

UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
APRIL 14, 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: Betsy E. Huber
 Scott A. Rugen
 Charles Fleischmann

 Jane Daggett, Secretary
 Frances Reyburn, Historic Commission

OTHERS: Bill and Karen Hovis Ed Thornton
 Mike and Judy DeGeiso Gary Calibey
 Chris Coburn

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

After the Salute to the Flag, Betsy Huber led in prayer.

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

MINUTES – Motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the March 10, 2014 Minutes.

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

AGRICULTURAL SECURITY ADDITION – A Petition was received from Levi and Malinda Glick to add Parcel #57-7-27.1A, which is 6.0 acres; Parcel #57-7-27.1, which is 10.5 acres and Parcel #57-7-26 which is 23.4 acres, a total of 39.9 acres to the present Agricultural Security Areas. No action will be taken at this time and the petition will automatically be approve in 180 days.

AMOS ESH/Land Development Plan – Motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve and accept a 90 day extension for review of this land development plan.

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

Motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to grant a waiver from Section 505 – Impact Studies and grant a waiver from Section 401.B.2B requiring a preliminary and final plan.

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

LEVI GLICK – Property on Draper Lane was discussed. The Planning Commission recommended to the Board of Supervisors that they allow the township engineer, Ragan Engineering to contact the township solicitor, Thomas Oeste for guidance and clarification of the issue regarding the ownership of Draper Lane.

REMO TOTO – was requesting that our engineer, Ragan Engineering do the “sign off” on the NPDES permit. Supervisor Fleischmann suggested that we have some conditions set forth if we allow this. Additionally, Mr. Toto would be responsible for all charges incurred.

Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried to allow the township engineer to perform the NPDES permit “sign-off” for Remo Toto and that Ragan Engineer will bill the township for all engineering fees; to be reimbursed by Remo Toto along with invoices for the Secretary’s time.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

GRIST MILL – Plan of action was discussed by the Board of Supervisors. The Township will do the work which is necessary at Grist Mill and invoice the Homeowners Association for all work performed. If they do not pay, a lien will be placed on their properties. Scott will follow-up with Ricky and instruct Tom Oeste to draft a letter to send to the Homeowners Association.

Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to begin the process of having the Road Master perform the necessary needed work along with the Township’s Engineer and have the township’s solicitor communicate with the Grist Mill Homeowners Association.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

SOMERSET CEMETERY – The Board of Supervisors discussed the clean up of the cemetery. Betsy will inform Ricky of this item.

Motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to instruct the Road Master that branches fallen from trees on the township property should be cleaned up even if they are on neighboring property. We will not clean up branches fallen from trees on neighboring property.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

RAY MAR ROAD – Mary Ann Riess is having a problem with the drainage pipe at the end of her driveway and Ray Mar Road. The Supervisors will look at this during the road inspection and will discuss this next month.

NEUTERING/SPAYING CLINIC – Will be held at the township building, Saturday, April 19, 2014. The cost for feral cats is \$5.00; rescues are \$10.00 and house cats are \$30.00. Along with spaying or neutering the cats will be given a rabies and distemper shot, wormed and given a flea treatment.

GMC DUMP TRUCK – Discussion was held on the best possible way to sell this truck. The Board is hoping to get between \$7,000 to \$12,000 for the truck. Charlie will check into placing ads on the PSATS Bulletin Boards.

VISION EMPLOYEE PLAN – National Vision Administrators through Trustees Insurance Fund is offering a vision plan for employees and their family. The Supervisors agreed this would be a nice benefit and not too costly to the township. This will be discussed again next month.

MIKE AND JUDY DEGEISO – The Storm Water issue along Williard Lane was discussed. Mike and Judy’s neighbor, Mandy Lorraine hired an attorney and engineer who suggested that a berm be put in place. Mr. DeGeiso did not want to do anything unless the township was aware and ok any changes. The township engineer, Ron Ragan was contacted. The design being proposed will attach to a culvert at the bottom. The Township would need to clean the drains on Williard Lane and then an easement from Mandy Lorraine would be needed. The Secretary was instructed to contact the engineer to establish how many hours he thought would be involved and also his fee and then report back to the DeGeisos.

SIGNAL SERVICE – Inspected the traffic light at Route 10 and Route 896 and Baltimore Pike and Route 896 and had three recommendations. All pertain to Penn Dot. Ricky will be instructed to contact Penn Dot regarding these items.

OXFORD REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – Lower Oxford Township is proposing a change to the Regional Comprehensive Plan to allow Lincoln University to put in a research park as part of the Keystone Opportunity Zone. Their district would need to be changed. The corner property belonging to Upper Oxford is already zoned C-1, Neighborhood Commercial which allows this type of activity. Charlie stressed that we would need to consider the activity of being re-zoned such as more traffic and a hotel in the area. Betsy reported that the other townships are all in favor of this project.

Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to authorize Betsy Huber as Upper Oxford Township’s representative on the Regional Planning Committee to approve the proposed changes to the Regional Comprehensive Plan to promote the KOZ.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

The Board of Supervisors discussed the effect of changing the zoning on Route 1 and Route 896 and Baltimore Pike which will be impacted by traffic. Betsy suggested that the only way we could improve the area or put in a traffic light would be to have a developer come in and have them pay for the improvements. Charlie suggested being pro-active in that area.

RESOLUTION #2014 – 4 ROAD CONTRUCTION – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Betsy Huber and carried to adopt Resolution #2014-4 Road Work to be Performed in 2014 Using Liquid Fuels as amended.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

ROADS – Scott read the road master’s report for the month. Ricky wanted to know what the plan is for Windemere. He would like to take out the island that is in the cul de sac. The Supervisors will look at this when they do their road inspection next week. A complaint was received from the Post Mistress regarding Leaman Road. She would like the Township to put down some more stones. This also will be looked at during road inspection. The Township still has two dirt roads, Widdowson and Webb. The Transportation Legislation has money in funds to either pave or upkeep gravel road if we are interested. Also, the Road Master said that Penn Dot Turn Back programs are getting more active. Would the township be interested in taking Edenton, Homeville or Ewing back from the State. The Supervisors will look into these roads during the inspection.

HISTORIC COMMISSION – Frances Reyburn reported that our application for a State Historical Marker on the One Room School was not accepted but that the Commission will continue on the local level. They met with Dr. Wanda Davis who agreed to purchase a marker for Villa Nova and pay ½ of the cost for the other markers. Another person has volunteered to pay for the marker on Oak Grove. The Supervisors would like to see a sample of what the Historic Commission picked for markers.

CERTIFICATION FOR GLENVILLE ROAD – Motion was made by Betsy Huber seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to designate Ricky Railing as Agent to sign all paperwork for the Glenville Road Bridge Project.

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 \$145,168.77 from the State Fund, the payment of \$41,300.00 from the Open Space Fund and the payment of \$42,349.14 from the General Fund.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

KERWIN KING – A Thank You Note was received from Mr. King regarding the Duck Farm Operation along with an invitation for anyone wishing to visit and see the operation.

SOMERSET CEMETERY – Frances Reyburn questioned when a driveway would be put in at Somerset. Scott informed her that we do not have a Driveway Permit from Penn Dot but that we plan to level the road bank so vehicles can pull into the property.

NEWSLETTER is at the printers being composed. The Secretary expects to have a draft by next week and mailed by April 22, 2014.

POOLE PROPERTY – On Old Limestone Road. This property had a fire and was then demolished. The Tax Collector received overpayment of taxes. The Township will send a refund check to Mr. Poole.

FIRE HYDRANTS – Two new hydrants were installed on Route 896. The Secretary will instruct the township engineer to compile a list of homeowners whose properties will be affected by these hydrants.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to adjourn at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary