

**UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

Upper Oxford Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at the Township Building, 1185 Limestone Road, Russellville, on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Howard Reyburn
 Scott A. Rugen
 Charles Fleischmann

 Jane Daggett, Secretary

OTHERS: Marla Sheerin Bernice Sheerin
 Susan Hancock Chris Housser

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the Chairman, Scott Rugen. After the Salute to the Flag, Howard Reyburn led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – At this time, there were no comments from the audience.

MINUTES – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to approve the August 10, 2020 Minutes.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

BALTIMORE PIKE/MARLA SHEERIN –Residents of 1154 Baltimore Pike, Lincoln University were present to discuss with the Supervisors the problems of their pastures flooding each time we get heavy rains. Marla Sheerin stated that the water is coming from multiple places. They have been in contact with Chester County Conservation District who are drawing up a conservation plan for their property. Scott suggested having an engineer come out to advise improvements. Scott also stated that Baltimore Pike is a state road and is maintained by Penn Dot. Howard and Charlie both stressed contacting Chester County Conservation District again and also contacting Penn Township informing them of the water issue and how they plan to address the problem since they are putting a new development further up on Baltimore Pike. All parties agreed that the amount of rain and water levels are so high that the ground cannot absorb the water. The Supervisors stated that they could write letters of support if needed and asked to be kept informed of any solutions.

WIDDOWSON ROAD - Chris Housser was present to discuss the drainage problems on Widdowson Road. Chris recently purchased 110 Widdowson Road. Presently the road is a gravel road with a steep grade. Each rain, the water runs down the road and washes a large amount of gravel in his pasture. Additionally, the edge of the road has collapsed. Chris suggested to the Supervisors that a shallow swale be created to carry the flow of water and fill the swale with larger stones to withstand the flow and also install a storm drain where the edge of the road has already collapsed. Dirt and Gravel Roads program was discussed along with vacating the road. All agreed that vacating the road would not be feasible as it would make it difficult for the Amish. Chris volunteered to gather calculations and a plan for the Supervisors to review and forward to their Engineer.

AGRICULTURAL SECURITY ADDITION – A Petition was received from Douglas and Jessica Engle to add 175.89 acres on Street Road to the present Agricultural Security District. Tax Parcels are as follows:

#57-5-3	40.3	acres
#57-5-1.2	29.0	acres
#57-5-8.3	86.7	acres
#57-5-27	19.2	acres
#57-5-3.2	.688	acres

The Supervisors did not take any action on this petition but will leave it run its course for 180 days.

HOLDING TANK – 192 Old Limestone Road – the Chester County Health Department (Patty Lynch) would like to issue a permanent holding tank permit for 192 Old Limestone Road. Previously the township adopted a resolution and an agreement for a holding tank which a sample was on hand for the Supervisors’ review.

Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Howard Reyburn to approve the issuance of a permit for property located at 192 Old Limestone Road by Chester County Health Department and the Supervisors will have our Solicitor prepare documents similar to Resolution #2013-2 and to the Memorandum of Sewage Holding Tank Resolution and Agreement for UPI #57-8-25.4 dated April 10, 2013.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

RECYCLING AREA – The township received an email from the head of SECCRA voicing concerns about people dumping trash in our recycling bins. If changes are not made and this continues, the township will end up losing their recycling trailers. Howard will check into the township installing a camera in the area of the bins to catch offenders.

SIGNAL SERVICE – completed their annual inspection. The Supervisors reviewed the report.

WEST NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP – Is requesting a letter of support from Upper Oxford Township to engage a traffic engineer to develop a proposed set of improvements to the SR 272 and SR 3026 intersection to address safety and congestion concerns. Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the draft letter in reference to Christine Road and Baltimore Pike in its entirety with the exception that the first and second sentences in Paragraph 3 be stricken.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

ZONING – Supervisor Rugen read the zoning report for the month.

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

ROADS – The road report was reviewed by the supervisors. A road name sign is need at the end of Edenton Road and Route 10.

HISTORIC COMMISSION -Blair Fleischmann sent an email requesting the Supervisors to discuss the following:

- A. Woodland mapping – we reviewed this previously and all are in agreement with the mapping
- B. Historic Resource Protection – took a position on this last month – recommendations should come from the Historic Commission
- C. Newsletters – deadline is October 1st to submit to Blair

Scott suggested that we see where we are on the Comprehensive Plan. Invite the Historic Commission to attend a work session and ask the Historic Commission to forward some sample ordinances for our Planning Commission to review for implementation. Supervisor Rugen will send an email to the Historic Commission.

CENTER HALL ROAD – Resident, Rachel Mont, a renter of 169 Center Hall Road would like a “no outlet” sign or “children at play” sign at the beginning of Center Hall Road. The Secretary will contact the Road Master regarding this.

PA. HEALTH INSURANCE COOPERATIVE TRUST AND PSATS UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION GROUP TRUST – 2020 Election of Trustees – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to vote for Jack Hines and Tim Horner to serve as Trustees for 2020 on the PA. Health Insurance Cooperation Trust and the PSATS Unemployment Compensation Group Trust.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

UNITED WAY OF CHESTER COUNTY – Permission was given for the United Way of Chester County to place a sign at Baltimore Pike and Route 896. The sign will be there approximately one month.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Motion was made by Howard Reyburn, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$25,467.51 from the Open Space Fund and the amount of \$35,222.80 from the General Fund.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

ROADS – Supervisor Fleischmann received a call regarding tractors on the roads all night long. Charlie will call back and inform the caller that the area is agricultural.

OLD BUSINESS

Team Ag – The township received notification that Maria Forcey of 173 Kimble Road that Team Ag will be submitting an application for a General Permit GP-7 Permit Minor Road Crossing to replace a culvert on her behalf. The Supervisors would like this forwarded to the township engineer for review.

AMERICAN ENGINEERS GROUP – The township receive notification regarding the bridge on Watermark Road over the Muddy Run. The Supervisors would like this forwarded to the township engineer requesting him to review and see that it conforms with the original design.

HOWARD AND JANET ROBINSON – are considering preserving their farm on Catamount Road and attended the Planning Commission meeting on September 8th to receive comments if they would be able to put in a right of way to the back of their property.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made to adjourn at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary