

**UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
NOVEMBER 10, 2014**

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

PRESENT: Scott A. Rugen
Charles Fleischmann (Absent – Betsy E. Huber)

Jane Daggett, Secretary
Frances Reyburn, Historic Commission

OTHERS: Carey Bresler, Oxford Public Library Karen Hovis

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Karen Hovis thanked the Township for the use of the signs and cones on Election Day that were placed along Route 896 at Beulah Baptist Church.

MINUTES – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the October 13, 2014 Regular Minutes and the October 21, 2014 Budget Work Session Minutes.

Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

OXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY – Carey Bresler, Director of the Oxford Public Library was present and thanked the Board of Supervisors for their generous contribution along with the unexpected donation for their building fund. Ms. Bresler brought the Supervisors up-to-date on the progress of the new building expansion and also shared her knowledge of the “e-books” and their popularity.

PROPOSED 2015 BUDGET – Scott Rugen went over the highlights of the Budget and also discussed the park plans regarding the Brandywine Conservancy’s involvement. Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried to adopt the Proposed 2015 Budget.

Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

BENUEL LAPP ZONING HEARING – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried that the position of the Board of Supervisors have no opinion on the proposed zoning hearing.

Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

KERWIN KING DUCK OPERATION ESCROW RELEASE – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried to approve the Kerwin King Duck Operation Escrow Release #4 in the amount of \$16,946.10 based upon recommendation of the township engineer, Ragan Engineering.

Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

GRIST MILL FARM – The Grist Mill Homeowners Association has been negligent on taking care of the storm water problems. We received a letter from Mary Lodge, representing the homeowners that they want a more itemized list of the work that needs done. This letter will be forwarded to the township solicitor, Tom Oeste for comments. Scott will also call Mary Lodge this week.

TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES – Reviewing the township ordinances was discussed regarding accommodating means of transportation other than cars. Chester County Planning Commission is trying to develop an overall plan for that. Our Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance does not provided areas for other transportation and also

sidewalks. The Zoning Ordinance does not include this either. The Supervisors will recommend to the Planning Commission that they start reviewing our ordinances to bring them into compliance with the Regional Comprehensive Plan.

ZONING – Scott Rugen read the Zoning Officer’s report for the month. Charlie informed the Board that there were complaints regarding the property on Ewing Road. Charlie has instructed Bill Beers to send a violation letter to the property owner if warranted.

ROADS – Scott Rugen read the road report for the month.

HISTORIC COMMISSION – Frances Reyburn reported that the One Room School marker has been installed on Route 926. She also reported that Seth Hinshaw will be present on Wednesday, November 12th to meet with the Historic Commission to start work on the eligibility of having Russellville included on the historic register.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$69,125.88 from the General Fund.

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

FALL CONVENTION – Scott and Charlie both attended the CCATO Fall convention which was held November 6, 2014 at the Mendenhall Inn. Scott mentioned some new resolutions that were passed. CDL Drivers cannot be talking on a cell phone while driving; Kennett Township passed a new law preventing the discharge of a firearm with the township limits and Eminent Domain law allows for the lawyer of the grieved family to get upto \$4,000.00 and not \$8,000.00 as previously written.

BILLS – Frances Reyburn has a question regarding last month’s bills.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary