

UPPER PAXTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S PUBLIC MONTHLY MEETING

10-10-12

Those in attendance: Ron Hepner, John Orr and Joseph Snyder, Supervisors; Luanna Zimmerman (filling in for Betty Warfel); Peter Howland, Esquire; Randy Witmer, Zoning Officer; William Burch, and Michael Phillips.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Hepner at 7:00 p.m. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Public Comments: William Burch presented Masser subdivision plan. The plan removes a two acre parcel that contains the existing farm house from the farm. Ron asked if this was taken to the county. Bill said he is sure it was and has not heard anything negative back from the county. John Orr made the motion to approve the plan if it is approved by the county and Joe Snyder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike Phillips spoke about the water running from Arch Street through his yard. He is concerned that the stormwater retaining pond at the rear of Lisi's convenience store is not functioning adequately. Mike stated that it is taking too long and that the problem must be corrected. Bill Burch stated that there is going to be overflow when there is a significant amount of rain. He is also concerned about the soil type and additional waters coming from the upslope that they did not anticipate. He said he thinks they are asking it to do more than the initial design was intended to do. Bill said he would speak with Randy Lisi. John Orr stated that Randy Lisi was very cooperative when Ron and he spoke with him about the concern. Mike stated that he does not want this to be dropped. John said we will continue to monitor this situation.

Ron Hepner made a motion to approve the minutes for the previous meeting as printed. Second by Joe Snyder. All in favor, motion carried.

John Orr made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Ron Hepner seconded the motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

OPEN BURN ORDINANCE- The Supervisors reviewed and noted amendments that they would like to see incorporated or deleted from a proposed open burning ordinance. Solicitor Howland noted the requested changes and will revise the ordinance accordingly.

BURNED OUT BUILDINGS- The Supervisors discussed the need for an ordinance that would address burned out building and how long they should be allowed to sit before being fixed up. John tied it into the insurance, he stated if the building is not insured we have a problem. A question was raised if we need to expand such an ordinance to cover neglected, abandoned, dangerous properties. Pete informed that there is a state law that says a municipality can pass this type of ordinance. Ron will call PSATS about this.

FIRE HYDRANT FEE – Currently the Township pays \$9,000 annually to the Millersburg Area Authority for Fire Hydrants. Some township residents live outside of the service area of the Authority. The Supervisors would like to have an understanding of why the Township is assessed these costs and not the individuals who receive lower insurance rates by being in close proximity to the hydrants. It was concluded that a letter should be sent to the Authority requesting the origin and applicability of this fee. John will draft a letter.

POSSIBLE SALE OF THE UPPER PAXTON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY - Upper Paxton Township owns a property at the foot of Berry Mountain adjacent to Route 147. The parcel was originally purchased in conjunction with the Millersburg Area Authority to serve residents of Lenkerville with water. Supervisors do not see any benefits in retaining ownership of this property. Solicitor Howland did not think there is a need to have the property surveyed. It was concluded that various options for the sale or transfer of this property should be explored.

Ron Hepner set the date for the budget meeting as Monday, 11-05-12, at 9:00 a.m. All in favor.

Ron stated that the borough had asked to haul two loads of brush to the township lot but instead brought eight loads. Ron spoke with borough manager Chris McGann about this. Chris asked what the township wanted for the extra loads. Ron proposed \$10.00 for each of the six additional loads. The other supervisors concurred with Ron's suggestion.

Ron Hepner stated that the person from the borough picking up the load of salt must sign for it and also the person loading the salt must sign as well. The supervisors have no problem helping the borough out with their salt supply.

LuAnn Shaffer-Yeager called to complain about the pipe under Union Street. She wants to know what the township wants to do about the pipe and the sink holes in her yard. The pipe is rotting away. The pipe in question appears to be entirely on private property with no public easements. Solicitor Howland thinks the township is not responsible. Ron Hepner will speak with LuAnn Shaffer-Yeager.

Joe Snyder wanted to know why the material for Kahler Road was brought to the township building and not taken to Kahler Road. He said it would have saved time if it would have been taken to Kahler Road. Ron said he did not know and that Joe would have to ask the road crew.

Ron stated that Don Chubb had dropped off a bid for the salt shed roof. Joe asked why Woody Stroup had not put in a bid. Ron said that Woody told him he did not know if he could work it in this year.

John Orr mentioned that the supervisors would go into an executive session to discuss personnel after the meeting.

Pete Howland stated that he brought along a cell tower ordinance he had done about eight years ago and an ordinance to collect attorney's fees for municipal liens for the supervisors to review.

Ron Hepner made a motion to adjourn the meeting in to Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. and John Orr seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Supervisors and Attorney Howland discussed budget, policy and personnel matters. John Orr made a motion to adjourn. Second by Joe Snyder. All in favor, Executive Session adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Luanna Zimmerman - for Betty A. Warfel, Secretary