

**UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
AUGUST 14, 2023**

Upper Oxford Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at the township building, 1185 Limestone Road, Russellville, on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

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

OTHERS: Mark and Sarah Iverson Bill and Karen Hovis
 Michelle Cross Bill Beers
 Anne Rawle Ellie Rawle
 Luke Allen

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Michelle Cross informed the Board that she is working to schedule a 4-H meeting in September and would like to use the township park to hold their monthly meeting the second Tuesday of each month from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. During the winter months, the club will meet inside at the township building if permissible, unless they can find an indoor range which would need to be 30 yards in length for them to shoot their bows. Michelle also reminded the Supervisors that the articles for the fall newsletters are due by the first week in September.

ELLIE RAWLE and ANNE RAWLE – were present and voiced their concerns to the Board of Supervisors regarding the problems that they are having at their farm while the bridge at Watermark Road is being replaced by the County. Ellie said that some of their young horses have been injured, they have had damage to some fencing, the workers have encroached on their private property and have not cleaned up their litter and trash. The Supervisors informed them that since it is a county project, their hands are tied but will forward a letter to the County Commissioners, Representative John Lawrence and Senator Carolyn Comitta.

MINUTES – Motion was made by Howard Reyburn, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the July 10, 2023 Minutes.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

CHESTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT – A report was received from the Conservation District complying information on farms within the township and conducting outreach visits to each farm along with developing and updating conservation plans and manure management plans for the farms.

SIGNAL SERVICE REPORT – we received an annual report from the company that services our traffic lights with some suggestions for updating the flasher cabinets and re-painting road bars. This will be forwarded to the roadmaster to review.

BEN FISHER LETTER OF CREDIT – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to release and terminate the Letter of Credit in the amount of \$74,747.81 based upon recommendation of Ragan Engineering.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

STERLING ACT – allows for UOT to collect from Philadelphia any earned income tax from UOT residents. Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to adopt Resolution #3-2023 amending The Sterling Act. A copy of the resolution will be forwarded to C.C.A.T.O.

AMISH SCHOOL/JOHN STOLTZFUS/ANNIE KING – no installation trenches have been put in place that were required according to the signed O & M Agreement. A draft letter was reviewed by the Supervisors. The township engineer will contact the applicants of record.

ROADS – Supervisor Rugen read the road report.

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

ZONING – Supervisor Rugen read the zoning report. Letters have been sent out to Johnnie Stoltzfus, Street Road and Ben Stoltzfus, Ewing Road regarding the removal of all the signs that they have placed on their property. Bill will meet with Ben Fisher regarding his dog kennels.

HOSPITAL – Christiana Care has pushed the opening of the hospital to the 1st quarter of 2025. They are unable to use the existing emergency room. They will demolish and build a new ER.

HISTORIC COMMISSION – The Planning Commission has been given a copy of the revised historic draft ordinance and will review it at the September meeting. Lincoln University is doing a renovation to the Amos House. Supervisor Rugen is in the process of researching sample demolition permits.

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 \$72,578.35 from the General Fund.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

OLD BUSINESS

Cable TV Contracts – Solicitor is still reviewing

Historic Commission – demolition permits – Scott is researching samples

Zoning – Fee Schedule – will discuss at a work session

Act 537 – Engineer is working on plans to put storm drainage pipes on Old Limestone Road to control water run-off.

MARK IVERSON – questioned if Historic Commission puts restrictions on homes. The Historic Commission just wants to document any historic property before demolition. Sometimes grants can be found to help people preserve a historic property.

SNOW REMOVAL – we will receive an increase this year in the money we received from the state for plowing.

FARM BUREAU – will meet Tuesday, August 22, 2023 to discuss policies.

BUTLER PROPERTY – A conference call was held with our engineer and attorney and their representatives.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary

