

**UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
NOVEMBER 11, 2019**

Upper Oxford Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at the Township Building, 1185 Limestone Road, Russellville, PA on Monday, November 11, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Howard Reyburn
 Scott Rugen
 Charles Fleischmann

 Jane Daggett, Secretary

OTHERS: Blair Fleischmann Colin Kraucunas

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

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

MINUTES – Motion was made by Howard Reyburn, seconded by Scott Reyburn and carried to approve the October 14, 2019 Minutes.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Abstained

Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the October 28, 2019 Work Session Minutes.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

Motion was made by Howard Reyburn, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the October 29, 2019 Budget Work Session Minutes.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

PROPOSED 2020 BUDGET – Motion was made by Scott Reyburn, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to approve the 2020 Proposed Budget.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

RESIGNATION – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to accept the resignation of Tim Hancock who served as Auditor.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to accept the verbal resignation and written resignation (if found) from Mike DeGeiso who served on the Zoning Hearing Board.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to appoint Tim Hancock to the Zoning Hearing Board to fill out the term of Mike DeGeiso whose term ends December 2020.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

RIPARIAN BUFFER – A clean, 9th draft was presented to the Board of Supervisors. Page 11 was not correct and did not reflect the minutes of the October 28, 2019 Work Session. Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by

Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the 9th draft riparian buffer ordinance with changes in Paragraph F.6.b, on Page 11 and which shall read to be identical to the October 28, 2019 Work Session Minutes of the Riparian Buffer and forward to the township solicitor, Thomas Oeste for review.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

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

HISTORIC COMMISSION – Blair Fleischmann was presented to discuss with the Board of Supervisors their concerns for spending a lot of their time on resources and the atlas. Karen Marshall from the Chester County Historic Commission attended the Historic Commission meeting on November 5th and brought along a map which was incorrect. Hosanna Church was not included. The Township has 259 resources which are 50 years or older. Five (5) of the resources could be considered on the National Register. Blair mentioned that the Commission has nothing on their books at this time so are requesting if their Commission could meet quarterly or as needed instead of monthly. Resident, Michelle Cross attended the meeting and expressed an interest in becoming a member to fill Hazel Duncan’s position if they did not meet monthly. Blair suggested meeting February, May, August and November. The Commission is looking for feedback from the Supervisors. It was discussed that the township has no protection or ordinances in place to save a building from demolition. Supervisor Rugen suggested looking at other township’s historic ordinances before hiring a consultant. Charlie suggested giving incentives so historic buildings are preserved. It was also suggested that they have someone from the County come to the ORPC to speak about preserving historic resources.

Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried to accept the resignation from Hazel Duncan with regrets and many, many thanks for her many years of service on the Historic Commission.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

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

ROADS – Scott Rugen read the Road Master’s report for the 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 \$37,244.16 from the Open Space Fund, \$13,163.74 from the State Fund and \$34,969.17 from the General Fund.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

ACT 537/SEWAGE MODULE – The Board of Supervisors would like the township engineer, Ron Ragan provide them with a punch list of what needs done and if it is in his capacity to do so. We need to get back on track. We will send an email to Ron to give us a list of what needs to be done. Treatment facilities have different requirement for permits.

JUNK YARD – Bill Beers informed the Supervisors that he received a complaint regarding the junk yard on Rattlesnake Run. The neighbor has not yet filed an official complaint however with the Township office.

SPEED LIMIT – a meeting will be held at Representative John Lawrence office on November 25, 2019 to discuss a resident’s complaint about speeding on Route 896 South heading pass Grist Mill Lane. The resident would like a stop sign or traffic light in this area. Supervisor Fleischmann will attend.

ELLEN KOHLER – From the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center and the Brandywine Conservancy have been working with municipalities in the Chesapeake Bay drainage of Chester County on water quality issues. One area of interest that they would like to pursue involves storm water runoff from roads. Ellen stated that there are many programs that support implementation of roadside BMP’s (Dirt and Gravel Road and Low Volume Road Programs). The Township will ask the Road Master his thoughts on this.

The regular meeting was suspended at 8:30 for an Executive Session. Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:40 PM. The regular meeting resumed and then motion was made by Charles Fleischmann and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary