

**UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP  
MAY 8, 2017**

Upper Oxford Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at the Township Building, 1185 Limestone Road, Russellville, PA on Monday, May 8, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:        Scott A. Rugen  
                  Howard S. Reyburn  
                  Charles Fleischmann

                  Jane Daggett, Secretary  
                  Andy DiFilippo, Road Master  
                  Frances Reyburn, Historic Commission

OTHERS:        Bill and Karen Hovis                                Gary Calibey  
                  John O'Donoghue                                 Ed Thornton  
                  Franny and Fran Sharon                            Karl Herr

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Scott Rugen.

After the Salute to the Flag, Howard Reyburn led in prayer.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS –**

**RAIN GARDEN** - Fran Sharon spoke on behalf of the Park Committee that they were very disappointed in the rain garden and how Greenweaver has not been out to the Township to check on the plantings. Fran reported that there are three dead trees and 2 or 3 dead bushes. Fran questioned the Supervisors if the Park Committee should contact the Brandywine Conservancy (Seung Ah Byun) or Greenweaver directly. It was decided that Fran would contact Seung and schedule a meeting and then report back to the Supervisors at our next work session.

**RIPARRIAN BUFFERS** – Franny Sharon questioned the Board on allowing the Brandywine Conservancy dictate riparian buffers on streams in the township due to the enormous cost to the residents of the township. Franny stated that he believe the Conservancy does not do any good for the farmers and that it would be a mistake to get involved with the Conservancy again after what happened with our rain garden. Supervisor Rugen said that the Conservancy will not dictate to the Township but will only provide sample ordinances, background and links to more research as a starting point. This will not cost the existing residents any money. Supervisors Fleischmann stated that this is a key for us to dwell into. Charlie stated that all our streams are impaired and we will be liable if we do not meet the requirements set before us by DEP. Supervisors Howard Reyburn explained the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and how they provide farmers and landowners with practices to improve water quality and provide habitat for wildlife. Howard explained that this is a voluntarily program which he feels would be a better program instead of enacting an ordinance.

**ISLAMIC SOCIETY CEMETERY** – John O'Donoghue questioned the Board if the Islamic Society Cemetery is still ongoing. The Supervisors responded that the Zoning Hearing Board imposed certain restrictions in the decision which the Islamic Society then appealed. The Zoning Hearing Board will need to re-convene and review the response by the Islamic Society and then come to the Supervisors with their decision.

**ROAD BIDS** – The road bids which were duly advertised April 19, 2017 and April 26, 2017 were opened and read. Bids were received from the following vendors.

Asphalt Industries, Inc.	Seal Coat In Place
Martin Paving, Inc.	Seal Coat In-Place
Alger Oil	Heating Oil and Diesel Fuel
Allen Myers	Stone

MINUTES – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to approve the April 10, 2017 Minutes with the following correction: Page 2, Emergency – change the word “home requirements” to “residency requirements” and the April 24, 2017 Work Session Minutes with the correction in the first line with the change “regular monthly meeting” to “work session”.

Reyburn – Yea                      Rugen – Yea                      Fleischmann – Yea

GRIST MILL – A letter was received from Chester County Conservation District requesting financial aid for the farmer who is working with the Conservation District on a conservation plan to cut down the water runoff into the Grist Mill Development. Howard stated that he thought we would be setting a precedent if we contributed to this. Charlie stated that he will approach the Chester County Economic Farm Counsel and the Stroud Water Research to see if any funds are available. The Secretary was instructed to contact the township engineer for more information.

AWARD ROAD CONTRACTS – The following contracts were awarded:

Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to award the heating oil and diesel fuel contract to Alger Oil, Inc.

Reyburn – Yea                      Rugen – Yea                      Fleischmann – Yea

Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to award the black top/superpave contract to Alley Myers, LP.

Reyburn – Yea                      Rugen – Yea                      Fleischmann – Yea

Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to award to stone contract to Compass Quarries, Inc.

Reyburn – Yea                      Rugen – Yea                      Fleischmann – Yea

Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to award the seal coat – in-place contract to Martin Paving, Inc. (they must provide flaggers)

Reyburn – Yea                      Rugen – Yea                      Fleischmann – Yea

Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to award the superpave, in-place contract to Long’s Asphalt, Inc.

Reyburn – Yea                      Rugen – Yea                      Fleischmann – Yea

ZONING – Scott Rugen read the Zoning Officer’s report for the month.

ROADS – Scott Rugen read the Road Master’s report for the month. The road crew is interested in renting a pressure washer to clean the picnic tables and benches. Scott has one that the road crew can borrow. Permission was given for the road crew to purchase an air conditioner for the township meeting room at Lowe’s. Charlie mentioned that a speed sign is missing on Route 10 and who is responsible for it. This is a state road.

HISTORIC – Frances Reyburn informed the Board that the news articles are due September 1, 2017. Frances also reported that the Historic Commission is waiting for a written report from Sally McMurry of Penn State University to see if the Russellville/Homeville areas qualify for eligibility to be on an historic register.

EMERGENCY – The Supervisors informed the public that another POD exercise will be held in the near future and that the County is pushing the “Ready Chesco” communication to cell phones users. This would enable the township to send messages out to every resident who is enrolled for non- emergency events also. More information

will be forthcoming in the future. A few townships are also working with the County to get a higher dollar amount for all qualifying firemen. Additionally, the State has made requirements so difficult that licensed EMT's are in demand.

ENGINEER – Scott Rugen read the engineer's report for the month.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Motion was made by Howard Reyburn, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$35,618.62 from the Open Space Fund and the amount of \$53,646.04 from the General Fund.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Abstained

Fleischmann – Yea

WEBSITE – The Supervisors and a member of the audience brought up some corrections to be made to the Upper Oxford Township website. The Secretary will contact Gail Pietrzyk to make these corrections.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Howard Reyburn, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to adjourn at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett  
Secretary