

UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

Upper Oxford Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at the township building, 1185 Limestone Road, Russellville, PA on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Scott A. Rugen  
Howard S. Reyburn  
Charles Fleischmann  
  
Jane Daggett, Secretary

OTHERS: Kurt Rechenberg Ed Jefferis  
Karen and Bill Hovis Karl Herr  
Susan Hancock Steve Gray  
Colin Kraucunas

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

HEARING

Before the regular meeting could commence, a hearing was held for the purpose of seeking comments regarding the township adopting a Flood Plain Ordinance. The hearing commenced at 7:00 P.M. The hearing was duly advertised in the Daily Local News. Chairman Rugen explained the purpose of the hearing. The Township is required by FEMA to review and update our Flood Plain Ordinance. Resident Colin Kraucunas requested a copy of the ordinance to review. The hearing was closed at 7:10 P.M.

At this time the Regular Meeting was opened.

REGULAR MEETING

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

MINUTES – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to approve the August 14, 2017 Minutes as amended:

“United Way – Permission from the Board to place a sign at Baltimore Pike”

Reyburn – Yea                      Rugen – Yea                      Fleischmann – Yea

KURT RECHENBERG – Discussion was held with the Board of Supervisors and Mr. Rechenberg regarding the property which was the former Ritchie Electric, Tax Parcel #57-8-9 and Tax Parcel #57-8-10. Mr. Rechenberg is proposing to put a consultant business for cold storage units if allowed. Mr. Rechenberg questioned if a Special Exception hearing would be required. The Supervisors agreed that it is a “non-conforming use” and did not see the need for a hearing but advised Mr. Rechenberg to have his attorney research the matter and the Supervisors will contact the township’s solicitor for his opinion.

LEVI GLICK – 2 Lot Subdivision on Draper Lane. This plan was presented by Ed Jefferis who was seeking waivers from the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to approve waivers from the following sections:

Section 501.K.1b – Contours to be shown on plan  
Section 501.K2 – Soil types to be shown  
Section 617 – Concrete monuments to be shown. (Lot pins will still be required)

Reyburn – Yea                      Rugen – Yea                      Fleischmann – Yea

HOWARD REYBURN LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN – (Howard Reyburn recused himself from all discussion) The applicant was seeking approval from the Board. Conditional approval was given by the Planning Commission on September 5, 2017. The NPDES permit was received, plans were signed and notarized. The escrow amount has been suggested by the Township Engineer and a Letter of Credit will be issued by Fulton Bank. Additionally, the O & M Agreement will be drafted. Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the Howard Reyburn Land Development condition up the administration items being completed.

Reyburn – Abstained      Rugen – Yea      Fleischmann – Yea

ORDINANCE NO. 1-2017 – FLOOD PLAIN ORDINANCE – Supervisor Rugen explained to the audience that we were required by FEMA to adopt this ordinance by September 29, 2017. Resident Colin Kraucunas questioned the Section 5.05 (Page 21) regarding special requirements for Subdivision and Developments and how it would pertain to property owners of five acres or more.

Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 1-2017 as written.

Reyburn – Yea      Rugen – Yea      Fleischmann – Yea

CHESTER WATER AUTHORITY – Received an unsolicited offer from Aqua America to purchase Chester Water Authority. Concerns are regarding redistributing water and the affect the quality of life would be for residents throughout Southern Chester Count and our local natural resources. Two board seats are up for re-election at this time. A letter will be sent to the Chester County Commissioners Office asking that they reappoint Paul Andriole and Leonard Rivera as representatives to the Chester Water Authority Board of Directors.

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

ENGINEER – Scott Rugen read the Engineer’s report for the month and will contact Ron Ragan requesting an update regarding Component 2M.

ROADS – Scott Rugen read the Road Master’s report for the month. Scott will follow up with Andy regarding the remaining Goodwill containers.

HISTORIC – None

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 \$32,954.27 from the General Fund.

Reyburn – Yea      Rugen – Yea      Fleischmann – Yea

BUDGET MEETING – A budget meeting has been scheduled tentatively for Tuesday October 24, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

COCHRANVILLE FIRE COMPANY – Scott will attend the meeting at the fire company scheduled for Monday, September 18, 2017.

SOLICITOR – Scott Rugen explained that the current law firm representing the township is dissolving, therefore we must make a new appointment. Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Howard Reyburn to appoint Thomas Oeste and the law firm of Buckley Brion McGuire and Morris for the remainder of the year.

Reyburn – Yea      Rugen – Yea      Fleischmann – Yea

GRIST MILL HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION – Permission was given to the Grist Mill HOA to use the building either October 17<sup>th</sup> or October 18<sup>th</sup> for their annual meeting.

PSATS – ELECTION OF TRUSTEES – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann to appoint Jack Hines and Tim Horner to the Board of Trustees of the PSATS Unemployment Compensation Group Trust and to the Board of Trustees of the PA Townships Health Insurance Cooperative Trust.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

TWIST BACK ART CONSERVANCY – The Township received a letter from Twistback regarding their plans to hold a Haunted Attraction and Fall Festival Friday and Saturday nights during the month of October. The Supervisors discussed whether or not this was an allowed activity under our Zoning and if it should fall under the jurisdiction of the Zoning Officer’s job. The Supervisors will contact their attorney to seek advice during a conference call.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to adjourn at 9:25 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett,  
Secretary