

UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
DECEMBER 8, 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
Betsy E. Huber (joined the meeting at 7:25 PM)

Jane Daggett, Secretary
Frances Reyburn, Historic Commission
Chuck Freese, Emergency Management Coordinator

OTHERS: Fran Sharon Sam Reyburn
Karl Herr Anthony Beiler

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were no comments from the public.

MINUTES – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried to approve the November 10, 2014 Minutes.

Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

KINGS MILL II SUBDIVISION – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried to accept the withdrawal letter for the Kings Mill II Subdivision Plan from Spence Address for consideration by the township on behalf of Brian Campbell. (The development rights for this property were sold.)

Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

CAROL E. WARE – Add on Subdivision on Newark Road. This property is situate in both Lancaster County and Chester County. There will be no development on this property. The Upper Oxford Township Planning Commission gave conditional approval on December 1, 2014.

Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Betsy Huber and carried to grant waivers from the following sections:

1. Section 501.K.6 – existing trees with a caliper of six inches or greater to be shown on the plan.
2. Section 502.B – present plan at a scale of 1” – 200’.
3. Section 502.F – location of existing utilities and their rights-of-way and easements.
4. Section 617 – conformance with the requirements for monuments and lot pins on the plans.

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Betsy Huber and carried to approve the Carol E. Ware Add-on Subdivision Plan, Job #142038, contingent upon Lancaster County Planning Commission also approving the plan.

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

CHUCK FREESE – Code RED Program – Chuck explained the Code Red Program to the Supervisors and public. This is a service provided to offer information on alerts such as bad weather, amber alerts, traffic alerts, etc. The area where you want the alert can be specified. Betsy Huber said she attempted a webinar on this but there was no sound. The subscription for this service is approximately \$2,000/year for the township and their residents. However, Chuck stressed that residents are reluctant to give their name, telephone numbers and emails. The Supervisors discussed if this service would be worthwhile to the township and would like to get some feedback from the residents. Chuck suggested that the Supervisors along with him take a look at the webinar in January and then discuss it further after that time.

TAX LEVY RATE – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Betsy Huber and carried to adopt Resolution #2014-16, Tax Levy Resolution setting the millage rate for 2015 at .5 mills on each \$100 of assessed valuation.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

2015 BUDGET – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to adopt and approve the 2015 Budget.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

RECYCLING AREA - The Supervisors received a suggestion about placing a sign in “Spanish” at the recycling area to tell what is acceptable or not. Additionally, the Supervisors are going to have signs erected at the old entrance on Route 10 directing residents to where the new area is located. Scott will inform Ricky to research signs. We hope to move the recycling area before the end of the year.

ZONING – Scott Rugen read the Zoning Officer’s report for the month. Scott also explained what happened at the Benuel Lapp Zoning Hearing which was held November 18th. Mr. Lapp was requesting to place more than one horse on the property. Our zoning allows one horse on two acres, two horses on three acres and as many as the property can support on four acres or above. Mr. Lapp’s property consists of two acres. The Supervisors will consider looking at ordinances from other townships to see how this is handled when the horse is the means of transportation for the family.

HISTORIC COMMISSION – Frances Reyburn stated that the commission is researching the history of Route 896. She also informed the Supervisors that the dedication ceremony for the One Room School Marker will be held in September 2015.

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

PARK – Fran Sharon stated that the Park Commission will be meeting with Seung Ah Byun of the Brandywine Conservancy on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$8,133.86 from the State Fund, \$20,000.00 from the Open Space Fund and \$31,369.51 from the General Fund.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

SNOW PLOWS – Charlie informed the others that he will be listing for sale, the two extra cutting edges for snow plows on the PSATS website.

SALT SPREADER – The Supervisors agreed to sell the old Salt Spreader to Dutchland, Inc., the company who purchased the GMC Truck. The price will be \$800.00.

GRIST MILL HOMEOWNERS – The Township sent a letter to Grist Mill Homeowners in October. The HOA sent a letter to the Township through their Attorney which the Township never received. The Supervisors have agreed to schedule a conference call with their solicitor, Thomas Oeste to discuss their strategy in handling this matter. Scott will contact Tom regarding this.

REMO TOTO – Sent a sketch plan to our township engineer, Ron Ragan for review. This was never formally submitted before the Planning Commission. Mr. Toto would like to have five buildings on this property and hinted that the township change the zoning from Industrial to Commercial. The Planning Commission discussed the changes but did not move forward with this. The Storm Water Management would come into effect on this property.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Betsy Huber and carried to adjourn unanimously at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary