



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026
MEETING ROOM, 3735 - 7TH 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

Also present: Michael Columbus, Engineer
Melissa A. Cortileso, Secretary
Steve Yakopec, Solicitor

Opening of Bids - None

OPEN TO THE FLOOR –

Allen Uhler, 2213 Turkey Ridge Road, asked Chairman Walker to read aloud the correspondence he submitted requested the 180-day Municipal Curative Amendment for the moratorium on data centers. Walker did read the correspondence.

A petition was presented to the board from Uhler about the moratorium.

Solicitor Yakopec stated there is a draft ordinance but still working on it. Land use and zoning control and shift it to Industrial zone area. Uhler stated make sure it complies and the curative amendment stops anything for 180 days to get in place.

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, stated do your best on the ordinance. First thing they do is come to the township, which has not been done, there was no map presented at the Tuesday meeting, the Board of Supervisors should work with the Planning Commission on the proposed ordinance. Solicitor stated that once the draft is completed a copy will be supplied to the Planning Commission for comment and review.

Tom Levett, 201 Easy Street, suggested finding out what other communities in Pennsylvania have data centers and how they addressed the issue. Yakopec stated he has reached out several communities for input.



Sue Baxter, 244 Irwin Drive, asked if the ordinance will cover decimal levels. Supervisor Brown stated they are working off the Penn Future Model Ordinance and that is covered, along with time of days, sound level. PT protect has decimal readers. It was stated that we live in an area where all the steel mills have got into trouble but keep going. Allen Uhler asked who will enforce it. Walker replied Scott Chermak. Uhler stated the board needs to concentrate on the residents. Walker stated that Upper Burrell Township is the gem of Westmoreland County. Uhler stated you need to make the ordinance as stringent as possible.

Chris Uhler, 2213 Turkey Ridge Road, asked about the push back to residents on electricity and water and how that would work. It was stated that they cannot give free electricity, but it can go back to the grid, which is different than giving it to the residents, maybe a discount could be a possibility. The Supervisors will get everyone's input for the CBA.

Gloria Butler, 1201 Oak Lake Road asked if the township had a noise ordinance. It was replied, no.

Allen Uhler asked if the solicitor had been in touch with the attorney. Yakopec replied, yes, he has been a great help.

Gene Symionof, 3803 Baxter Drive, asked how the township selected TECfusion. Walker stated they did not select the company; the company selected the township when it purchased the Arconic property.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES -

Motion made by Walker, seconded by Slahtovsky to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, April 1, 2026. Motion passed 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE –

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

ROAD REPORT -

Supervisor Slahtovsky stated that paving on Menk Road will begin on Monday, May 11, 2026. The road may be closed periodically. The time spent this month was patching, cleaning ditches and fixing soft spots on Lower Drennen Road and 2 of the cross drains have been installed. Slahtovsky stated that EQT has donated \$44,000.00 to the township for the purchase of a hot box.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Pate reported there were 55 calls for service for the month of April. Chief Pate stated there will be roving DUI patrols over the Memorial Day weekend and the department is currently working on getting all the updates completed. Chris Uhler asked if there were any break-ins. Pate replied on, there were a lot of burglaries within the Industrial Park. Supervisor Slahtovsky stated that he likes seeing that all 3 shifts with the department are being used, you can see more police presence.

EMC REPORT – David Knox stated that Westmoreland County will be doing a Zone 2 emergency exercise on May 27, 2026, in Washington Township.



ENGINEERS REPORT – Mike Columbus just reminded residents about the paving project to start on Monday, May 11, 2026, on Menk Road.

PLANNING COMMISSION –

Klemm-Micenko Plan

Tony Males, surveyor, presented a 2 lot parcels of land along the southern side of Amy Drive. It is the intent to revise the deed line between the parcels. A 0.94-acre tract is to be conveyed from Klemm-Micenko parcel to the Klemm-Morgan parcel. It was pointed out by the Commission that ground had already been moved to this site, and the township has no approved permits for this work. Tony Males was unaware of this and will investigate. After a discussion Dennis Matto moved to approve the plan, seconded by George Richard and all were in favor.

Sullivan Consolidation Plan

Tony Males, surveyor, presented a 2 lot parcels of land along Chaney Court Lane and Seventh Street. It is the intention of this plan to consolidate the 2 parcels of land into one Lot 1 which is 14.803 acres in total. After a discussion George Richard moved to approve the plan, seconded by Dennis Matto and all were in favor.

Rovnak Consolidation Plan

Tony Males, surveyor, Jeffrey Rovnak and Stephinie Rovnak presented a plan of 2 lots in the Ross Plan of Lots, Section 2 along Ross Drive. Both lots are vacant and it is the intention of this plan to consolidate both lots to form Lot 1 of the Rovnak Consolidation Plan so the owner can build a single-family dwelling. After a discussion Dennis Matto moved to approve the plan, seconded by George Richard and all were in favor.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – None

SOLICITORS REPORT –

Solicitor Yakopec talked about several house bills that are currently in process to help with the development of Data Centers.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Brown to adopt Resolution #6-2026, authorizing the preparation of a curative amendment to the Upper Burrell Township Zoning Ordinance. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- B. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to approve the Klemm-Micenko Consolidation Plan based on the Planning Commission recommendation. Motion passed 3 – 0.



- C. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Brown to approve the Sullivan Consolidation Plan based on the Planning Commission recommendation. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- D. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Slahtovsky to approve the Rovnak Consolidation Plan based on the Planning Commission recommendation. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- E. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Brown to approve the run card/response changes based on the request of the Upper Burrell Township Volunteer Fire Department #1. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- F. 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 April 2026.

11. Pay all Bills & Financial Report

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,057,253.04
Receipts	160,165.32
Expenditures	69,347.76
Closing Balance	\$ 1,148,070.60

FIRE HYDRANT TAX

Beginning Balance	\$ 2,131.97
Receipts	1,749.58
Expenditures	1,560.00
Closing Balance	\$ 2,321.55

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 603,106.67
Receipts	982.44
Expenditures	0
Closing Balance	\$ 604,089.11

STATE AID FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 352,374.07
Receipts	568.94
Expenditures	4,057.51
Closing Balance	\$ 348,885.50

Open to the Floor

Carol Howard, 705 Lower Drennen Road, presented a petition to the Board about the condition of Lower Drennen Road. Howard stated she also talked with Representative Cooper, Walker stated he also reached out to Representative Cooper. Walker stated they have directed the Engineer to look at all grants for paving. Slahtovsky stated that tomorrow he will be ordering a hot box to patch the roads which should help a lot on Lower Drennen Road and the ditches will be cleaned once the drainage project is completed. Howard asked if when they are working on the road, they could have more visible signage letting residents know that work is being done.

Sally Wise, 1033 Lower Drennen Road, asked how soon the hot patch machine will be available. Slahtovsky stated after some training is done. Wise also asked if the 2 humps in the road could be fixed.



Allen Uhler, 2213 Turkey Ridge Road, thanked Steve and Dan from the Road Department for all the good work they have done.

Tom Levett, 201 Easy Street, asked the township if they would consider reaching out to Penn College of Technology to see if they have any interest in the PSNK Campus.

George Richard 350 Hunter Hill Road, stated that another man is needed on the Road Department, have all this new equipment and no one to use it. Slahtovsky stated that Mike just passed away 2 months ago please give time. Hunter also stated that the bus is still not using Lower Drennen Road.

Dan Ferrick, 400 Lower Drennen Road, asked if the financial report shows over 1 million dollars what is the issue with trying to get Lower Drennen Road paved. Walker explained how the money in the budget is spent. Slahtovsky stated he would like to see a scratch coat done on the road which will address all the low areas and potholes.

Allen Uhler, 2213 Turkey Ridge Road, asked about the 10-ton weight limit on the roads and if the road is bonded when damaged. Proof was shown to the road department about damage to the road. Slahtovsky stated that Olympus was good about making repairs and the issue seems to be is that the truck drivers do not follow the truck route.

Capiross, Oak Lake Road resident asked who maintains Oak Lake Road, stating that the pipe is filled with golf balls, etc. and needs cleaned out. Slahtovsky stated he will reach out to PennDot and see if they can get it resolved.

Gloria Butler, 1201 Oak Lake Road, also stated about the road damage on Oak Lake Road. Slahtovsky stated he will also address this with PennDot.

Nick Fry, 705 Lower Drennen Road, asked if before they patch a pothole, they could make sure the water is cleaned out.

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, asked about the cease and desist with the property on Oak Lake Road. Walker authorized the solicitor to go to the Court of Common Pleas.

Allen Uher, 2213 Turkey Ridge Road, stated he will be willing to hold educational meetings on Data Centers if he could find a location.

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, June 3, 2026, beginning at 7:00 p.m.



