

**UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
FEBRUARY 12, 2024**

Upper Oxford Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at the township building, 1185 Limestone Road, Russellville, on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

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

OTHERS: Ray Frederick Mary Ellen Frederick
Ray Haagen Aaron King

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Scott A. Rugen. After the Salute to the Flag, Scott Rugen led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Mr. and Mrs. Frederick and Mr. Haagen of Ewing Road voiced their concerns to the Board regarding their Amish neighbor who is constantly burning plastic. They have reached out to the neighbor asking him to stop but he does not. They have filed a complaint with PA. DEP and also have reached out to the Cochranville Fire Company and the Pennsylvania State Police who suggested that they come before the Township. The Township does have a burning ordinance and will have the Zoning Officer stop in at the Amish farm informing him that it is against our zoning to burn plastics and other hazardous materials.

MINUTES – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to approve the January 2, 2024 Minutes.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

UNION FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 – 2024 CONTRACT – a revised contract was received from the fire company showing the correct assessed value and millage. Motion was made by Howard Reyburn, seconded by Charles Fleischmann to approve and sign the 2024 Fire Protection Contract with Union Fire Company No. 1 in the amount of \$32,424.85 to be paid in monthly installments.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

WILLIAM AND TIA JONES – SIMPLIFIED STORM WATER PLAN – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn to sign the Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP's) and Conveyances Operation and Maintenance Agreement based upon recommendation of Ragan Engineering November 24, 2023 letter.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF DELAWARE – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to close the Escrow/Letter of Credit account of the Islamic Society of Delaware based upon recommendation of Ragan Engineering and based upon receipt of the final Chester County Conservation District inspection report and the approved Notice of Termination for the NPDES Permit.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann - Yea

ZONING – The Supervisors reviewed the zoning officer's report for the month.

ENGINEER – The Supervisors reviewed the engineer's report for the month. Supervisor Rugen will reach out to the engineer requesting him to include a grand total on his reports.

ROADS – The Supervisors reviewed the road master’s report for the month. The stop sign at Watermark Road and Ray Mar Road will be moved to its original place by the road crew. Supervisor Fleischmann will reach out to the road master regarding “used trucks”.

HISTORIC COMMISSION – a draft Historic Ordinance was reviewed by the Planning Commission and recommended that the Supervisors adopt the Ordinance. Supervisor Fleischmann had some changes to make and will send the ordinance back to the Historic Commission for revisions.

TAX COLLECTOR – a report was received from the Tax Collector showing the uncollected real estate taxes in the amount of \$1223.83 that was turned over to the Tax Claim Bureau of Chester County.

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 \$18,869.92 from the State Fund and the amount of \$74,763.75 from the General Fund.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

SEPTIC SYSTEM PUMPOUT AND RECORDS – Supervisor Fleischmann has gathered information regarding all the homes that have pumped out their septic systems in the last three years and the homes that have not pumped out. The Supervisors will work on getting notifications out to owners that have not pumped in the last five years.

RESOLUTION #2024-2 – AMERICA250pa – supporting the semi quincennial. This will be brought up at the next ORPC meeting.

ARBORETUM – Park – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to sign the Riparian Forest Buffer Establishment and Maintenance Agreement with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

OLD BUSINESS

Act 537 – will ask the engineer for updates

Cable TV – Armstrong, Verizon, Comcast – Solicitor is working on these

Zoning Fee Schedule – zoning officer will work on this

Retrofit Basins – testing scheduled for the week of 2/12

Revised Zoning Map – Engineer is working on this

Solar – work session scheduled for 2/26

Riparian Buffer – work session scheduled for 2/26

Butler – waiting to receive a Storm Water Plan from their engineer (Register)

American Rescue Funds – Scott will contact Solicitor

Old Limestone Road – decide who should prepare easement documents – Brandywine Septic will come out to locate the cess pool.

CCATO –a few people have resigned. A new president was elected and a new person will serve as interim director.

AARON KING – would like to purchase a copy of the zoning ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made to adjourn at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary

