

**UPPER BURRELL TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
3735 SEVENTH STREET
NEW KENSINGTON, PA 15068
OCTOBER 4, 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 September 7, 2010 meeting. Mr. Dombroski second. All in favor.

Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the September 27, 2010 budget meeting. Mr. Baker second. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Washington Township Supervisors sent a letter requesting to name the private lane that extends from Turkey Ridge Road, originating in Upper Burrell Township. The name requested is Country Hollow Road. Mr. Walker made a motion to recognize Country Hollow Lane as a private drive, and Upper Burrell Township accepts no responsibility for maintenance of this private lane. The residents of the private lane will pay for the costs associated with the sign. Mr. Dombroski second. All in favor.

Elsie and Bill Deem sent a card thanking to Board of Supervisors for honoring their son, Captain Kyle Deem, last month with a Resolution and proclaiming Kyle Deem Day in his honor.

David Madeja, Upper Burrell Township Emergency Management Coordinator, submitted an Emergency Operations Plan for review by the Board of Supervisors.

ROAD REPORT: Mr. Dombroski reported that working hours in September were spent patching roads, mowing, culvert repair and equipment maintenance.

POLICE REPORT: Patrolman Speer reported on police activity for the month of September. Patrolman Speer also advised residents to be alert for phone scams which are prevalent in other communities.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Mr. Kerchner had no report.

SOLICITORS REPORT: Solicitor Yakopec stated that he continues to work on the drilling ordinance revisions. He stated that he is incorporating some of the suggestions presented to the Board by the residents. Manager Rockwell asked Mr. Yakopec to review the Municipality of Murrysville's ordinance, specifically their section regarding roads.

OLD BUSINESS

The October 11, 2010 Budget Meeting will be cancelled. The final budget workshop will be held on October 25, 2010.

The Halloween party at the Township Building will be now held on Saturday, October 30, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Walker made a motion to permit David Madeja, EMC, use of the Township Meeting Room on Wednesday, October 13, 2010 for a training session. Mr. Baker second. All in favor.

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Mr. Walker made a motion to hold the Senior Citizens Christmas Party on Saturday, December 11, 2010 and to donate \$1,900.00. Mr. Dombroski second. All in favor.

Mr. Walker made a motion to make the annual donation to Peoples Library of \$1,000.00. Mr. Baker second. All in favor.

Mr. Walker made a motion to make the annual donation to the Alle-Kiski Senior Citizens Center of \$300.00. Mr. Dombroski second. All in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	ENDING BALANCE
General Fund	\$505,814.74	\$43,564.89	\$60,894.79	\$488,484.84
Capital Reserve	46,428.63	1.93	0.00	46,430.56
Fire Hydrant	3,590.67	60.76	0.00	3,651.43
State Aid	100,290.09	4,022.75	1,905.14	102,407.70

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

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Ron Slabe, 516 Angelcrest Drive, submitted a list of items which he feels are essential and should be incorporated in the Township drilling ordinance. Mr. Slabe also presented some additional Marcellus Shale information to the Board. Mr. Slabe further commented that if the Legislature was doing its job, we would not have to be addressing these issues at a local level. Mr. Slabe stated to the Board that he feels we need to address the drilling at the Beaver Run Reservoir by passing a resolution stating that we do not support their decision to drill there.

Deb Borowiec, 6929 Baxter Drive, asked the Solicitor what happens if the gas companies do not like our ordinances.

Gretchen Beveridge, 430 Chapeldale Drive, asked the Board if there is a schedule of fees attached to this new ordinance.

Richard Trioano, 7200 Guyer Road, asked the Board if they would permit him to perform a sensitivity analysis to see what effects that drilling will have on property values.

Allen Uhler, 2213 Turkey Ridge Road, reported to the Board that he feels there was an issue at the Planning Commission meeting that they needed to be made aware of.

Todd Campbell, 6021 Schafer Drive, responded to the Board on the allegations made by Mr. Uhler, stating that certain allegations were being made toward Planning Commission members. Mr. Campbell also told the Board that the Board meetings and the Planning Commission meetings are starting to lack any civility. There is an order to the meetings and our hands are tied by the State as to what the Township is able to address when it comes to drilling.

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ChrisAnn Uhler, 2213 Turkey Ridge Road, stated she was not at the Planning Commission meeting but she feels we all need to work together with respect.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Walker made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dombroski second. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:49.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy S. Rockwell, Township Manager