

**UPPEROXFORD TOWNSHIP  
DECEMBER 10, 2012**

The Upper Oxford Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at the township building, 1185 Limestone Road, Russellville, PA on Monday, December 10, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:       Betsy E. Huber  
                  Scott A. Rugen  
                  Charles Fleischmann  
  
                  Jane Daggett, Secretary  
                  Frances Reyburn, Historic Commission

OTHERS:	Gary Calibey	Bill and Karen Hovis
	Yang Lin (CDM Smith)	Denise Rugen
	Sandy Martin (McCormick Taylor-presenter)	Michael Taylor
	Laura Bair (Skilly and Loy)	Eleanor Rawle
	Sidney New (Penn Dot)	Hazel Duncan
	Rep. John Lawrence	Tiffany Parry Pannell
	Grace and John Gilbert	Sylvia J. Reyburn
	Howard Reyburn	Sam Reyburn
	Fran Sharon	Blair Fleischmann
	Nicholas A. Szeredai	Sara and Chris Coburn
	Ann and Bill Rawle	John Cole
	Ed Jefferis	Jeffery Martin
	Ray Martin	Ramy Martin
	Janet and Howard Robinson	Bill Gillespie
	Dee Durham	

After the Salute to the Flag, Betsy E. Huber, led in Prayer.

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

MINUTES – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the November 12, 2012 Minutes.

Huber – Abstained       Rugen – Yea       Fleischmann – Yea

2013 TAX LEVY RATE – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to adopt Resolution #2012-78, Tax Levy Resolution setting the millage at .5 mill for 2013.

Huber – Yea       Rugen – Yea       Fleischmann – Yea

2013 BUDGET – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to adopt the 2013 Budget.

Huber – Yea       Rugen – Yea       Fleischmann – Yea

REMO TOTO ESCROW ACCOUNT – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the Remo Toto Escrow Fund, Release #5 in the amount of \$6,298.65 based upon recommendations of the township engineer, Ragan Engineering, Inc.

Huber – Yea       Rugen – Yea       Fleischmann – Yea

KINGS MILL II SUBDIVISION – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to accept and grant an extension for the Kings Mill II Subdivision until December 21, 2013, condition upon the permitting process being complete for the sewage treatment facility and release of the NPDES permit by that date.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

LINDA PIERCE SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleishmann and carried to approve and sign the On-Lot Sewage Maintenance Agreement, between Linda Pierce and Upper Oxford Township, approved by the township solicitor, Thomas Oeste and the township engineer, Ragan Engineer. *(approval was received from DEP for a standard system)*

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

LINDA PIERCE SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the 2 Lot Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan for Linda Pierce, Project #1178.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

### **COUNTY BRIDGE #21 AT WATERMARK ROAD**

Betsy Huber, Chairman informed the audience of the conduct which we would follow after hearing the presentation regarding the County Bridge #21 at Watermark Road. Betsy then turned the meeting over to Sandy Martin of McCormick Taylor who was representing the County. Ms. Martin reported that the County selected Bridge #21 approximately five years ago; requested funding, which they received and which would advance the project within two years. The bridge was a 10 ton limit and has now been lowered to 8 ton limit. Regular inspections are done every two years and weight restrictions are inspected every year. The inspections revealed cracked welds on the bottom of the beams. The county had the cracks repaired temporarily, but the bridge still needs to be rebuilt or rehab and brought up to Penn Dot standards and specifications. Ms. Martin introduced Yang Liu of CDM Smith Engineering, who is the project manager for the design team. The bridge was built in 1915 and the span is approximately 52 feet and classified as a one lane bridge. Based on their study there was two options. 1. To rehab the existing bridge and bring it up to Penn Dot standards because of the Federal and State Funding; or 2. Replace the bridge. The span would stay the same; curb to curb width will be 17 ft. if replaced, 15 ft. if rehabbed, and will be one lane due to minimum traffic. The County Commissioners have approved the one lane. Penn Dot will need to give approval also. A detour route would be 3.4 miles. Construction would be one (1) construction season which is 8 to 10 months. The new bridge would not have any weight restrictions and they expect no ROW to be taken. Currently they have a 33 ft. ROW on Watermark Road. Laurie Bair stated that the wetlands had been delineated and no bog turtle habitat was found. Due to the costs maintaining a “rehab” bridge, the Engineer favors a full replacement. Questions and comments from the public are as follows:

Where are the engineering studies?

**Studies could be found at County offices.**

Cost of replacement bridge?

**Costs would include actual construction; concrete abutment, footer design, beams set on concrete, take out old bridge, put in concrete footers, beams**

Who makes the final decision

**County Commissioners**

Any additional costs to township?

**80% paid by Federal, 15% State, 5% County**

How much of tax payers money has been spent so far?

**Less than \$100,000.00 on studies and designs**

Time frame?

**Contractors commits to a time frame, if schedule is not met, then they are fined.**

Concerns about 2 lanes to 1 lane and cost of 1 lane compared to 2 lanes.

**County made concession for 1 lane due to low volume, good sight distance, less cost than for 2 lanes**

Width of one lane and 2 lanes

**18 ft. current, 2 lanes would be 24 feet for new bridge, rehab bridge would be smaller.**

Estimate time to start?

**No date yet, more studies need to be done.**

What arrangements are made to control dirt and mud from washing?

**Required to work with DEP and CCCD – silt implementation program, will need permits**

Who is liable if someone gets hurt on surrounding properties.

**County owns the bridge, would abide by township and county laws**

What to do with a petition with 300 signatures to save the bridge

**Sandy will give it to County Commissioners**

Historic value

**Historic survey has not yet been done.**

Considered using existing stone

**Cost prohibited – will try to match with quarry stone**

If damages were already incurred

**Contact County Solicitor – Tom Whitman**

Have soil testing been done

**Not yet, the process and procedure was explained**

How are the existing footers removed

**Excavations – coffer dams would be built**

Lowered weight limit was a hardship on farmers

**Township was notified – overloads are reason for stress cracking. Will stay opened until it gets to 3 tons. The Township received a special permit to cross the bridge. County is concerned about getting ambulances across. Fire trucks cannot cross as of the new weight restriction.**

Sandy Martin closed with saying that she would like to collect the information sheets they handed out or they could be mailed directly to her. The township will put an electronic form on their website.

AGRICULTURAL SECURITY ADDITION – The Township received a petition to add 9.9 acres, Parcel #57-5-9.1 owned by Brian Campbell, Greenpoint Farm, to the present Agricultural Security Area. The Township will take no action at this time.

SOMERSET CEMETERY – Frances Reyburn received a call regarding the sign on the cemetery. It was also discovered that the township has not been mowing the property, but has been mowed by a neighbor. The township and the historic commission will research this further, regarding the boundaries, signs, and headstones on the property.

EMERGENCY – Charles Fleischmann brought up a proposal for a Repeater for our radio systems. After some discussion, Charlie will check with the County Emergency Management.

ZONING – Betsy Huber read the Zoning Officer's report for the month.

ROADS – Betsy Huber read the Road Master's report for the month. The road master will be trimming trees back on Muddy Run Road and University Road.

HISTORIC COMMISSION – Frances Reyburn reminded the Supervisors to get their articles ready for the next newsletter. Difficulties in the mailing of the present newsletters were discussed.

EMERGENCY COORDINATOR – Oxford Area Emergency meets again in January.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$100,005.64 from the Open Space Fund and \$47,386.72 from the General Fund.

OXFORD AREA REGIONAL – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to sign the Intergovernmental Cooperation Implementation Agreement with the Oxford Area Region.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to adjourn at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett  
Secretary