

**UPPER BURRELL TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
3735 SEVENTH STREET
NEW KENSINGTON, PA 15068
AUGUST 2, 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 July 2010 meeting minutes. Mr. Dombroski second. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Westmoreland County Industrial Park Authority sent a copy of the recorded Assignment of Grants of Rights of Way.

Westmoreland County Controller sent a copy of the Audit of Magisterial District Court 10-1-04 for the period January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009.

ROAD REPORT: Mr. Dombroski reported working hours in July were spent mowing and trimming. He also stated that base repairs need done.

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

ENGINEERS REPORT: Mr. Kerchner had no report.

SOLICITORS REPORT: Solicitor Yakopec said that he continues to work on updating the Township Ordinances. He stated that to date the Township has not received any applications regarding Marcellus Shale Drilling.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the Sauers Plan of Lots contingent upon approval from DEP. Mr. Baker second. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Walker made a motion to recognize John and Mary Lane as a private drive in conjunction with the Sauers Subdivision plan provided they file a road maintenance agreement with Westmoreland County. A secondary name requested is Hidden Acres Lane. Mr. Dombroski second. All in favor.

Mr. Walker made a motion to waive the paving requirement for the subdivision due to it being only two lots and the topographical conditions. Mr. Baker second. All in favor.

Mr. Walker made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 4 of 2010, Opposition to Forced Local Government Mergers and Consolidations. Mr. Dombroski second. All in favor.

Mr. Walker made a motion to adopt a Resolution supporting a moratorium on Marcellus Shale drilling. The motion died for a lack of a second.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	ENDING BALANCE
General Fund	\$568,659.91	\$29,539.65	\$54,819.45	\$543,380.11
Capital Reserve	46,422.79	3.80	0.00	46,426.59
Fire Hydrant	4,656.57	369.10	1435.00	3,590.67
State Aid	103,223.64	8.44	1,149.33	102,082.75

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

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Ron Slabe, 516 Angelcrest Drive, asked Solicitor Yakopec what progress has been made in updating the ordinances. Mr. Slabe also stated he believes there should be a one year moratorium on this type of drilling. We are asking for a pause, not a ban on drilling, Slabe said.

Dave Adams, 6071 Schafer Drive, states that he and another neighbor are considering signing a lease for Marcellus Shale. They are doing a lot of research and negotiation trying to keep the well away from anyone's house. Mr. Adams also told the Board they have no right to try and interfere with his property rights.

Arlene McCutcheon, 713 Evergreen Drive, questioned what we are going to do about protecting the roads.

Gretchen Beverage, 430 Chapeldale Drive, volunteered to sit with the Board and have meetings to discuss the changes to the ordinance.

Mary Jane Zdila, 7162 Guyer Road, stated that she heard a commentary on KDKA about them supporting Senator Ferlo's idea of a one year moratorium.

Don Giles, Jr., 757 Merwin Road, stated that he owns 74 acres off of Merwin Road and has been approached about leasing his land. He has been attending meetings and going to seminars about the Marcellus Shale drilling. He stated that he believes there are dangers which need addressed.

Chris Ann Uhler, 2213 Turkey Ridge Road, stated that she feels that this should be more of a collaborative meeting.

Leon Yurkin, 3603 Baxter Drive, told the Board that he went to the employment office to see what jobs this will bring to our area. He said that the jobs are for truck drivers with CDL licenses. Mr. Yurkin reported to Mr. Dombroski that many weight limit signs are missing.

Deb Borowiec, 3629 Baxter Drive, stated that we live in this Township and are asking for your help. She doesn't know why the Board is resistant to helping them ask for a moratorium.

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Allan Uhler, 2213 Turkey Ridge Road, submitted a letter to Mr. Dombroski dated 9-3-2004 regarding water runoff issues along Turkey Ridge Road. Mr. Uhler stated that the Township put in two turnouts and he wants them to install one more.

David Knox, 1307 Oak Lake Road, stated that he is having problems with people speeding and passing on the double yellow lines on White Cloud Road.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Walker made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dombroski second. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy S. Rockwell, Township Manager