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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 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 the 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  
John Pallone, Solicitor

**OPENING OF BIDS – None**

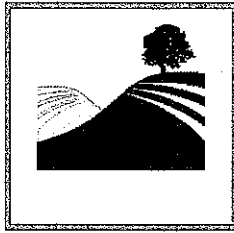
Tim Carson, Westmoreland County Coroner's office spoke to the residents about all the things that the Coroner's Office does, and the services provided.

**OPEN TO THE FLOOR –**

Diane Kadunce, Turkey Ridge Road, asked about the basin on Turkey Ridge Road across from her driveway. Kadunce asked if there should be an elbow on this, when there is a lot of rain so that the rain can be shot down the road. Engineer Moore stated it is angled as much as possible, and the rain garden should slow down the flow of water. Kadunce asked what if the water sits there for days and not draining. Moore stated it is designed that way on purpose. The garden will hold the water until it lets it go.

Dan Myers, Barnview Drive, asked if the rip rap that was placed in there would get cleaned out. It was also asked what is going on with the bond for the tree removal company. Moore stated an inspection report was sent to the company and he has not heard back from them. Moore stated the township will not release the bond until the road is fixed. Supervisor Slahtovsky stated in some areas it needs tar & chipped and other areas it needs asphalt. Kadunce also stated there is a 2" dip in the road across from her. Moore stated that is because it is just the first layer and it will get a top coat.

Joyce Ewing, Stoney Hill Road, asked about correspondence pertaining to Oak Lake Road. Ewing asked what is holding the permit up. Supervisor Conley stated that the original deed had a reverted



clause. However, a new deed was issued when Conley's parents sold the property to him and his brother-in-law. Conley stated the reverted clause is like mineral rights it stays with the property.

Supervisor Slahtovsky stated that the Turkey Ridge Road project it is not part of the contract for the contractor to clean out the ditches it is part of the agreement that the Road Department will do that.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES -**

Motion made by Walker, seconded by Slahtovsky to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025. Motion passed 3-0.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE -**

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

#### **ROAD REPORT -**

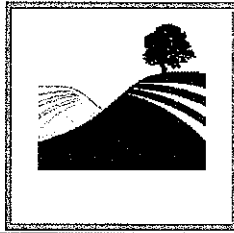
Supervisor Slahtovsky reported most of the time was spent patching on Menk, Myers and Guyer road and cleaning ditches on Myers Drive, cleaning up snow removal equipment and the street sweeper was out cleaning up roads.

Supervisor Slahtovsky thanked Olympus Energy for their generous donation of \$85,000.00, toward the purchase of a new excavator, which will be put to good use.

Allen Uhler, Turkey Ridge Road, stated the new excavator will help with ditches & berms. Slahtovsky stated it will help a lot with cross drains. Slahtovsky stated if anyone would be interested in any fill, please let him know. It was discussed as to how much footage is involved before a permit is needed. Supervisor Walker stated that Olympus Energy also gave a donation to the fire department. He believes in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Mathew Zicarelli, Schafer Drive, asked if the township had a trailer for the new excavator or if one would need to be purchased. Slahtovsky stated the township will need to purchase one. Zicarelli also stated it would be a good idea if the township were to have a "Right to Enter Agreement" and a "Release of Liability", with any resident that the township would be entering to dump any fill. Zicarelli stated he will get a copy of the PennDot agreement to the township.

**POLICE REPORT** – Chief Pate reported there were 77 calls for service for the month of March. Chief Pate reported on incident on Turkey Ridge Road close to the Washington Township line about a person portraying themselves as a contractor to get in the house. The homeowner did not grant entry, and the person could not supply any credentials. Chief Pate stated that in speaking with the Washington Township Chief they also have had the same occurrence near Camp Nancy Road. Chief Pate stated that Officer Beaver has been attending a 6-day CRT training course and in 2 weeks he will be good to go. The Chief stated there are now 13 communities who are part of the CRT team. Walker asked if there are any CRT teams county wide. The Chief replied yes. The Chief stated that DA's office does provide some funding, and that Upper Burrell was the 3<sup>rd</sup> team to join. Chief Pate stated that soon they will be painting the lines of the road. Slahtovsky asked if there has been any difference on Greensburg Road



with the changing of the speed limit. Chief Pate stated no difference and there have been no accidents with the no U-Turn.

**EMC REPORT –**

Dave Knox, reported he did attend the County meeting on 3/26/2025. A presentation was given by a critical response team which is working with the schools. It is a pre-plan. They bring in police, fire and anyone else who would be involved and they also put the presentation in digital format so that if the schools make any changes, they are able to log in and make that change and it is sent out to all involved. Knox stated that Upper Burrell is all current with the HMP plan. Knox reported that sadly there will be cutbacks to PEMA and FEMA. Knox also reported on a project called Lifesaver where an elderly person living in a residential home can have a transmitter they would wear and if they were to go missing it can track them. Knox also mentioned a plan that the County approved in March, called the Municipal Collaboration and Approval of Fire & EMS Response Plans. Knox stated that he is not certain what this is all about but did recommend the solicitor and supervisors look it over. Knox also stated he will try to get more involved.

**ENGINEERS REPORT –**

Mike Moore stated the work is currently being done on Lower Drennen Road and should be completed in 2 weeks. Moore stated the bids for the overlay on Menk Road hopefully will be ready for the next meeting.

**PLANNING COMMISSION – None**

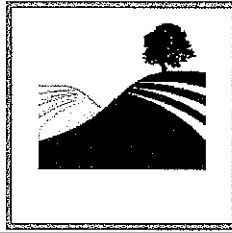
**ZONING HEARING BOARD – None**

**SOLICITORS REPORT –**

Solicitor Pallone stated he had a brief conversation about the Lincoln Beach Property and would like to get it resolved and he is willing to work with Mr. Pitts to get this done.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to grant the request to the Recreation Committee for the 2025 Children's Easter Egg Hunt in the amount of \$650.00.  
Motion passed 3 – 0.
- B. A motion was made by Conley seconded by Walker to pay all the bills and accept the financial report for the month of March 2025.



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

### **GENERAL FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$ 928,364.07
Receipts	40,647.94
Expenditures	70,605.01
Closing Balance	\$ 900,983.55

### **FIRE HYDRANT TAX**

Beginning Balance	\$ 682.28
Receipts	.25
Expenditures	0
Closing Balance	\$ 682.53

### **CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$ 573,820.45
Receipts	925.00
Expenditures	0
Closing Balance	\$ 574,745.45

### **STATE AID FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$ 270,130.42
Receipts	119,352.08
Expenditures	2,094.56
Closing Balance	\$ 387,387.94

## **Open to the Floor**

Joyce Ewing, Stoney Hill Road, asked about the \$650.00 donation to the Easter Party. Ewing stated they never heard anything about it. Ewing stated that back in October of 2024 it was stated that Scott Chermak and Mike Moore were to make a site visit to the Oak Lake Road property. Ewing asked if any permits were ever issued. Ewing stated that the dumping is continuing. Moore stated he does not keep track of permits. Moore stated that he and Chermak made a site visit and nothing has changed. Ewing also asked about the violations on the other side of the road. Ewing asked why some people are let go and others are not.

Dan Myers stated the owner of the Oak Lake Road property was told to cease and desist and was fined \$100.00 by the Magistrate. Myers stated the owner has not done anything and is in violation.

Gloria Butler, Oak Lake Road, asked who is responsible for enforcing the issue on Oak Lake Road. Butler stated Chermak never called her. Attorney Pallone stated that the board does not have the authority to issue a penal fine and you're pointing the finger at the wrong person. After discussion as to who is responsible for enforcing the fines on the Oak Lake Road property Supervisor Walker stated they will have Scott Chermak visit the site once again. Joyce Ewing asked if Chermak provides a report if he finds a violation.

Dan Hosac, Menk Road, stated there must be a process to be followed to get something done. Walker stated the board will do what they can and will send Chermak down and if appropriate a citation will be issued. Hosac stated you're missing a link to the process.



Dan Myers, Barnview Drive, asked why the board is not upset like the residents over the Oak Lake Road property. Supervisor Slahtovsky stated that he has not seen any new piles of material. Myers stated the piles should never have been there. Ewing asked if the owner ever got the bond for the road. Myers stated a cease & desist was ordered but he never stopped. Myers also mentioned the property at the top of Stoney Hill Road and Route 780 stating there is a contractor business there and it is zoned RA and that is not allowed.

Joyce Ewing, Stoney Hill Road mentioned something on Menk Road and not being consistent. Slahtovsky stated he asked the contractor if they could access the property the other way, that is all.

Slahtovsky stated that a couple of the residents attending the meeting do not like the board. Slahtovsky stated he became a supervisor to give back to the community, his family has been here for 110 years. After some discussion it was stated that the property is in violation.

#### **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky at 8:05 p.m.

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