

**UPPER BURRELL TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY MEETING  
3735 SEVENTH STREET  
NEW KENSINGTON, PA 15068  
JULY 6, 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 Supervisor Peter F. Dombroski, Engineer David Kerchner, Solicitor Stephen Yakopec, Jr. and Manager Amy Rockwell. Absent was Supervisor Thomas C. Baker.

Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the June 2010 meeting minutes. Mr. Dombroski second. All in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Strongland Chamber of Commerce** sent a letter announcing Sunday, September 12, 2010 has been selected as the day for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tour de StrongLand Bike Race. They would like to include Upper Burrell in the race. Mr. Walker made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 3 of 2010 to include Upper Burrell Township in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tour de StrongLand Bike race. Mr. Dombroski second. All in favor.

**Joyce A. Ewing** sent a letter requesting exoneration from collecting 190 Per Capita Tax items unpaid for 2009. Mr. Walker made a motion to exonerate Joyce A. Ewing, tax collector, for unpaid Per Capita for 2009. Mr. Dombroski second. All in favor.

**Mockenhaupt Benefits Group** submitted a proposal for Pension review and recommendations. Mr. Walker made a motion to accept the proposal and authorize the pension review. Mr. Dombroski second. All in favor.

**DeBlasio & DeBlasio Associates** submitted the Tax Collector Audit for year ending 12/31/2009 and 2008.

**ROAD REPORT:** Mr. Dombroski reported working hours in June were spent mowing, trimming, culvert repair and patching.

**POLICE REPORT:** Sergeant Pate reported on police activity in the Township for May and June.

**ENGINEERS REPORT:** Mr. Kerchner reported that he has submitted a proposal to the Township for updating and reviewing the weight limits on Township roads. He also presented an estimate for crossdrains and guiderails on Myers Drive.

**SOLICITORS REPORT:** Solicitor Yakopec said that he has contacted the Solicitor for Cecil Township and had discussions regarding Marcellus Shale Ordinances. Solicitor Yakopec stated that if you ban drilling outright it is considered a taking and you will have to pay for the value of the minerals you are taking from them. Solicitor Yakopec restated that we are restricted on doing a lot in this regard by the Oil and Gas Act, and there are also Federal statutes that actually supersede the Commonwealth's act.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

The Planning Commission contacted Planner Roberta Sarraf to obtain Marcellus Shale Ordinances from other municipalities for review.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Walker made a motion to allow the Recreation Committee the use of the building on Friday, October 29, 2010 for the Halloween Party. Mr. Dombroski second. All in favor.

Mr. Walker made a motion to donate \$600.00 to the Recreation Committee for the Halloween Party. 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	\$468,887.95	\$140,727.70	\$40,955.74	\$568,659.91
Capital Reserve	46,422.79	0.00	0.00	46,422.79
Fire Hydrant	4,455.66	200.91	0.00	4,656.57
State Aid	103,724.20	0.00	500.56	103,223.64

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

**OPEN TO THE FLOOR**

**Leon Yurkin, 3603 Baxter Drive**, presented a petition to the Board of Supervisors.

**Margot Dileo, 426 Chapeldale Drive**, stated that she is glad that the board is researching the issue and questioned if the Board spoke to anyone at the Borough of Oakmont.

**Bob Munda, 608 Dove Drive**, asked if they do put in wells and there is a problem, what rights we have.

**Andy Heary, 607 Dove Drive**, stated that the problem is destroying the water table permanently if there is an issue.

**Bernie Hobi, 611 Dove Drive**, commented that the drilling operations should be required to have a sheet listing their chemicals if required by OSHA.

**Mary Jane Zdila, 7162 Guyer Road**, asked is MSDS sheets are required for gas wells.

**Allen Uhler, 2213 Turkey Ridge Road**, read from a pamphlet he received from the Municipal Water Authority of the City of New Kensington.

**Curt Britton, 108 Rustic Lane**, asked the Board of Supervisors why they denied the fire department their annual donation last month.

**George Banyas, 361 Hunter Hill Road**, stated that he believes the Township does more than their fair share for the fire department. They have gas well and a social club that enables them to raise money.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Walker made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dombroski second. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amy S. Rockwell, Township Manager