UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP MAY 12, 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

Ricky Railing, Road Master

OTHERS: Bill Hovis Chris Coburn

Ed Thornton Mike Taylor

Charles Sacks

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

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

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

ROAD CONTRACT BIDS – The road bids which were duly advertised were opened and read. Bids were received from the following vendors: Compass Quarries d/b/a Independence Construction Materials – stone; Alger Oil, Inc. – heating oil and diesel fuel; Allan A. Myers d/b/a Independence Construction Materials – black top; Martin Paving – seal coat in-place, Asphalt Industries – seal coat in-place; Asphalt Maintenance Solutions LLC – seal coat in-place; Long's Asphalt, Inc. – equipment rental.

Motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to award the following road contract bids:

Compass Quarries d/b/a Independence Construction

Materials Stone

Alger Oil, Inc. Heating Oil and Diesel Fuel

Allan A. Myers d/b/a Independence Construction

Materials Black Top

Martin Paving, Inc.

Seal Coat In-Place
Long's Asphalt, Inc.

Equipment Rental

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

MINUTES – Motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the April 14, 2014 Minutes.

 $Huber-Yea \qquad \qquad Rugen-Yea \qquad \qquad Fleischmann-Yea$

AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA – a Petition was filed with the Board of Supervisors for Thomas and Patricia Alldridge to add Tax Parcel #57-3-23.7 which is 6 acres and Tax Parcel #57-3-23.3C which is 2.2 acres to the present Agricultural Security Area. Since no action was taken and 180 days have passed, this addition is automatically approved.

Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Betsy Huber and carried to approve Resolution #2014 – 6, authorizing the Secretary to file a description of the property with the Recorder of Deeds.

Huber – Yea

Rugen - Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

LEVI GLICK – Motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to accept and grant an extension until October 1, 2014 for the 2-lot subdivisions on Draper Lane, Concord Land Planners Project #1402 which is 5.916 acres and Project #1401 which is 10.5847 acres.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann - Yea

JOSEPH CAPPELLI – PLANNING MODULE – This Planning Module was approved by DEP October 29, 2009. At that time, the use of a denitrification treatment system was required. The revisions to Act 537 removed the requirements and the denitrification treatment plan is no longer required. DEP is requesting an amended module to reflect the current requirements. The Board will check with Ron Ragan regarding this matter and discuss it next month.

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

HISTORIC COMMISSION – Frances reported that the newsletters were mailed out but not in time for the residents to be informed of the spring clean-up days. The next deadline for newsletters will be August 31st. The Somerset Cemetery was discussed along with the clean up of trees on the property, finding the outer perimeters and a resident hanging a braided rug on the cemetery fence. Alvin Stotltzfus inquired when the tree branches will be cleaned up. This job is on the "to do" list. The resident will be contacted regarding hanging the rug on the fence. Frances also reported that she attended a genealogy conference and was given a set of rules for cemeteries. The Supervisors requested a copy of the rules. The Historic Markers for the One-Room School has been ordered. Frances inquired whether the Commission should write up a form for permission from Land Owners where markers will be placed or if the Supervisors will send something. She also inquired if permission was needed from Penn Dot.

ROADS – Ricky Railing read his report for the month. Ricky informed the Supervisors that the ball field is now finished. Ricky stated that West Nottingham would like to borrow our mower to mow their road banks. The Supervisors told Ricky to let them know if he gets behind in mowing our township and they would be able to help out.

EMERGENCY – Charlie saw Chuck Freese who complimented everyone on handling the recent heavy rainstorm problems.

TRASH CONTAINERS – The Secretary has not heard anything from Penn Container on obtaining a price for new dumpster. Ricky will contact Penn Container.

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 \$1,654.50 from the State Fund, \$75,000.00 from the Open Space Fund and \$66,360.83 from the General Fund.

Huber – Yea

Rugen - Yea

Fleischmann-Yea

RAY MAR ROAD – Pipe problem was inspected during the road inspection and the Supervisors agree that it is not a township problem. Scott will send a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Riess, 287 Ray Mar Road informing them of this decision.

VISION PLAN – Was discussed by the Supervisors and all agreed to a Vision Benefit Plan for employees. Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to contract with National Vision Administrators through the PSATS to offer vision benefits to the township employees and families.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann - Yea

CATAMOUNT ROAD – Sam Stoltzfus would like some material to fix the edge of his neighbor's driveway at the road where it is getting broken up from the large trucks coming in his driveway.

LOSS CONTROL OFFICER/H. A. THOMSON – The Secretary met with the loss control officer. Two items in his report need to be address. The mulch under the playground equipment needs to be raked and the fire extinguishers need to be serviced. Ricky will call to have the extinguishers service.

NEWSLETTERS – The cost was about \$100.00 cheaper than previous newsletters but fewer copies were printed.

DEP RECYCLING GRANT - The Township received \$5,474.00 from DEP for the 2012 Recycling Grant.

SEVERE WINTER – Penn Dot will be sending the Township a check in the amount of \$10,846.46 for the severe winter season.

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES – Supervisor Fleischmann stated that the May 5th Planning Commission minutes regarding Remo Toto were incorrect. Minutes should state that "the building size will be limited to 40,000 square feet by definition in that zoning area".

GRIST MILL – Scott will follow up with the township solicitor regarding this matter.

OCTARARO WATERSHED – is seeking support for their annual funding and would like \$200.00 from the Township. This will be discussed at our budget meeting.

PAUL KAVANAGH – Preliminary Subdivision Planning Modules which were approved by the Township has been rejected by DEP.

DEGEISO – Ricky should meet with Ron Ragan regarding this storm water problem.

HOMEVILLE ROAD – was discussed by the Board and was suggested by Representative John Lawrence to get this project on Penn Dot's 12 year plan. Charlie stated that a lot of studies have been done by the Route 896 Task Force and personally, he would not be in favor of straightening the dog leg at Homeville Road and Route 896. Scott would like to investigate but also does not want this section of road straightened. No action was taken on this.

Betsy informed the other Supervisors that the Legislature is considering a bill regulating executive sessions. PSATS is opposing the bill.

MIKE TAYLOR – GLENVILLE ROAD – Discussed with the Supervisors the problems that he has where the new culvert causes his property to wash out. Mr. Taylor said that he was promised rip-rap in 2009 and has still has not received any. Mr. Taylor said that his neighbor, Charles Sacks, who was also present, lost land and trees due to the water problem. The Supervisor informed Mr. Taylor that the bridge design was done by the township engineer and approved by DEP. Charlie agreed to meet with Mr. Taylor in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to adjourn at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett, Secretary