

UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
December 10, 2018

Upper Oxford Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at the township building, 1185 Limestone Road, Russellville, PA on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Howard Reyburn
 Scott A. Rugen
 Charles Fleischmann

 Jane Daggett, Secretary

OTHERS: Denise Rugen Frances Reyburn
 Bill Hovis Christine Anderson
 George Goglia

After the Salute to the flag, Howard Reyburn led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Resident, George Goglia was present to question the Supervisors on our Burning Ordinance and share his concerns about a neighbor located at Route 10 and Route 896 who constantly burns unacceptable materials. Mr. Goglia contacted the Zoning Officer and the State Police previously and the burning was stopped but has now started again. Mr. Goglia is concerned about the safety and health issues this causes. The Supervisors will inform the Zoning Officer. Mr. Goglia reported that he also caught someone illegally dumping at the recycling center, obtained their license number and reported them to PA State Police. Supervisor Rugen thanked Mr. Goglia and stated sometimes it takes “citizens involvement”. Frances Reyburn questioned if we could regulate hours for burning. If burning illegally, the Zoning Officer would have to catch them in the act.

CELL TOWER – Mr. Hovis questioned the status of the cell tower. Supervisor Rugen stated that the agreement for the cell tower is still in discussion.

MINUTES – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to approve the November 12, 2018 Minutes.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

2019 BUDGET – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to adopt the 2019 Budget.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

Supervisor Rugen informed the audience that there is no tax increase for 2019, the Township will purchase a Ford F550 Dump Truck and will once again participate in the Agricultural Preservation Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018 – 7 – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to adopt Resolution #2018-7 which is the Tax Levy Resolution

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

The millage will remain unchanged from last year which is “1/2 mill” or “.0005 cents”.

RICHARD HARTSHORNE ZONING HEARING – Mr. Hartshorne is requesting a variance from the Section 1104.2.A.3 – Steep Slopes. Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen to have the Township Solicitor support the Zoning Ordinance as it stands

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

HARTSHORNE STORM WATER PLAN – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried granting permission to allow the Township Enigneer, Ronald Ragan to review the Storm Water Plan of Richard Hartshorne before the Zoning Hearing is held.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF DELAWARE – Motion was made by Howard Reyburn, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to accept a request for an extension for the Islamic Society of Delaware until March 15, 2019.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

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

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

ROADS – Supervisor Rugen read the Road Master’s report for the month.

HISTORIC COMMISSION – Denise Rugen reported that two old books were given to the Historic Commission. Gerald is going to see if he can find out where they originated from. Newsletter articles are due March 1st. The Commission is still working on the Historic Resources. Next month they will have an election of officers

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Charles Fleischmann recused himself from the payment of bills. Motion was made by Howard Reyburn, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$46,398.84 from the General Fund.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – abstained

UNION FIRE COMPANY #1, FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT – These contracts are based on millage which had a small increase this year. The real estate valuation is \$135,230,659, and mills are .000325.

Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to approve and sign the 2019 Fire Protection Contract with Union Fire Company #1 in the amount of \$21,974.98.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

COCHRANVILLE FIRE COMPANY FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve and sign the 2019 Fire Protection Contract with Cochranville Fire Company in the amount of \$21,974.98.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

UNION FIRE COMPANY AMBULANCE DIVISION, 2019 CONTRACT – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to approve and sign the 2019 contract with Union Fire Company Ambulance Division in the amount of \$13,508.00.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

PIRMA – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to vote for Kimberly Moretti and Nevin Scholl to serve on the Board of Directors for the term of five years.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER – Karl Herr, Chairman of the Upper Oxford Township Planning Commission has accepted the resignation of member, Samuel Reyburn. Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to appoint Colin Kraucunas as a member of the Planning Commission to serve out the term vacated by Sam Reyburn.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

EXECUTIVE SESSION – The Board of Supervisors along with their Solicitor, held an executive session on December 7, 2018. Items discussed were as follows:

Potential litigation issue

Cell Tower Agreement

Act 319 – Rollback provision on landowner who is interested in selling development rights.

KASIE’S CAUSE – a drug awareness organization would like to use the building January 9, 2019. Scott will open the building up that evening.

OXFORD AREA REGIONAL PLANNING – is working on a Storm Water Management plan and working with area farmers and residents.

CCATO – is drafting a sample ordinance to regulate the placement of small distributive cellular phone antennas on utility poles.

ROUTE 1 CORRIDOR TASK FORCE – published a recent map which does not include Penn Township but includes Londonderry. The map is not in compliance with what the Task Force set out to do and Supervisor Fleischmann said that he contacted the CCPC for an explanation.

FRANCES REYBURN – asked the Supervisors the procedures of voting on bills to be paid if Blair Fleischmann, Denise Rugen and Frances all submitted invoices to be reimbursed. Charlie explained that 3 separate motions would be needed.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary