

**UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP  
AUGUST 12, 2013**

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  
Ronald Ragan, Twp. Engineer  
Hazel Duncan, Historic Commission  
Frances Reyburn, Historic Commission

OTHERS:        Dr. Wanda Davis                                 Harold Bryson  
                  Judy and Mike DeGeiso                     John Bradley

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – At this time, public comments were asked for from the public. There were no comments at this time.

MINUTES – Motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the July 8, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes and the July 22, 2013 Work Session Minutes.

Huber – Yea                                 Rugen – Yea                                 Fleischmann – Yea

DR. WANDA DAVIS – At this time, Dr. Wanda Davis gave a presentation to the Supervisors regarding her request to have historic markers placed on the five, one-room school houses. Dr. Davis owns the Villa Nova property and is very involved in historic research. Dr. Davis commended the township’s Historic Commission and the fine work they have done. Dr. Davis stated that the reasons for the township applying for historical marker would be to designate Upper Oxford Township as part of the one-room school movement. It would preserve part of American’s educational history and present examples of adaptive reuse (a process that adapts buildings for new uses while retaining their historic features) Reasons for including Villa Nova are that it is the elementary school of fallen National War Hero, PFC Robert A. Davis, the first Vietnam soldier in Chester County to be fatally wounded. The Ia Drang Valley battle is acknowledged as the battle that changed the war in Vietnam and captured national attention. Dr. Davis would bear the cost for the Villa Nova School marker and would contribute ½ the cost for the other four remaining schools. The marker for Villa Nova School would read:

**“Villa Nova School operated as a one-room school for Upper Oxford Township From 1866 – 1954. The school was part of the movement until one room schools were consolidated as public schools in 1954.\*\*\*Villa Nova is also the elementary School of Vietnam War Hero Robert A. Davis (1940-1965).”**

In order to move forward, the Township Board of Supervisors would need to give their approval and write a letter of support for Historical Markers. Also, needed would be letter a of support from Upper Oxford Township’s Historic Commission, the owner of the one-room school and letters of support from local, state and national political leaders. Dr. Davis would like to move forward with this project and make application.

The Supervisors thanked Dr. Davis for a very thorough presentation and are willing to give their support.

Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Betsy Huber and carried to support Dr. Davis' historical efforts to get Villa Nova School listed as a historical school and write letters of support to get it noticed as a Pennsylvania Historical Marker.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT – Ron Ragan gave a presentation regarding Act 167 Storm Water Management Plan which must be adopted by January 4, 2014. Our old plan is out of date and Ron recommended adopting a new free-standing ordinance. The Township has some options to discuss and Ron suggested having a meeting after he attends the August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting at the County. Ron stated that public hearings and comment periods would need to be available. Ron will have copies by our next meeting to review with the Supervisors. Charlie stated that our zoning is in compliance with the Oxford Region Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan. Ron stated that the model ordinance part would comply and all townships are required to adopt it, and most will use the least stringent. Ron will also contact the solicitor, Tom Oeste regarding this.

WALTER HARRIS – 2 Lot Subdivision – The Planning Commission approved this plan with contingencies on August 5, 2013 and recommended to the Board of Supervisors that they approve waivers that the applicant was seeking.

Motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve waivers from the following sections:

- Section 401.B.2 waiver to review the plan in a one-step preliminary/final process
- Section 501.J.5 not to show setback lines for the residual tract
- Section 501.K.2 not to show soils for the residual tract
- Section 501.K.6 not to show trees with a caliper of six inches or greater
- Section 501.K.7 not to show wetlands for the residual tract
- Section 505 not to do impact studies
- Section 617 not to install concrete monuments at all and only show iron pins at new corners
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Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

2013/14 WINTER TRAFFIC SERVICE AGREEMENT – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Betsy Huber and carried to agree to participate in the 2013/14 Winter Traffic Service Agreement.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

CHESTER WATER AUTHORITY – Hydrants installation on route 896. Betsy informed the other Board members that insurance companies give residents within 1000 feet a lower rating on their premiums. Betsy also stated that the fire chiefs are delighted that we are installing two hydrants. About 45 properties will be affected. Motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to authorize Chester Water Authority to place a fire hydrant on Route 896 at Marie Lane and Route 896 and Grist Mill Road at the installation cost of \$2,700.00 each.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

AMOS ESH ZONING HEARING – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Betsy Huber and carried, not to oppose the request for a variance for the Amos Esh hearing.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

HISTORIC COMMISSION – Frances Reyburn reported that the newsletter articles are due.

ROADS – Scott read Ricky’s report. The Supervisors would like Ricky to get prices on upgrading the baseball field.

PARK COMMITTEE – Would like to advertise their meetings on the front bulletin board. They are waiting for a topo map from Ron Ragan. They will meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month as needed.

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 \$77,892.07 from the State Fund and the amount of \$32,786.21 from the General Fund.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN SIGN – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Betsy Huber and carried to allow the United Way to place a campaign 5’ X 4’ sign at Route 896 and Baltimore Pike in mid September.

COCHRANVILLE FIRE COMPANY – Scott will attend the fire company’s meeting on September 16, 2013 at 7:30 P.M.

HOMEVILLE CEMETERY – requested permission to use the building, Monday, October 21, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. Supervisors gave permission.

OXFORD AREA REGIONAL MULTI MUNICIPAL – would like a donation of \$200.00 to cover the additional expense which the Planning Committee incurred with their legal fees.

Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Betsy Huber and carried to approve the payment of \$200.00 to the Oxford Area Regional Multi Municipal.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

BRIAN CAMPBELL – are using the same agreement that they have with Chester County for ag preserve. He is waiting for us to approve the use of this same agreement for Upper Oxford’s preservation portion.

JOHN BLANK – CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRAM – The Supervisors and Mr. Blank agreed on a lump sum payment for preserving his 13+ acres. We are waiting for a settlement date to be scheduled.

GOODWILL BOXES – The boxes will be delivered in September at which time, Scott will call Planet Aid.

MIKE DEGEISO – Introduced himself and his wife, Judy. They are building a house on Collamer Road.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Betsy Huber and carried unanimously to adjourn at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett  
Secretary

