

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Senate Engineering Company sent the following contractors a Notice to Proceed with the Upper Pine Run Sewer Project; Westmoreland Electric, JMK Concrete Specialists and Kukurin Contracting.

Westmoreland Cleanways sent an announcement that they are conducting their 14th Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, October 2, 2010 from 9:00 until 2:00 at the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport.

Upper Burrell Township Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1 sent a letter requesting a \$20,000.00 donation for the fire department this year. The Township Supervisors and the Chief of Station 115 met during budget meetings and determined that the fire company would be willing to forgo the donation for the year 2010 due to budget constraints. Mr. Walker made a motion to deny the donation request of \$20,000.00 due to it not being budgeted. Mr. Dombroski second. Mr. Baker abstained. Motion passed 2-0.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania sent a notification that they completed their evaluation of the costs of winter services for the 2009/2010 winter season. It was determined that Upper Burrell Township qualifies for a reimbursement of \$3,753.74 which will be paid in November.

The Municipal Sanitary Authority of the City of New Kensington sent a letter proposing to expand their service area with the construction of a new Pucketa Creek Interceptor which will provide regional sewer service to Upper Burrell Township along with portions of Lower Burrell, Plum and potentially Murrysville.

Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation submitted a traffic study for stop sign installation on Prominence Drive at Alvin/Myles Drive Intersection. Recommend stop sign to be installed on the northbound Prominence Drive and southbound Myles Drive approach to the intersection of Prominence Drive with Alvin Drive/Myles Drive. Mr. Walker made a motion to retroactively accept the study and install the stop signs as indicated. Mr. Baker second. All in favor.

ROAD REPORT: Mr. Dombroski reported working hours in May were spent patching, cutting trees and repairs to the Township Building.

Mr. Dombroski made a motion to have Bankson Engineers assist with locating and measuring pipe on Myers Drive as well as guard rail measurements. Mr. Walker second. All in favor.

Mr. Dombroski made a motion to get a proposal for an engineering study for roads in the Township. Mr. Baker second. All in favor.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Ed Kruse reported on the police calls for the month of May. Sergeant Stephen Eberle of the Pennsylvania State Police, Station Commander of the Kiski Barracks, reported on State Police activity in the Township.

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ENGINEERS REPORT: Mr. Kerchner reported that he has updated the Township Zoning and Road Maps. Mr. Kerchner also submitted a comment letter on the Forest Hills Transfer Site Plan.

SOLICITORS REPORT: Solicitor Yakopec had no report.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the Byers Plan of lots contingent upon DEP approval. Mr. Dombroski second. All in favor.

Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the Forest Hills Transfer Unification Plan. Mr. Baker second. All in favor.

Mr. Walker made a motion to approve conditionally upon the Engineer's review the Forest Hills Site Plan. Mr. Dombroski second. All in favor.

Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the Pietryka Plan of Lots. Mr. Dombroski second. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Peoples Library Board members updated the Board of Supervisors on improvements made to the Library and want to thank the Board for their continued support.

Mr. Walker made a motion to hold the Township Clean Up day on Saturday, July 17, 2010 from 7:00 am until 1:00 pm. Mr. Baker second. All in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	ENDING BALANCE
General Fund	\$234,504.14	\$279,904.95	\$54,521.14	\$468,887.95
Capital Reserve	49,465.98	1.81	3,045.00	46,422.79
Fire Hydrant	607.09	3.848.57	0.00	4,455.66
State Aid	105,814.28	3.99	2,094.07	103,724.20

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

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Ron Slabe, 516 Angelcrest Drive, stated that he is concerned with Marcellus Drilling and that there are things the Township can do to lessen the impact. Zoning can be changed to restrict the disturbances.

Deb Borowiec, 3629 Baxter Drive, questioned the Board of Supervisors why they did not attend a public meeting that was held regarding the Marcellus Drilling.

Chris Ann Uhler, 2213 Turkey Ridge Road, stated that she and other residents are concerned about their health.

Allen Uhler, 2213 Turkey Ridge Road, stated that if the drilling was regulated, it would not be so bad. But there is no oversight.

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Gretchen Beverage, 430 Chapeldale Drive, read a prepared statement regarding her concerns about the drilling and location of the proposed drilling.

John Piazza, 221 Double R Lane, stated that New York State has a moratorium on Marcellus Drilling. He believes that there should be a moratorium in Pennsylvania as well.

Larry Borowiec, 3629 Baxter Drive, is concerned that they put on a meeting and no one came.

Lori Costa, 452 Chapeldale Drive, wants to know what the Board is going to do to protect them.

Mary Jane Zdila, 7162 Guyer Road, asked if the zoning ordinance would have been different if we knew this prior.

Joanne Johnson, 3620 Baxter Road, stated that there are so many factors involved in this topic, and the average person has only seen so much of them. As many people who are opposed to the drilling, there are just as many in favor of the drilling. The Board of Supervisors is charged with listening to them all. We are hearing from those opposed to drilling, where are the people who have signed the leases? We need assurance that the Supervisors are not self aggrandizing and have the best interests of the Township in mind.

John Kowalski, 7094 Guyer Road, stated that what the residents need to do is talk to everyone in the Township and advise them not to sign a lease.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Walker made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Baker second. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy S. Rockwell, Township Manager