

UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
APRIL 9, 2018

Upper Oxford Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at the township building, 1185 Limestone Road, Russellville, PA on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Howard S. Reyburn
 Scott A. Rugen
 Charles Fleischmann

Jane Daggett, Secretary

OTHERS: Mike and Judy DeGeiso Denise Rugen
 Susan Hancock Ed Jefferis
 Patrick and Megan Woodward Jack Paddock
 William Beers

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – At this time, Mr. Paddock of Spotts Way, voiced his concerns over how the trimming of his trees along Spotts Way was done. Mr. Paddock stated that he feels the trees were not trimmed properly and the stumps are still there. He informed the Board that the Road Crew told him that they would be back to remove the stumps. He would like to know when that will be. Scott informed him that we have been shorthanded but will follow up on this with the Road Master. There were no other comments at this time.

MINUTES – Motion was made by Howard Reyburn, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the March 12, 2018 Minutes with the following amendments:

- Old Limestone Road – The homes and yards are “lower” than the road.
- MS-4 – 2nd Line – should be “Turners Pond” not “Turner Pond”
- MS-4 – 3rd line – would be to identify and then reduce the “sediment” by ten (10%)

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

OLD LIMESTONE ROAD – Megan Woodward questioned if the Engineer has done any research on the deeds or right of way of properties on Old Limestone Road. Megan also wanted to know who would be responsible if someone would get injured from water or ice laying on the roadway. Charlie responded that if a resident makes a public endangered or nuisance to a road, then they would be responsible. Megan stated that they were told not to fix anything and also inquired how many feet were in the right-of-way. Charlie responded 31 feet.

SAMUEL STOLTZFUS – PLANNING MODULE – Ed Jefferis was present representing Samuel Stoltzfus of Catamount Road. Mr. Stoltzfus is erecting another farm dwelling on his property which will be attached to the present dwelling. The Planning Commission, at their April 2, 2018 meeting, voted to recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the Planning Module.

Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to adopt Resolution #2018-2 which is the Samuel S. Stoltzfus Planning Module.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

J. RAY AND MARY ELLEN FREDERICK – Ken Crossan of Crossan and Raimato is requesting a waiver from Section 303.A.1.a from our Storm Water Ordinance which required a Letter of Adequacy from Chester County Conservation District. Chester County Conservation District only reviews plans when more than one acre will be disturbed. The township engineer, Ron Ragan is agreeable to this waiver.

Motion was made by Howard Reyburn, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to waive Section 303.A.1.a from the Storm Water Ordinance for a new residence at 2151 Ewing Road for J. Ray and Mary Ellen Frederick.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

FREDERICK STORM WATER OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to approve and sign the Storm Water Operation and Maintenance Agreement between Upper Oxford Township and J. Ray and Mary Ellen Frederick.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

BRIDGE #21 WATERMARK ROAD – Chester County and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation District #6 has invited the public to an Open House on Monday, April 30, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Oxford Area High School Cafeteria to discuss the proposed bridge replacement project and will have plans on display. The Secretary was instructed to post this on the Township’s website.

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

ROADS – Scott Rugen read the Road Master’s report. Scott informed Mrs. DeGeiso that the light in the parking light that is presently dark has an electric problem and the Road Master will look into it when possible.

HISTORIC COMMISSION – Denise Rugen reported that the Historic Commission is still working on their research atlas, that plans for their “Farm Tour” are coming along and that they will be meeting at Philip Edwards’ farm next week to view where the different stations will be set-up. They also are having a hay wagon to take visitors back to the parking area and will serve light refreshments at the conclusion of the programs. Denise also informed the Board that they are still working on historic plaques. Scott questioned how many people they expect at the tour. Denise stated anywhere from 100 to 200 people. Scott then suggested if the Historic Commission would send a request, we might be willing to have the road crew at the event to direct traffic and parking.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$138,000.00 from the State Fund and the amount of \$35,480.06 from the General Fund.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann - Yea

WORK SESSIONS – The Board of Supervisors will have hold a Work Session April 23rd to discuss Per Capita listing with the tax collector, Nadine Hook. The Cell Tower Ordinance will also be discussed.

FIRE COMPANY – Scott Rugen stated that he attended a Union Fire Company quarterly meeting. The Fire Company has a new chief and seems more organized. They have plans to purchase a new piece of equipment and will have fund raisers to help with this. Additionally, they have hired their own consultant. Scott also stated that a 170 unit for age restricted adults is being planned near the Wal Mart. The fire company and ambulance has concerns because of the higher rate of calls this type of development will incur. Lower Oxford Township is in negotiations with the builder. Oxford Borough Manager brought up that he believes that Oxford Borough is being short changed because they have tax exempt properties. Supervisor Joel Brown from LOT stated that it is based on the total assessment and not exempt properties.

CELL TOWER – Supervisor Fleischmann has been in touch with the attorney representing Eco Site. The contract that was presented was not aware that the one party is a municipality. The attorney will look into this. Charlie also informed the Planning Commission to send all their comments regarding the Cell Tower Ordinance to him.

RECYCLING – Charlie attended a meeting regarding information on waste management by the 2025 Gold Team. Paper waste seems to be one of the largest issues. SECCRA stated that they have about 20 years of life capacity left in the landfill. They are looking at alternatives.

LANDSCAPES – Charlie invited the residents to go on Chester County’s website and look at Landscapes III. Comments are due in the near future.

WILLIAM BEERS – The Zoning Officer would like permission from the Supervisors to talk to the Solicitor regarding a non-conforming expansion and signage.

BELL BANK BRIDGE – Denise Rugen questioned when Bell Bank will be finished. Charlie stated that he heard two different reports on the finish up date.

OLD LIMESTONE ROAD – Scott will research and respond back to Patrick Woodward regarding permits. Also, after the township engineer sends a report, we will let the homeowners know.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Howard Reyburn, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary