

**UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
MARCH 10, 2014**

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

PRESENT: Betsy E. Huber
 Scott A. Rugen
 Charles Fleischmann

 Jane Daggett, Secretary
 Frances Reyburn, Historic Commission

OTHERS: Bill Hovis Bailey Newsom
 Christian Fisher Harold Bryson

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Scott Rugen.

After the Salute to the Flag, Scott Rugen led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Bailey Newsom, volunteer with the University of Pennsylvania was present to inform the Supervisors of his group which holds clinics to spay feral cats, colonies of cats, barn cats and even some house cats. The cost for feral cats is \$5.00, rescues are \$10.00 and house cats are \$30.00. His group tries to hold one clinic per month. They provide the spay/neuter, rabies, distemper, flea treatments and worming. They bring all the equipment and prefer having the clinics on Saturdays. Charlie showed Mr. Newsom our garage area to see if it would be suitable to hold a clinic. Mr. Newsom thought it would work out OK and will talk to his group regarding our facilities. Something will be placed in the newsletter regarding the clinics.

MINUTES – Motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the February 10, 2014 Minutes with the following correction:

Public Comments – “during” was misspelled.

Huber – Yea Rugen – Abstained Fleischmann – Yea

KERWIN KING ESCROW ACCOUNT – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried to approve the amount of \$12,600.65 from the Kerwin King Escrow Account based upon recommendation of Ragan Engineering, Inc. as identified.

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

B. K. CAMPBELL AGREEMENT – Motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the agreement between Upper Oxford Township and Brian Campbell to purchase the development rights on the property situate at Pusey Mill Road, formerly the Kings Mill development and to pay the amount of \$41,300.00 from the Open Space Fund which money has been set aside.

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

AMOS ESH – Motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to adopt Resolution #2014 – 4, which is the Amos Esh Planning Module.

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

AMISH SCHOOL – Christian Fisher, applicant, came before the Board of Supervisors at a Conditional Use Hearing held on February 24, 2014 and requested that he be allowed to erect a Farm School on his property at 301 Pusey Mill Road. Mr. Fisher was granted application subject to conditions:

- The land area devoted to the Farm School use shall not exceed one (1) acre and shall be located as shown on the plan.
- The Farm School building shall be a single story, approximately 32’ x 44’, including a covered porch.
- The property shall be actively involved in agriculture as defined in the Zoning Ordinance for so long as the Farm School is operated.
- The Farm School shall be non-profit.
- The number of pupils attending the School shall not exceed 30 limited to grades 1 through 8.
- The Farm School shall be limited to a day school; no boarding of pupils shall be permitted.
- If the Property may be legally subdivided and the Applicant or a future owner wishes to subdivide the Farm School land area, the parcel where the Farm School land area is located shall have a minimum lot area of one acre and a maximum lot area of three acres and the subdivision shall comply with the Township’s Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

Motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve and sign the Decision and Order of the Conditional Use Application of Christian K. Fisher.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Abstained

Fleischmann – Yea

NEW PARK AREA – The Supervisors discussed the sketch drawing provided by Ragan Engineering for the proposed 50 foot riparian buffer BMP around the existing wetlands at the park property. Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Betsy Huber and carried to instruct Ron Ragan of Ragan Engineering to move forward with this project.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

SIGNAL SERVICE TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTRACT – Motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve and sign the contract with Signal Service in the amount of \$300.00/year.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

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

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

HISTORIC COMMISSION – Frances Reyburn informed the Supervisors that our application for Historic Markers on the Davis property was not approved. Ms Davis however, said that she would still be willing to pay for a marker on that property and half of the cost for the other markers on the school houses if the Township wanted to pursue this on the local level. If signs are going to be placed, the township should receive approval from the homeowners. Somerset Cemetery was discussed. The Historic Commission received estimates from companies to find the burial sites. Additionally, Frances informed the Supervisors that their new member, Gerald Rohrer will research this.

EMERGENCY – The State of Emergency for the snow storms has expired. The County did not qualify for reimbursements from the government.

ROAD CONTRACT BIDS – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Betsy Huber and carried to allow the Secretary to advertise for Road Bids to be opened and awarded at the May 12th meeting.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$42,000.07 from the General Fund.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

COCHRANVILLE FIRE COMPANY – Will hold their annual Awards Banquet, Saturday, March 22, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. at the Red Clay Room, Kennett Square. Charlie will attend.

I Drive Safety – Drivers Education – would like a link on our website. The Supervisors are not interested in this as it is a company based in California.

VISION PROGRAM – The Township is considering a Vision Program to be added to the insurance. Scott will contact Jeff Penn at PSATS.

WINTER PLOWING – The Supervisor will consider increasing part-time, plow operators pay. Additionally, the Supervisors will hold a road inspection this year.

NEWS ARTICLES – The news articles are due April 1st and should be sent to the Secretary.

SPRING CLEAN UP DAYS – Will be held May 2 and 3 if agreeable with the Road Crew.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen to adjourn at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary