

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 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 -**

Bids were opened and read aloud on Friday, May 2, 2025, at 11:00 am prevailing time for the following: Menk Road 1-1/2- Inch-Thick WMA, 9.5 MM Wearing Course Overlay – 840 Tons (9,400 S.Y.) - Contract # 25-2. The following bids were received:

Tresco Paving Co.	\$ 103,500.00
Shields Asphalt	\$ 106,440.00
A Folino Construction	\$ 109,294.00
Derry Construction	\$ 116,732.00
Holbein Inc.	\$ 137,863.20
A Liberoni, Inc.	\$ 141,417.60

## OPEN TO THE FLOOR -

Joyce Ewing, Stoney Hill Road, asked about the correspondence received from Scott Chermak in relation to the Oak Lake Road property where it stated that he has golf simulators in the building. Ewing asked is that for public or personal use. Conley replied he believed it would be for public use. It was also asked if the issue with Alcoa has been resolved. At this time the secretary stated at the end of the day on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, she did receive a letter from Attorney, Frank J. Pallone, Jr., stating they are still working on resolving the issue.



## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES -

Motion made by Walker, seconded by Slahtovsky to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025. 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 potholes, storm clean up and Supervisor Slahtovsky thanked the Road Department and stated what a great job they did on getting all the storm debris cleaned up. Time was also spent getting the ditches on Menk Road cleaned out before the paving project and they used the new machine to do the work which worked quite well, also screened millings for the contractor who did work on Lower Drennen Road.

Slahtvosky asked about the guide rail portion of Contract #24-6. Mike Moore replied that it's because some of the work was extended.

**POLICE REPORT** – Chief Pate reported there were 83 calls for service for the month of April. Chief Pate thanked the Road Department and Fire Department for getting the job done during the storm. Chief stated the police department had 26 calls from 6:00 pm - 7 am about the storm. The Chief stated he will be painting lines on the road along Route 780 and Greensburg Road; the department has some state certificate training. The chief stated he is always here if anyone needs anything. Chester Lockwood asked if the lines would be painted by his house. The Chief stated he will work from Hillview Road up Route 780.

## **EMC REPORT -**

Dave Knox, reported that during the storm event the Emergency Plan was activated, and he did spend a lot of time at the Fire Department and all incidents were sent directly to PEMA. Knox stated that the fire department is extremely understaffed. Knox reminded all residents to call 911 when it is an emergency, calling during the storm to report or ask when power will be restored is not an emergency and all those calls really slowed the 911 system down. Knox also stated and asked the supervisors to consider again looking into purchasing a new radio for him. During the storm event he could hear all calls but could not use the radio to answer, he had to call 911 using his phone. Allen Uhler asked how the generator worked during the storm. The Chief replied it worked great.

## **ENGINEERS REPORT** - None



# PLANNING COMMISSION -

## Discussions

There was no business this month, however a number of topics were discussed. A data center is planned within the existing property of Alcoa. The Commission discussed if subdivision will be required. Also, Penn State New Kensington campus may be closing. What would future use of the buildings be? Gary Schoepke has not as yet submitted a site plan for his alternate storage property along Oak Lake Road. The Commission understands there could be a property line issue with Alcoa.

## **ZONING HEARING BOARD - None**

## **SOLICITORS REPORT -**

Solicitor Pallone stated he has been in contact with Steve Yakopec and stated that Steve's health is improving and the surgery went well and plans to be back for the June meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Conley to authorize the solicitor to advertise Ordinance #1-2025, Injection Well Ordinance. Motion passed 3-0.
- B. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to accept with regrets the resignation of Maris Trzeciak, Recreation Committee. Motion passed 3-0.
- C. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Conley to pay the request for Periodic Estimate #1, Contract #24-6 in the amount of \$ 174,391.50, to Lutterman Excavating LLC, as per the Engineers' recommendation. Motion passed 3 0.
- D. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to execute the Change Order for Contract #24-6 as per the Engineers' recommendation. Motion passed 3 0.
- E. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Conley to pay the request for Periodic Estimate #1, Contract #25-1, in the amount of \$24,277.25, to Tim Fouse Excavating, LLC, as per the Engineers' recommendation. Motion passed 3 0.
- F. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to award the Menk Road 1-1/2-inch-thick WMA 9.5 MM Wearing Course Overlay 840 tons (9,400 s.y.) to lowest responsible bidder, Tresco Paving Co. in the amount of \$ 103,500.00, based on the Engineers recommendation. Motion passed 3 0.
- G A motion was made by Conley seconded by Walker to pay all the bills and accept the financial report for the month of April 2025. Motion passed 3-0.



# 11. Pay all Bills & Financial Report

GENERAL FUND			<u>CAPITAL RESERVE F</u> I	CAPITAL RESERVE FUND		
Beginning Balance	\$	928,364.07	Beginning Balance	\$	573,820.45	
Receipts		40,647.94	Receipts		925.00	
Expenditures		70,605.01	Expenditures		0	
Closing Balance	\$	900,983.55	Closing Balance	\$	574,745.45	
FIRE HYDRANT TAX			STATE AID FUND			
Beginning Balance	\$	682.28	Beginning Balance	\$	270,130.42	
Receipts		.25	Receipts		119,352.08	
Expenditures		0	Expenditures		2,094.56	
Closing Balance	\$	682.53	Closing Balance	\$	387,387.94	

## Open to the Floor

Milton Pitts, stated he is currently working with McNees Wallace and Nurick to get the legal work done for the Lincoln Beach Park property. Pitts also stated that there is part of Davis Street that washed out. Conley asked if this would be in the area that cowboy uses. Pitt replied yes. Conley stated there was controversy over this before as to whether this is the township's road. Conely stated he will investigate it. Pitts stated the pipe was blocked and the water diverted around it.

Marcella Moore, Lincoln Boulevard, stated that the 15-mph sign is down and the Lincoln Boulevard Street sign is missing. Conley stated he will have the road department look at it.

Michael Reed, Edgewood Road, introduced himself as a trustee on the Peoples Library Board. Reed stated the annual book sale will be in July, and the wine event will take place in October.

Milton Pitts, asked how much acreage is needed to build a new building, Walker replied 1 acre.

## **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky at 7:27 p.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, beginning at 7:00 p.m.