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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026  
MEETING ROOM, 3735 - 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET ROAD**

Board of Supervisors, Chairman, Ross Walker III, 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 -  
Kenneth R. Slahtovsky, Vice Chairman  
Scott Brown, Supervisor (sworn in at 7:18 pm)

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

There was a moment of silence for Vice-Chairman, Michael Conley, and his years of service and dedication to the township.

Discussion and Action on the Appointment of a New Supervisor to fill the vacancy created by the passing of Michael Conley. The proposed new appointee is Scott Brown.

Public Comment: None

A Motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to appoint Scott Brown to fill the vacant supervisor position due to the passing of Michael Conley. Motion passed 2 – 0.

A motion was made by Walker to appoint Kenneth Slahtovsky as Vice Chairman to Board of Supervisors. Slahtovsky abstained. Under the rules of necessity, a second motion was made.

A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to appoint Kenneth Slahtovsky as Vice Chairman to the Board of Supervisors. Motion passed 2 – 0.

A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to accept with regrets the resignation of Scott Brown from the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Swearing in of Scott Brown took place at 7:18 pm, with the calling in from District Magistrate Cheryl Yakopec. Supervisor Brown also thanked the community for the opportunity to serve.



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**Opening of Bids** – Bids were received and opened and read aloud for the 2026 Road Material Bids and Contract #26-1, Menk Road 1-1/2" Thick WMA 9.5 mm Wearing Course Overlay, on Monday, February 26, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. Bid results are attached.

**OPEN TO THE FLOOR –**

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, asked about the annual donation and the 35% LST donation to UBVFD. It was stated that the LST amount in 2025 was around \$38,000.00 and that is distributed in December.

Gloria Butler, 1021 Oak Lake Road, asked about the status of the old golf course property on Oak Lake Road. Butler stated that he is still dumping. After some discussion it was stated that the Supervisors will send Scott Chermak back out to the site to do a detailed inspection and provide a report.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES -**

Motion made by Walker, seconded by Brown to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, February 4, 2026. Motion passed 3-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE –**

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

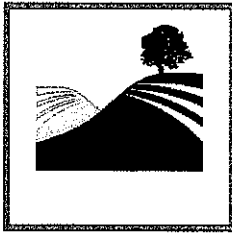
**ROAD REPORT -**

Supervisor Slahtovsky stated that he was glad to see the number of bids received for the Menk Road Paving Project. Slahtovsky stated from now on it may be best to bid projects out early to get more bids. Slahtovsky stated he has been working on trying to get equipment to use to be able to use hot patch vs. cold patch. Most of the time was spent on snow removal, patching, clearing banks of debris and cutting trees along the township building parking lot. Walker commended the Road Department for doing a good job and taking the extra step.

George Richard, 350 Hunter Hill Road, asked if they planned to replace Mr. Conley on the Road Department. It was replied yes.

**POLICE REPORT** – Chief Pate reported there were 65 calls for service for the month of February. Chief Pate stated he attended a meeting last month to discuss the ongoing Sheriff Department lawsuit which involved the Sheriff Department no longer transporting prisoners to and from court hearings. The Chief stated that the current suit has been dismissed due to being filed at the wrong venue, but he does expect the suit to be refiled. The Chief stated the department has some upcoming training, DUI checkpoints and will get lines painted in the spring.

It was asked about how many prisoners the department transports. The Chief replied, it could be 1 or it could be none, it fluctuates and depends on bail. It was asked why the department would be doing the transporting of the prisoners. Chief Pate stated they need to attend hearings. The department would be responsible for having to go to the jail to pick up the prisoner, attend the hearing and then get them back



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to the prison, it could possibly take up to 6-8 hours and would be overtime. Pate stated there are not enough constables to do the work and safety is a big issue.

**EMC REPORT –**

Dave Knox, stated that he saw Resolution #6-2026, adopting the 2025 Westmoreland County Hazard Mitigation Plan on the Agenda for approval.

**ENGINEERS REPORT – None**

**PLANNING COMMISSION – None**

**ZONING HEARING BOARD – None**

**SOLICITORS REPORT –**

Solicitor Yakopec stated that Westmoreland County Solicitor's Association is getting together a group of municipal solicitors to support the police on the current Sheriff Department issue with the not wanting to transport prisoners to and from court hearings. Currently the effort is on hold due to Order Of Court.

Allen Uhler, 2213 Turkey Ridge Road, asked how many current full- time officers do we have. Chief Pate replied 3.

Vice-Chairman Slahtovsky also asked the solicitor to start working on a data center ordinance. Yakopec replied does he have permission to also use the help of the engineer. Walker replied, "Yes".

Allen Uhler asked if the current TECfusion site would be grandfathered in and that the township needs to get one in place. After some discussion about the noise, pollution, power grid, and use of natural gas, Slahtovsky stated these are all good questions and they should be addressed at the meeting with TECfusion. Solicitor Yakopec talked about a few communities who have Data Center Ordinances, and he will investigate all of those. Uhler stated, investigate Loudin Virginia Data Center. Walker stated we are trying to get ahead of it and look out for the safety of the citizens.

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, stated the Data Center is for profit business and the township needs to find a way to tax them. Myers also stated the township should hire a specialist for this issue, someone with knowledge. Yakopec stated this is fairly new and he is not aware of any expert, but he will check with PT Protect.

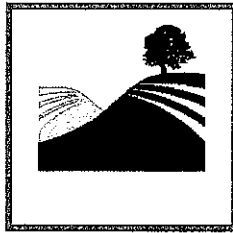
It was stated to have high bond, health concerns, respiratory issues and pollution from the generator and reach out to the Attorney General. Also stated, check with the PA DEP, PA UC, where all the water will come from. Slahtovsky stated he believes the water will come from the New Kensington Water Authority and will not be as great as the water used for fracking.



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## NEW BUSINESS

- A. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to appoint Mathew Ziccarelli as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board and accept his resignation as an alternate member of the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- B. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Brown to approve Resolution #6-2026, the 2025 Westmoreland County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- C. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to award Item No. 1 (road material bids) 360 tons of Type 2A Limestone to Heidelberg Materials Northeast LLC, in the amount of \$25.92/unit price for a total of \$9,331.20. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- D. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Brown award Item No. 2 (road material bids) 300 Tons of No. 3 Limestone to Heidelberg Material Northeast LLC, in the amount of \$29.92/unit price for a total of \$8,976.00. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- E. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to award Item #3 (road material bids) 300 Tons of AS1 Anti-Skid to Ligonier Stone & Lime Company dba Derry Stone & Lime Company in the amount of \$28.08/unit price for a total of \$8,424.00. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- F. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Brown to award Item #4 (road material bids) 5,000 Gallons Gasoline, Unleaded 87 Octane with Ethanol to Glassmere Fuel Service, Inc. in the amount of \$0.109/unit price for a total of \$545.00. Motion passed 3– 0.
- G. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to award Item #5 (road material bids) 4,000 Gallons Clear Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel B2 Blend to Glassmere Fuel Service, Inc., in the amount of \$0.109/unit price for a total of \$436.00. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- H. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to award Contract #26-1, total of Unit Price Bid Items, 1b, 2 and 3, (2-inch Thick overlay) to the low bidder Tresco Paving Corporation if the amount of \$126,920.00. Based on the engineer's recommendation. Motion passed 3 – 0.



- I. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Brown to grant the 2026 Annual Allocation to the UBVFD in the amount of \$20,000.00 and the 35% of the LST Taxes received. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- J. A motion was made by Brown seconded by Walker to pay and ratify all the bills and accept the financial report for the month of February 2026. Motion passed 3 – 0.

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GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,078,534.40
Receipts	85,833.76
Expenditures	74,536.30
Closing Balance	\$ 1,089,831.86

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 601,146.60
Receipts	913.96
Expenditures	0
Closing Balance	\$ 602,060.56

FIRE HYDRANT TAX

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,375.00
Receipts	.26
Expenditures	0
Closing Balance	\$ 1,375.26

STATE AID FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 265,003.81
Receipts	379.18
Expenditures	24,274.90
Closing Balance	\$ 241,108.09

**Open to the Floor**

Allen Baxter, 244 Irwin Drive, thanked the road department for cleaning Baxter Drive. Baxter stated it's the best he has ever seen it.

Jim Thimons, 308 Upper Drennen Road, asked if it would be possible to have a representative from EQT attend a meeting to talk about the well pads. Slahtovsky stated he would see if he could get someone to attend a meeting. Thimons stated he would like to know the path the horizontal drilling takes. Walker stated he would like, if possible, to have a map and Uhler agreed.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky at 8:12 p.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, beginning at 7:00 p.m.