

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS
WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 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 8:00 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 - Absent
Kenneth R. Slahtovsky, Supervisor

Also present: Michael Moore, Engineer
Melissa A. Cortilesio, Secretary
Steve Yakopec, Solicitor

OPENING OF BIDS –

I received 6 bids for a used Ford F-150. Purchases between \$12,900 and \$23,800 require three written or telephonic quotations are needed.

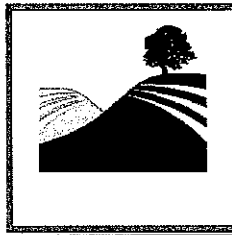
Kenny Ross Ford South	2015 Ford F-150 XLT 4x4 Super Crew Cab	\$ 20,932.50
Glenn Bush Ford	2022 Ford F-150 Crew XLT	\$ 38,231.50
Shults Ford-Lincoln	2019 Ford F-150	\$ 22,654.47
Wheel Deal Auto	2011 Ford F-150	\$ 12,995.00
Louden Ford	Ford F-150	\$ 12,500.00
Fairway Chevy	Ford F-150	\$ 12,000.00

OPEN TO THE FLOOR –

Al Baxter, 244 Irwin Drive, asked if it's possible to get some road maintenance done. The drains and culverts are clogged.

Cari Armstrong, 260 Upper Drennen Road, asked what the purchase of the Ford F-150 would be replacing and how it will be utilized. Supervisor Slahtovsky stated that this truck is an additional vehicle and will be utilized by the road department. Will help when the department is going in different directions.

Mike Debich, 1370 Oak Lake Road, asked how to get added to the agenda. Walker advised him to call the township office prior to the monthly meeting and ask to be put on the agenda. Debich complained about the neighbor not cleaning out his drain which is causing his property to get flooded.



Debich also asked why Oak Lake Road does not have a berm. Debich also complained about all the truck traffic on the road.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES -

Motion made by Walker, seconded by Slahtovsky to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, June 4, 2025. Motion passed 2-0.

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, clearing right of ways and patching. 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 81 calls for service for the month of June. Chief Pate stated that a 3rd officer was hired as part-time and will be working 4 days a work with possibly being hired full-time by the beginning of next year.

Chirs Ann Uhler, 2213 Turkey Ridge Road, asked the Chief if there have been any break-ins. Pate replied no.

EMC REPORT –

David Knox reported that the county is completing its final review of the HMP plan and has asked the coordinates to review the plan. Knox reported that on 6/12/2025, there was a report of a missing person. Knox reported that the command trailer was set up and amazed at the number of volunteers that showed up to help locate the missing person. Knox also reported about a tractor accident and reminded the residents to be careful and keep their eyes out for each other.

ENGINEERS REPORT –

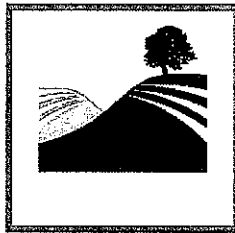
Michael Moore, recommend pay request #2 in the amount of \$2,622.75 be paid to Tim Fouse Excavating for the Turkey Ridge Road Project.

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 in the amount of \$2,371.00.

PLANNING COMMISSION –

Symionof/Lanham Lot Line Revision

No one from the property attended the meeting. The plan indicates a lot line revision between 2 lots on Baxter Drive. Plan reviews by Bankson Engineering dated June 10, 2025, and Scott Chermak dated May 16, 2025, had no negative comments. After a discussion, Dennis Matto moved to approve the plan, seconded by Chester Lockwood and all were in favor.



Additional Commission Comments on Proposed Injection Well Ordinance

Since the May meeting, Chester Lockwood has made additional comments on the proposed Injection Well Ordinance as follows:

- A. Limit work hours – 8:00 am – 6:00 pm, Tanker trucks 24-7 a day. Limit the noise of trucks & noise of the pumps running the brine in the well.
- B. The depth of the well should be 1500' or deeper. This would eliminate shallow wells that are less than 1500'.
- C. The well head would be no less than 4" in diameter. That would eliminate smaller well heads.
- D. The property owner must show his deed there is an injection well on property so any SWB division purposes in the future.
- E. A yearly check of wells & sites. Around it where rain runs-off, streams, sloping hills around well. Paperwork turned into the township.

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.

