ 148,865.92	10% Bid Bond
Holbein Inc.	\$ 156,207.00	10% Bid Bond
KGD Contracting	\$ 162,000.00	10% Bid Bond
Morgan Excavating	\$ 172,778.00	10% Bid Bond
Dun Rite Construction	\$ 180,340.00	10% Bid Bond
G. Salandro Excavating	\$ 187,250.00	10% Bid Bond
Ten Mile Paving	\$ 196,865.00	\$19,686.50 check
Kukurin Contracting	\$ 197,700.00	10% Bid Bond
RJF Development	\$ 204,700.00	10% Bid Bond
Tim Fouse Excavating	\$ 207,900.00	10% Bid Bond
3D Murin Construction	\$ 209,000.00	10% Bid Bond
Curry & Kepple	\$ 219,500.00	10% Bid Bond
Grit Industries	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 11,500.00 check
Ligonier Construction	\$ 295,000.00	10% Bid Bond
W.G. Land Company	\$ 348,000.00	10% Bid Bond