

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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 -
Kenneth R. Slahtovsky, Supervisor

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

OPENING OF BIDS – None

OPEN TO THE FLOOR – None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES -

Motion made by Walker, seconded by Slahtovsky to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, August 6, 2025. Motion passed 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE -

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

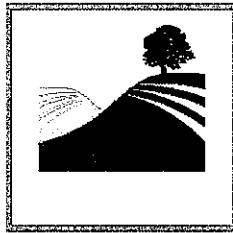
ROAD REPORT -

Supervisor Slahtovsky reported most of the time was spent mowing, ditch cleaning, road repairs and cross drains. Slahtovsky also stated that the Bethesda Road Bridge is being replaced so please watch for the detour route.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Pate reported there were 88 calls for service for the month of August. Chief Pate the bike race will be taking place this month on the 21st and the department will be assisting with traffic control at the intersections and will get reimbursed for the time spent.

EMC REPORT – None

ENGINEERS REPORT – None



PLANNING COMMISSION –

D.H Rowe Subdivision – Plan of Lots

Mr. Rowe and Tony Males were present to represent a subdivision submission for his property along Merwin Road. The plan adds small strips of land to parcels 42 and 104 in order for the lots to now comply with the one-acre area requirement for the R-1 zoning district. Bankson Engineers had no negative comments regarding the subdivisions in their review letter dated August 13, 2025. Westmoreland County had one comment regarding using 10-digit numbers for parcel identification. Tony Males said he will make the changes to the plan. After a discussion Chester Lockwood moved to approve the plan pending the Tony Males additions, seconded by Rick Ryan and all were in favor.

Modifications to proposed Injection Well Ordinance

The Commission members reviewed the highlighted changes to the proposed ordinance. The Commission members had no negative comments.

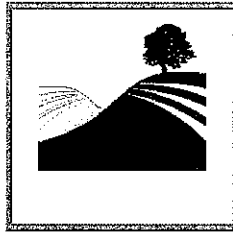
ZONING HEARING BOARD – None

SOLICITORS REPORT – None

Before new business Supervisor Conley stated that he apologizes for missing the last 2 meetings, but he has been keeping up to date on things. Conley stated he does hear all their concerns regarding the Injection Well Ordinance and understands that revisions need made but he wants the Ordinance on the books.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Conley 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. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- B. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to approve Resolution #10-2025, defining the contribution to the Police Pension Plan for the year 2026 (\$10,000/per employee). Motion passed 3 – 0.
- C. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to approve Resolution #11-2025, defining the contribution to Municipal Pension Plan for the year 2026 (\$9,000/per employee) Motion passed 2 – 0. Conley abstained



- D. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Conley to approve the D.H. Rowe Subdivision-Plan of Lots based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- E. A motion was made by Conley seconded by Walker to pay and ratify all the bills and accept the financial report for the month of August 2025. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- F. Addendum Item:
A motion was made by Walke seconded by Slahtovsky to grant a 90-day extension for the property on Oak Lake Road to try to remedy the outstanding conditions and/or restrictions to the real property.
Motion passed 3 – 0.

11 Pay all Bills & Financial Report

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,104,364.15
Receipts	170,078.54
Expenditures	91,822.88
Closing Balance	\$ 1,182,619.81

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 614,894.10
Receipts	1,661.60
Expenditures	967.89
Closing Balance	\$ 614,200.39

FIRE HYDRANT TAX

Beginning Balance	\$ 3,656.88
Receipts	489.81
Expenditures	0
Closing Balance	\$ 4,146.69

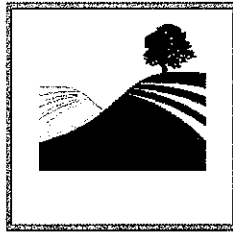
STATE AID FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 381,961.28
Receipts	578.07
Expenditures	107,702.35
Closing Balance	\$ 274,837.00

Open to the Floor

Al Baxter, 244 Irwin Road, stated that the gas well truck have been traveling on Irwin Road, and he has pictures to show. Baxter also asked about getting the ditch on Irwin Road addressed. After some discussion it was stated, the crew will look at it.

Mike Debich, 1370 Oak Lake Road, asked again about the issue with his neighbor and the water run-off. Debich stated the township has an Ordinance and they should enforce it. Conley stated he believes that is a civil matter, the clogged drain in on private property. Debich also inquired about the noise ordinance and all the truck traffic that is non-stop.



Sue Baxter, 244 Irwin Road, stated that the water company has been making repairs on Irwin Road and stated that the underneath of the road is hollow. Baxter asked when will the township address Irwin Road and get it fixed. Conley stated they have a road plan, and they will get to the road.

Allen Uhler, 2213 Turkey Ridge Road, stated he believed that back when he was on the board this issue of water run-off was addressed. Uhler asked who is responsible for this, where the issues comes from or the person who it is affecting. Slahtovsky stated the township would the clean the road and let the person know they should address the issue.

Supervisor Walker stated this is a rural township with low taxes. Walker stated we could have all the roads paved if we increased taxes.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky at 8:02 p.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, beginning at 7:00 p.m.