

**UPPER BURRELL TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY MEETING  
3735 SEVENTH STREET  
NEW KENSINGTON, PA 15068  
NOVEMBER 1, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ross G. Walker, III with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m. Present at this meeting were Supervisors Peter F. Dombroski and Thomas C. Baker, Engineer David Kerchner, Solicitor Stephen Yakopec, Jr. and Manager Amy Rockwell.

Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the October 4, 2010 meeting. Mr. Dombroski second. All in favor.

Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the October 25, 2010 budget meeting. Mr. Baker second. All in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Hoffman Kennels** sent their Professional Service Contact for 2011. Fees will be \$160.00 per month and \$55.00 per call. Mr. Walker made a motion to execute the service contract. Mr. Dombroski second. All in favor.

**ROAD REPORT:** Mr. Dombroski reported that working hours in October were spent scraping and undercoating trucks; mowing; replacing signs with the latest reflectivity requirements.

**POLICE REPORT:** Chief Kruse reported on Police Department activity for the month of October. Emergency Management Coordinator David Madeja reported that last month he participated in training regarding setting up shelters and warming/cooling centers.

**ENGINEERS REPORT:** Mr. Kerchner stated that he anticipates a grant announcement for the sewer project, which encompasses Route 366 and Myers Drive, on November 16, 2010.

**SOLICITORS REPORT:** Solicitor Yakopec apologized to the Board of Supervisors and the residents that he does not have a finished draft to present tonight due to unforeseen circumstances.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Walker made a motion to advertise for a CPA firm to replace the elected auditors to audit the Township's finances for year end 2010. Mr. Baker second. All in favor.

Mr. Walker made a motion to adopt the proposed Township budget for 2011 and post for twenty days. Mr. Dombroski second. All in favor.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>
General Fund	\$488,484.84	\$71,714.95	\$84,941.24	\$475,258.55
Capital Reserve	46,430.56	0.00	0.00	46,430.56
Fire Hydrant	3,351.43	9.35	2870.00	790.78
State Aid	102,407.70	0.00	0.00	102,407.70

Mr. Baker made a motion to accept the October Financial Report and pay all bills. Mr. Dombroski second. All in favor.

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**OPEN TO THE FLOOR**

**Leon Yurkin, 3603 Baxter Drive**, asked the Board to explain the dollar amount that is donated to the Upper Burrell Volunteer Fire Department and if the budget will be adopted tonight. Mr. Yurkin also asked if the fire department could be trained to fight a well fire.

**Ron Slabe, 516 Angelcrest Drive**, asked the Board if they had considered setting aside any type of emergency funds in light of the Marcellus Shale drilling planned for the area. Mr. Slabe also asked if we could adopt the proposed drilling ordinance tonight.

**Mary Jane Zdila, 7162 Guyer Road**, told the Board she saw where if you lease to the gas companies the lease becomes part of the estate.

**Richard Troiano, 7200 Guyer Road**, updated the Board on the sensitivity analysis that he is developing on behalf of the Township. Mr. Troiano also reported that he did a study on land values in the Barnett Shale Region and that the land values teeter when the houses are within 2,500 feet from the gas well. Mr. Troiano submitted photographs of the well under construction at the Pittsburgh Mills Mall.

**Gretchen Beverage, 430 Chapeldale**, reported that she found a company that does water testing and has a special fee schedule for testing in areas with gas drilling activity.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Walker made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dombroski second. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:58.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amy S. Rockwell, Township Manager