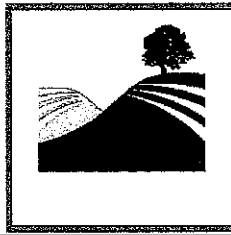
Under Section III (8) should read "Written permission from *Industrial Zone* property owners".

ZONING HEARING BOARD – None

SOLICITORS REPORT –

Solicitor Yakopec stated the board can vote next month on the proposed Injection Well Ordinance. Yakopec stated he will include comments from the hearing in the revisions.

Dave Knox asked if the ordinance could be rejected. Yakopec stated it would go in front of the Zoning Hearing Board first.



NEW BUSINESS

- A. A motion was made by Waker seconded by Slahtovsky to participate in the Watershed Planning Advisory Committee sending a letter of Support. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- B. A Motion to adopt Ordinance #1 -2025, Amending Code Chapter 350, Zoning and Setting Standards for the operation and location of injection wells within the township as a conditional use in the Industrial Zone only. This issue has been tabled to make some additions.
- C. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township of Upper Burrell and the Wage and Policy Committee of the Upper Burrell Township Police Department for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2030. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- D. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to pay Tim Fouse Excavating in the amount of \$2,622.75 for the Turkey Ridge Road Project, Pay Request #2 based on the Engineer's recommendation. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- E. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to approve purchase of the used 2015 Ford F-150 XLT 4x4 Super Crew Cab from Kenny Ross Ford South in the amount of \$20,932.50. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- F. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to approve the Local Share Account grant reimbursement request #2 for the Lower Drennen Road Repair of Slides 1 and 6, Contract Number 24-6 in the amount of \$2,371.00. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- G. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to approve the Syminof/Lanham lot line revision request based on the Planning Commission recommendation. Motion passed 2 – 0.
- H. Motion to pay and ratify all the bills and accept the financial report for the month of June 2025. Motion passed 2 – 0.



11. Pay all Bills & Financial Report

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,028,058.03
Receipts	249,754.57
Expenditures	140,805.04
Closing Balance	\$ 1,137,007.56

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 563,940.21
Receipts	70,767.05
Expenditures	0
Closing Balance	\$ 634,707.26

FIRE HYDRANT TAX

Beginning Balance	\$ 5,156.47
Receipts	1.30
Expenditures	0
Closing Balance	\$ 5,157.77

STATE AID FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 383,347.62
Receipts	600.00
Expenditures	2,726.22
Closing Balance	\$ 381,221.40

Open to the Floor

Gloria Butler, Oak Lake Road, asked if there had been any movement on the Oak Lake Road property. Butler stated that the site is growing.

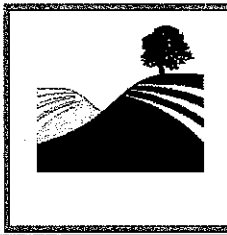
Joyce Ewing, 201 Stoney Hill Road, stated that at the May meeting minutes reflect Scott Chermak saying that it is the supervisor's decision on how to proceed. Ewing stated that the other properties are still being abused. Walker stated the owner is still working to resolve the Alcoa situation.

George Richard, 350 Hunter Hill Road, stated a cease-and-desist order should be sent to the owner of the Oak Lake Road property giving him a number of days to comply. Yakopec stated if he appealed, it would go in front of the Zoning Hearing Board. Walker stated the board will have Scott Chermak send out a cease-and-desist letter.

Joyce Ewing, 201 Stoney Hill Road asked if any permits have been issued yet for the Schafer property on Schafer Road. Ewing also stated that Mr. Schafer flies up and down Stoney Hill Road. Ewing asked if the police could patrol that area.

Peoples Library invited board and residents to attend the annual book sale at the Lower Burrell and New Kensington locations.

Rick Tissue, 209 Irwin Drive, stated he has lived there for 27 years and has been fighting the water flowing down his driveway. Tissue stated the shoulder of the road was repaired but that made it worse. Tissue stated there is a lot of water coming down the road and the culvert is blocked. It was stated that Irwin must be the worst road in the township and if there is a schedule of maintenance. Slahtovsky



stated the roads were rated and there is a schedule of maintenance but not a set schedule. It was talked about a pipe that the City of New Kensington installed, and the blue tape was visible but has since been fixed.

George Richard, 350 Hunter Hill Road, asked previously about getting a tree trimmed and he thanked the road department for doing so. Richard also stated that the culverts on Hunter Hill Road are clogged.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky at 8:39 p.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, beginning at 7:00 p.m.