



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025
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 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

Ron Bella, Back the Blue Organization presented the Police Department with a donation. Bella stated this is the fifth year the Organization has been able to provide donations. Chief Pate thanked Mr. Bella and the others and stated the monies will be used to purchase equipment. Pate stated please don't forget the brave men and woman who died doing what they love and the ones still doing it today.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR –

George Richard, Hunter Hill Road, asked if the guide rails on Lower Drennen Road had been installed. Supervisor Slahtovsky stated yes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES -

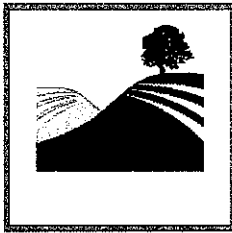
Motion made by Walker, seconded by Conley to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, May 7, 2025. Motion passed 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE -

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

ROAD REPORT -

Supervisor Slahtovsky reported most of the time spent cleaning storm debris, mowing has started along with patching and making repairs. Slahtovsky reminded the residents to please be aware of the road crew while they are along the roads working along the roadways.



POLICE REPORT – Chief Pate reported there were 79 calls for service for the month of May. Chief Pate stated that one of the officers is attending advanced swat training which is part of the CRT requirements. The same officer recently completed basic training, and he has also been deployed a few times. Pate stated the lines have been painted on Route 780 and he will get to painting on Milligantown Road. Chief Pate thanked the Back the Blue Organization for the continued support.

John Kosmal, Milligantown Road asked if there were any more “Support the Police” signs. Chief Pate replied no, but stated those signs have been provided to the department by a resident.

EMC REPORT – None

ENGINEERS REPORT –

Michael Moore, he does recommend payment #2 to Lutterman Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$15,618.50 for the Lower Drennen Road Repair Slides 1 and 6, Contract #24-6.

Moore also stated that he needs signatures for the submittal of reimbursement to the Local Share Account for the Lower Drennen Road Repair Slides 1 and 6, Contract #24-6.

PLANNING COMMISSION –

Symionof/Lanham Lot Line Revision

Since the Commission has not yet received any plan comments from Bankson Engineers, we will table this plan submission until the June meeting.

Commission Comments on Proposed Injection Well Ordinance

In Section I it should be noted that an Injection Well is not intended to extract gas as per Marcellus Shale Wells.

Some Commission members recommended that no injection wells be permitted in the township since there could be subsequent underground pollution that could be caused.

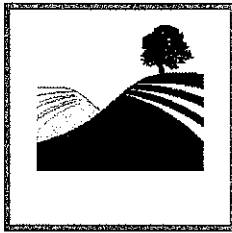
In section II it should be stated that Injection Well shall be a Conditional Use “only” in the Industrial Zone for added emphasis.

Nothing said about bonding roads.

Under Section III (8) should read “Written permission from *Industrial Zone* property owners”.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – None

SOLICITORS REPORT – None



NEW BUSINESS

- A. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to execute the proclamation request from William Miles for the 100th year anniversary of Lincoln Beach. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- B. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Conley to pay Lutterman Excavating, LLC the final payment in the amount of \$15,618.50 for the Lower Drennen Road Repair Slides 1 and 6 Contract #24-6. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- C. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to approve the Local Share Account grant reimbursement request #1 for the Lower Drennen Road Slides 1 and 6, Contract #24-6. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- D. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Conley to hire Chris Kovacs as a Part Time Patrolman. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- E. A motion was made by Conley seconded by Walker to pay all the bills and accept the financial report for the month of May 2025. Motion passed 3 – 0.

11. Pay all Bills & Financial Report

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 898,407.00
Receipts	188,068.74
Expenditures	166,207.40
Closing Balance	\$ 902,268.34

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 562,968.51
Receipts	71.70
Expenditures	0
Closing Balance	\$ 563,940.21

FIRE HYDRANT TAX

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,923.65
Receipts	3,232.82
Expenditures	0
Closing Balance	\$ 5,156.47

STATE AID FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 383,053.60
Receipts	660.68
Expenditures	366.66
Closing Balance	\$ 383,347.62

Open to the Floor

George Richard, Hunter Hill Road, asked if the bush located at top of Lower Drennen Road and Route 780 could be trimmed. It is very hard to look right and have a clear view when pulling out from Lower Drennen Road. Walker stated he will have the Road Department investigate this.

Douglas Clements, Washington Boulevard, stated that since the new is completed he is now getting water in his yard. Walker stated he will have the Road Department investigate.

Chester Lockwood, 7th Street, stated the grass behind the Dollar General store needs to be cut.



Gloria Butler, Oak Lake Road, asked if there is anything new to report on the Oak Lake Road property. Walker stated that Scott Chermak did a site visit and currently the issue with Alcoa is still trying to be resolved.

Allen Uhler, Turkey Ridge Road, asked about the proposed injection well ordinance. Walker stated it is still currently being worked on and there are some language clarifications that need completed. Uhler asked if anyone has approached the township about this proposed ordinance. Uhler also stated that the speed limit sign on Greensburg Road needs calibrated. Chief Pate stated that the sign is set up to monitor 300'. There was discussion about the conversations that go back and forth and what actually is required to be part of the meeting minutes. Solicitor Pallone stated that the language is already part of the document and there will be a summary advertisement at which time a hearing will be held, and residents may ask questions before the ordinance is adopted.

John Kosmal, Milligantown Road, stated most people who have wells on their property already have leases from years back and those leases may have language that pertains to the ordinance. Pallone stated that the word "injection" has several meanings along with Marcellus and Shallow have 2 different meanings. Michael Moore read off the section of the ordinance that pertains to this.

Cari Armstrong, Upper Drennen Road, stated that if the Planning Commission is opposed to this why would the township allow it. Pallone stated that the Planning Commission is not the authority who makes the decision on this matter. The Planning Commission makes recommendations and ultimately it is the Board of Supervisors who will decide.

Georg Richard, Hunter Hill Road stated that the township would not allow a landfill here and that is that this would be along with causing contamination. Richards stated that the Planning Commission unanimously stated they did not allow this.

Allen Uhler, Turkey Ridge Road, stated at last month's meeting that it was stated that this will only be allowed in the Industrial Zoned areas. Pallone stated that it is for Class 2 Wells not open for every well and there will be old leases, different conditions and pre-dating of the Ordinance, it can't be taken away some of the leases may be grandfathered. The leases will have to be looked over and certain factors will come into play.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Walker seconded by Conley at 7:37 p.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, beginning at 7:00 p.m.