

UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
March 8, 2021

Upper Oxford Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at the Township Building, 1185 Limestone Road, Russellville, on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Howard Reyburn
 Scott Rugen
 Charles Fleischmann

 Jane Daggett, Secretary

OTHERS; William Beers Ed Thornton

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

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

MINUTES – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to approve the February 8, 2021 Minutes with the following corrections.

Zoning – correct misspelled word to “timber” (instead of timer)
Digital Divide – change to ORPC (instead of OXREM)

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

EXECUTIVE SESSION – An executive session was held by the Board of Supervisors on February 23, 2021 by teleconference at 1:00 P.M. to discuss litigation matters.

AMISH SCHOOL – Steve Stoltzfus who purchased Harold Bryson property on Saw Mill Road would like to place an Amish school house on 2.23 acres. Scott will give Mr. Stoltzfus an application for a Conditional Use Hearing and also an application for a Zoning Hearing.

Scott also mentioned that he and his wife will visit the Bryson property to take pictures for the Historic Commission to have on file. Scott will attend the next Historic Commission meeting on May 4th.

2021 AGRICULTURE PRESERVE – The township received a letter from Geoffrey Shellington, Agricultural Preservation Board, regarding interest in participating in the Challenge Grant program.

Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to have Upper Oxford Township participate in preserving the property owned by Luke Allen and also the Harris/Breckbill property as offered by Georrfrey Shellington’s email of February 12, 2021 and making ”Installment Payments” for the Luke Allen Property and a “ Lump Sum Payment” to the Harris/Breckbill property.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

Scott mentioned to the other two Supervisors that Gaye Bergstrom’s application with the County program was not approved as it needs to be modified to cover just tillable lands. Scott also mentioned that during the summer, the County will have an outreach program and send letters to large, unpreserved parcels and inviting the land owners to the outreach program

RESOLUTION #2021-2 – More than 180 days have passed since Douglas and Jessica Engle submitted an Agricultural Security Addition to the Board of Supervisors adding 175.89 acres to the present agricultural security area. Parcels to be added are as follows: #57-5-3, #57-5-1.2, #57-5-8.3, #57-5-27 and #57-5-3.2. Motion was made by Charles Fleischman, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to approve Resolution #2021 – 2 authorizing the Secretary to file the addition at the Recorder of Deeds Office.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

RESOLUTION #2021- 3- April is recognized as “Pennsylvania Safe Digging Month”. Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to approve Resolution #2021 – 3 recognizing April as Pennsylvania Safe Digging Month and supporting the Pennsylvania Underground Utility Line Protection Law.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

RECYCLING TRAILERS – The Township was notified by SECCRA that they will be removing the Recycling Trailers from the Township’s property beginning Friday, March 12, 2021 due to illegal dumping. Scott will contact the Roadmaster to discuss whether we want chains, signage or other barricades in this area.

ACRE COMPLAINT – Our Solicitor is working on a response to the letter we received from the Attorney General’s office regarding this

ZONING – Supervisor Scott Rugen read the Zoning Officer’s report for the month. The John King Zoning Hearing will most likely be scheduled for the end of the month.

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

ENGINEER – Supervisor Scott Rugen read the Engineer’s report for the month.

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 \$49,499.52 from the General Fund.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann - Yea

ROAD WORK – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried authorizing the Secretary to advertise for Road Work to be done in 2021. Bids will be received until 12:00 PM on May 10, 2021 and be opened and awarded on that date at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

DIGITAL DIVIDE – This is moving forward. Charlie just received a summary and will share with the others.

GRIST MILL – design for Storm Water Management – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried authorizing Terrain Services for engineer services for up to 8 hours to bring forward an idea of whether agriculture terracing can solve the issue of water at Grist Mill.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried authorizing Ron Ragan of Ragan Engineering to complete the work needed for our MS4 Permit.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

Scott informed the others that Jake and Karen Webb house is for sale. John Stoltzfus' brother purchased 10 acres from Dr. Martin. Charlie stated that Dave Halliday died and his farm is up for sale. Charlie will pick up the directories from CCATO.

NEWSLETTERS – Articles are due to Blair Fleischmann by May 8th. Suggested items to put in the newsletters are recycling trailers removal and Call 811 Before Digging.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Howard Reyburn, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary