

**UPPEROXFORD TOWNSHIP
MAY 11, 2015**

The Upper Oxford Township Board of supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at the township building, 1185 Limestone Road, Russellville, PA. on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Scott A. Rugen
 Betsy E. Huber
 Charles Fleischmann

 Jane Daggett, Secretary
 Frances Reyburn, Historic Commission
 Chris Coburn, Park
 Fran Sharon, Park

OTHERS: Bill and Karen Hovis Gary Calibey
 Howard Reyburn Ed Thornton
 Rob Linnenbaugh, Cochranville Fire Co. Denise Rugen

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Scott A. Rugen at 7:00 P.M.

After the Salute to the Flag, Scott Rugen led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were no comments from the public at this time.

ROB LINNENBAUGH – COCHRANVILLE FIRE COMPANY – Mr. Linnenbaugh was present to give and update report on the apparatus and also discuss the Quick Response Service. The Fire Company is thankful for the support which they receive from Upper Oxford Township. The new tank truck will be ready approximately at the end of May. The old tank truck is sold. In 1982 the Quick Response Medical Service was started. It is an all-volunteer program. Presently, Oxford, West Grove, Keystone Valley and Christiana have paid personnel. The Fire Company is considering discontinuing the ambulance service but the EMS will continue. They are looking for feedback at this point. The Supervisors will agree with whatever course of action the Fire Company will take.

MINUTES – Motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the April 13, 2015 Minutes and the April 27, 2015 Work Session Minutes.

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

KARL HERR – 2 Lot Add-on Subdivision Plan on Hawkins Road. Motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried to approve two waivers from the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance as follows:

Section 501.J.5 proposed setback lines

Section 501.K. – physical features.

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Abstained *

Motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried to approve the two lot Final Add-on Plan for Karl Herr, Project No. 1508.

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Abstained *

- - Charles Fleischmann made mention that he would abstain from voting since he works for Karl Herr.

ROAD WORK – The road work to be done in 2015 was again discussed by the Supervisors. After doing a road inspection the Supervisors estimated that \$140,000.00 from Liquid Fuels would be needed to do the work. At the

time of our Budget meeting, \$40,000.00 was marked for oil and chipping and \$40,000.00 for construction. An appropriation will need to be made to the budget taking \$70,000.00 from Cash on Hand (Acct. 100) to Construction (Acct. 439)

Motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to adopt Resolution #2015 -6 Using State Money in the amount of \$140,000.00 to do Road Work in 2015.

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

Motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to adopt Resolution #2015 – 7, Supplemental Appropriation to the 2015 Budget.

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Betsy Huber and carried to authorize the Secretary to bid for road construction bids and the contracts to be opened at the June 8, 2015 meeting.

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

UNPAID PER CAPITA TAXES AND HYDRANT TAXES – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Betsy Huber and carried to have the Secretary turn over to Berkheimer for collection the 2014 Unpaid Per Capita and Hydrant Taxes.

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

ROADS – Scott Rugen read the road report for the month. Scott reported that the Township purchased a new pickup truck using State Funds and the Hawkins Road pipe job will be paid for from the General Fund.

ZONING – Scott read the Zoning Report for the month.

HISTORIC – Frances Reyburn reported that Wise Preservation will be attending the June 2nd Historic Commission meeting to discuss eligibility of Russellville and Homeville being added to the historic register. Frances also questioned the Supervisors on who would be mowing the cemetery. Scott stated that we all agreed that the Township will mow the cemetery and that the road master would be informed of this along with the neighbor bordering the cemetery.

PARK – Scott Rugen gave the audience an update on the status of the park and the rain garden which is being planned. We are still waiting to hear regarding the PECO grant. Soil testing will need to be done at the park. This will make the bids more accurate. Volunteers will be needed for plantings.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$75,000.00 from the Open Space Fund and \$52,147.64 from the General Fund.

- - Betsy Huber abstained from voting.

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

BY WAY INTEREST FORM WORKSHEET – Charles Fleischmann explained that Pennsylvania has programs for preservation of certain roads which makes the Townships eligible for grant money or they can apply also for federal grant money to be designated as scenic by-way. Charlie is suggesting that the Township apply for this coverage. The Supervisors will look into this and also see if the Oxford Area Regional Planning Commission would give their approval.

OXFORD AREA REGIONAL PLANNING – Betsy informed the others that at the last meeting discussion was held regarding the commission’s priorities. The Supervisors and Planning Commission should review the recommendations of the Oxford Area Commission to see if there recommends comply with our zoning.

NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT - Betsy stated that she would like someone from the County to meet with them regarding traditional neighborhood development. The Supervisors will contact Kevin Myers or Mark Gallant to see if either are available to meet with the Supervisors at their June 22nd work session. The County would like to see walkable and bicycle paths in certain areas. Additionally, they would like to create a bus area down at Lincoln University, in Upper Oxford Township.

ROAD WORK – Charlie informed the audience that road work is being done by Penn Dot at Route 372 and Route 41. Scott attended a meeting where Penn Dot stated that they would like to pave Route 1 from Kennett to the Maryland Border and Route 30 from Exton to Route 41. Charlie informed the audience that District 6 will stop permitting oversize loads on Route 896 in our township.

Frances Reyburn questioned if any of the Supervisors would be attending the meeting regarding back yard chickens.

Ed Thornton questioned when the ad would appear in the Daily Local News advertising road contract work.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary