

UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
OCTOBER 13, 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: Ed Thornton Karl Herr
Ed Jefferis

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

After the Salute to the Flag, Betsy Huber led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Ed Thornton mentioned that the Veterans breakfast will be held at the Oxford Area High School on November 8, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. The association hopes to place the name of every veteran who attended Oxford Area High School on a plaque.

MINUTES – Motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried to approve the September 8, 2014 Regular Minutes and the September 22, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes with the following correction: Historic Commission – “The Commission received a proposal from Wise Preservation Planning LLC to do a Determination of Eligibility for the National Register for Russellville and Homeville”.

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen, to approve the September 24, 2014, Special Hearing Minutes and the September 24, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes which was held at Lower Oxford Township.

Huber – Abstained Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

LEVI GLICK SUBDIVISION/ADD ON PLAN – This property is known as 165 Draper Lane, Tax Parcel #57-7-27.1 and was presented by Ed Jefferis of Concord Land Planners. This plan will have 1.4641 acres accessing Draper Lane and the remaining 8.9383 acres to be joined to Parcel #57-7-26. The Applicant is requesting three waivers and approval of this add-on plan.

Motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to grant waivers from the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance regarding the following:

- Section 501.KI.1.b – Contours should be shown on the plans
- Section 501.K.2 – Soils types should be shown on the plans
- Section 617 – Conformance with the requirements for monuments and lot pins on the plans

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

Motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the Final Add-On Plan of Levi Z. and Malinda F. Glick, Project #1401.

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

AGRICULTURAL SECURITY ADDITION – Petition was presented by Levi Z. and Malinda F. Glick to add Parcel #57-7-27.1A, Parcel #57-7-27.1 and Parcel #57-7-26, a total of 39 acres to the present Agricultural Security Area. Since 180 days have passed this addition is automatically approved. Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Betsy Huber and carried adopting Resolution #2014-15 authorizing the Secretary to file a description of the addition with the Recorder of Deeds Office.

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

COCHRANVILLE FIRE COMPANY 2015 CONTRACT – The Supervisors agreed to keep the millage as in previous years which is .000275 mills but have decided to give a donation to the fire company. Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the Cochranville Fire Company 2015 Contract in the amount of \$18,351.92. *

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

UNION FIRE COMPANY 2015 CONTRACT – Motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried to approve the Union Fire Company 2015 Contract with the millage set at .000275 and the contract amount of \$18,351.92. *

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann - Yea

*- As in previous years, the Township will contribute more than required.

SCOOT – Is seeking a donation. Will be discussed at the budget meeting.

SPCA CONTRACT – Will be discussed at the budget meeting.

GRIST MILL ESTATE – Ricky Railing forwarded an estimate to the Supervisors regarding estimated costs regarding the Grist Mill Association storm water maintenance. No action will be taken until the township hears from the Homeowners Association.

HISTORIC MARKERS – The Township received a contract from Wanda Davis attorney regarding the placement of Historic Markers. Since her attorney and the township’s attorney work at the same firm, Ms. Davis has waived the conflict. Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Betsy Huber and carried to waive the conflict of interest between the township solicitor and Ms. Davis’ solicitor.

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischman – Yea

Motion was made by Betsy Huber, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried to approve and sign the Declaration of Restrictive Covenant for Historic Marker. This Declaration was also signed by Wanda Davis and will be recorded along with the deed to the property.

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann

ROADS – Scott Rugen read the road report for the month. Ricky will be instructed to get estimate figures for the Windemere project.

ZONING – Scott Rugen read the zoning report for the month. Charlie called the owner of the property which seemed abandoned on Street Road. The resident has promised to clean up the property.

HISTORIC – Frances reported that the One Room School Marker is here and dedication will be held in November. Frances also reminded the Supervisors to start working on the articles for the next newsletter.

EMERGENCY – Charlie reported that Chuck Freese, Emergency Coordinator is looking for copies of the minutes where we agreed to host the antenna.

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 \$48,292.53 from the General Fund.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

RECYCLING BINS – relocation of the recycling bins was discussed by the Supervisors.

DRIVEWAYS/PAVING – Our ordinance required driveways to be paved within the right of way of the street, which is 25 feet from the center of Catamount Road.

ORDINANCES – Charlie suggested having the Planning Commission start reviewing our ordinances. One such ordinance would support and encourage walking and biking lanes and sidewalks. The ordinances should be reviewed and ordinances should refer back to items in the Comprehensive Plan to prevent challenging. Budgetary issues will be considered and the expertise of the township engineer to bring these ordinances into compliances.

NEWSPAPERS – Charlie also questioned the policy of advertisement in the newspapers and the wording for Special Meeting.

BUDGET MEETING – Scheduled for October 21, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.

FALL CLEAN UP DAYS – Scheduled for Friday, October 24th and Saturday, October 25th.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary

