

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency sent a notice that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved our Project Worksheet for the February 2010 Snowstorm. The Township will be reimbursed \$16,119.23.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania sent the compliance audit report of the Upper Burrell Township Volunteer Firefighter's Relief Association for the period of January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008.

ROAD REPORT: Mr. Dombroski reported working hours in August were spent patching, mowing, and repairing township trucks and police department vehicles.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Ed Kruse reported on police activity for the month of August.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Mr. Kerchner reported that Bankson Engineers is updating the posted weight limits and will present an engineering study to update the posted weights.

SOLICITORS REPORT: Solicitor Yakopec reported that he is continuing to update the proposed ordinance regarding Marcellus shale drilling.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Walker made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5 of 2010, proclaiming September 8, 2010 as Captain Kyle Deem Day. Mr. Baker second. All in favor.

Mr. Walker made a motion to appoint David Knox to the Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals. Mr. Dombroski second. All in favor.

Mr. Walker made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to advertise for budget meetings to formulate the year 2011 Township budget. The meetings are to be held on September 27, October 11 and October 25 starting at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Baker second. All in favor.

Mr. Walker made a motion to participate in the Buckle Up Pa Project sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Mr. Dombroski second. All in favor.

Mr. Walker made a motion to pass Resolution No. 6 of 2010 establishing our intent to adopt Ordinance No. 3 of 2010, establishing zoning regulations applicable to gas and oil well drilling. Mr. Baker second. All in favor.

Mr. Walker made a motion to authorize the Township Solicitor to write an Ordinance establishing a Fire Escrow. Mr. Dombroski second. All in favor.

Mr. Walker made a motion to support a one year moratorium on Marcellus Drilling. Mr. Dombroski second. Mr. Baker abstained. Motion passed 2-0.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	ENDING BALANCE
General Fund	\$543,380.11	\$10,159.99	\$47,725.36	\$505,814.74
Capital Reserve	46,426.59	2.04	0.00	46,428.63
Fire Hydrant	3,590.67	0.00	0.00	3,590.67
State Aid	102,082.75	4.44	1,797.10	100,290.09

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

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Leon Yurkin, 3603 Baxter Drive, asked the Board if it was possible to change zoning at a later date. Mr. Yurkin also asked about the proposed ordinance concerning Marcellus Shale drilling in the Township.

Gretchen Beveridge, 430 Chapeldale Drive, provided the Board with a sample ordinance which she had prepared.

Ron Slabe, 516 Angelcrest Drive, stated the Township can restrict the gas companies from drilling in certain areas through zoning. Mr. Slabe also had a question about the moratorium on drilling that was discussed last month.

Debbie Borowiec, 3629 Baxter Drive, asked Supervisor Baker to explain why he is pro-drilling.

Ron Slabe, 516 Angelcrest Drive, stated his concerns about the drilling in the Beaver Run Reservoir property located in Washington Township and asked if this can be addressed by the Board.

Mary Jane Zdila, 7162 Guyer Road, supported Mr. Slabe's assertion that we should be concerned with what the neighboring communities are doing.

George Banyas, 361 Hunter Hill Road, asked for a definition of a Fire Escrow Ordinance. Mr. Banyas also questioned how much money the Township will be giving the fire department this year.

Sherri Giles, 757 Merwin Road, thanked the Board for the step they took in voting to support a moratorium. Ms. Giles also asked for a summary of the proposed ordinance and the steps necessary to adopt it.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Walker made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dombroski second. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy S. Rockwell, Township Manager