

**UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
MARCH 13, 2023**

Upper Oxford Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at the township building, 1185 Limestone Road, Russellville, on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

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

OTHERS: Chris Hauser Daniel Little and son
 Karen and Bill Hovis

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

AMENDED AGENDA – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to amend the agenda to include DE Storage and requests from Crown Hardwood. This will be placed after Road Work.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann - Yea

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Daniel Little of 465 Catamount Road was present and discussed with the Supervisors his ideas of building a 3-car garage with living quarters. He is in the AR-I Zoning. The Supervisors informed Mr. Little that a garage would be permissible but he would need to check with our zoning officer, William Beers regarding a space for living quarters. The Supervisors informed Mr. Little that Mr. Beers will be attending the meeting later in the evening

MINUTES – Motion was made by Howard Reyburn, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the February 13, 2023 minutes with the following correction. –

“Chester County Manager, Bob Kegel”.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

Motion was made by Howard Reyburn, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the February 27, 2023 Work Session Minutes.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

DE STORAGE – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to accept and grant an extension for the DE Storage Land Development Plan until June 3, 2023 with action to be taken at the May 8, 2023 meeting.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

CHRIS HAUSER – SUBDIVISION PLAN – The Planning Commission signed the plans March 6, 2023 and recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the subdivision plan and add-on. The plans were signed, sealed and notarized. Chris stated that the plans were drawn up as if a conservation plan did not exist however, Chester Conservation District drew up a conservation plan for Chris which he presented tonight.

Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to approve the Chris Hauser subdivision, lot add-on plan, Project No. 2219.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

ROAD WORK – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to authorize the Secretary to advertise for road work and bids to be received, opened and awarded May 8, 2023.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

DE STORAGE – Mr. Peter Schlobach of Crown Hardwood is requesting copies of the land development plan and other pertinent information regarding this plan. Mr. Schlobach is worried about the Storm Water aspect of the development. Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard and carried to authorize Ron Ragan, township engineer, to contact Mr. Schlobach to submit required documents and to individually bill Mr. Schlobach directly for any time Ron spends on this.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

OAHA – The Supervisors received a letter from OAHA informing them of the progress that they have made in trying to purchase a building. Our Historic Commission has agreed to donate \$1,000.00 to OAHA towards the purchase of a building. If they succeed in obtaining a new building, maybe some of our historic records could be stored there.

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

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

ROADS – Supervisor Rugen read the Road Master’s report for the month.

HISTORIC COMMISSION – Blair Fleischmann reported that the Historic Commission is reviewing their present ordinance and working on drafting a new ordinance. Other areas of their concern are also demolition permits. Scott will share some sample demolition permits with Blair. The Spring newsletter will feature articles on Spring Houses. Beulah Baptist Church will celebrate their 200- year anniversary this summer. We will put an article in the newsletters requesting residents to do a survey whether or not they have internet in their area. Scott will look into getting Broad Band in rural areas.

TAX COLLECTOR – Supervisor Rugen read the Tax Collector’s report.

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 \$57,707.64 from the Open Space Fund and \$51,803.14 from the General Fund.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

OLD BUSINESS

Act 537 – Ron Ragan is working on this

Fee Schedule – Bill Beers and Ron Ragan are working on this

Cable TV Contracts – The Solicitor is reviewing these

High Tunnel – Charlie will bring in some sample ordinances

Pen Dot – bike lanes – no discussion

Old Limestone Road – Mr. Gasper has agreed to allow the Township Engineer to do the surveying on his property and did not voice any objections to a storm water pipe. Scott will also talk to the Road Master about painting the speed humps on Old Limestone Road.

Scott gave Harold Bryson’s daughter, Susan, an information packet on Ag Security additions.

Storm Water Ordinances – model ordinance must be done by May – Ron Ragan is working on this.

Turners Pond – We have received word that one of two basins proposed will get funding.

ORPC – will start reviewing the Regional Comprehensive Plan. The next meeting will be attended by the police and fire chiefs to discuss the radio problems. Bot Hotchkiss was contacted regarding the radio problems and will address this at the next ORPC meeting and also give an update on the hospital.

Union Ambulance Report for 2020/21– continues to lose money

Chris Hauser questioned the Supervisors on whether or not his neighbor is allowed to have a business selling wood panel doors. Chris stated that tri axles trucks are coming down the road constantly. The Supervisors informed Chris that they will instruct the Zoning Officer to check it out.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary