

**Upper Paxton Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 14, 2021**

Those in attendance: Robert Stoner, John Orr, and Bob Coleman; Supervisors, Luanna Zimmerman; Secretary/Treasurer, Rich Wiest; Roadmaster, Pete Howland; Solicitor, Marty Sowers; Zoning Officer, Eric Holton of Enel Green Power, Robin Stoner, Laura Phillips, and Rennie Phillips.

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

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes and Financial Report: Minutes of the August 25th monthly meeting were reviewed. Bob Coleman made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Second by John Orr. With all in favor, motion carried. Luanna Zimmerman presented the August financial reports and a list of bills to be paid. Upon review of these documents, John Orr made a motion to approve the financial documents and pay the bills. Second by Bob Coleman. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Eric Holton, of Enel Green Power, spoke to the Board regarding possible solar development in Upper Paxton Township. Holton said his company, which is located near Boston, Massachusetts, is interested in leasing land in Upper Paxton Township to install a 300-acre Principal Solar Energy System for a project life of 30 - 35 years. Township Ordinance No. 7-13-2021a was reviewed. Holton commended the Board for implementing an ordinance addressing Principal Solar Energy Systems but said his company has a problem with the limited amount (25 percent) of Class I and Class II prime agricultural soils that are permitted to be developed as per the ordinance (Part 2., PSES, #5). Chairman Stoner informed him that the current Board of Supervisors value the designated agriculture land in Upper Paxton Township. Operations of a "Solar Farm" and decommissioning of the land were also discussed. Mr. Holton said that at this point, his company does not have any plans to submit to the Township and asked the Board if the lines of communication could remain open. The Board agreed.
2. Snyder Mill Road was discussed. Rich Wiest said that Hurricane Ida washed away more of the road. Wiest said that the roadcrew placed stone on part of the roadway to close the road because it is now unsafe for travel. Luanna Zimmerman said that she had been contacted by the Dauphin County Department of Public Safety and that PEMA & FEMA will be assessing the additional damage to Snyder Mill Road next week to determine if it is eligible for any funding. Solicitor Howland presented the Board with Resolution No.: 9-14-2021. This resolution condemns part of the land for the purpose of realignment, construction, and reconstruction of a portion of Snyder Mill Road. Robert Stoner made a motion to adopt and sign Resolution No.: 9-14-2021. Second by Bob Coleman. With all in favor, motion carried. Howland said that he will proceed as soon as he receives a description of the land and the final Plan from Burch Associates. John Orr made a motion to have the Township Project Engineer, Lehigh Engineering, do a preliminary analysis of Snyder Mill Road. Second by Bob Coleman. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Pipe placement for stormwater control on Adams Lane was discussed. Robert Stoner made a motion to purchase an additional 20 feet of pipe (60 feet was previously authorized at the 8-25-21 meeting) and 45 cement blocks from Paxton Precast, at the price of \$4,500 for the block, to be installed in the Adams Lane area. Second by Bob Coleman. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Robert Stoner said that he will speak to the Millersburg Borough Manager before the end of 2021 regarding the placement of sidewalks on the west side of State Route 25 where State Route 25 meets State Route 209. This project could be eligible for PennDOT funding through the Safe Routes to School Grant process.
5. The Board discussed a possible ordinance regulating fireworks in Upper Paxton Township. Pete Howland was asked to prepare an ordinance. This will be revisited at the 10-12-2021 meeting.
6. The purchase of a new truck was tabled for the time being and will be revisited after the 2022 budget is prepared.
7. John Orr addressed the Board with the following items that need to be reviewed and estimated before the 2022 budget meeting on October 27, 2021. The list is as follows: a 3-year road plan, equipment replacement costs, Act 537 for future phases, Millersburg Ambulance Association, possible MS-4 implementation, stormwater assessment, and pipe for stormwater management in various parts of the Township. Orr also recommended writing a description of possible uses for the American Rescue Plan funds the Township received and submitting it to Zelenkofske & Axelrod for their review and approval.
8. The Board discussed the Glen Park with Solicitor Howland. It was decided that the Supervisors & roadcrew will walk the area of the park and discuss improvements.

New Business:

1. An invoice, from Russell Standard Corporation, in the amount of \$36,486.38, for seal coating Lebo Lane, Spice Alley, Plum Street, Charles Road, and Matter Lane, was reviewed. Luanna Zimmerman said that the invoice came in at the contracted amount. Roadmaster Wiest confirmed that the work was completed as per the contract. John Orr made a motion to pay this invoice out of the Liquid Fuels Account. Second by Bob Coleman. With all in favor, motion carried.
2. Rich Wiest said that the roadcrew had examined an area on Pearl Street for stormwater pipe replacement. This will be included in the description to be given to Zelenkofske & Axelrod for the possible use of American Rescue Plan Funds.
3. John Orr said that he had discussed the stormwater issues caused by Tanner Run with a Township resident. Orr said that he was informed that Millersburg Borough was having their engineer, Brinjac, do a study of the area. Luanna Zimmerman was asked to contact the Borough Manager to inquire if the Township could get a copy of the report.

Public Comments: None

With no further business on the agenda, John Orr moved to adjourn. Bob Coleman seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Luanna Zimmerman,
Secretary/Treasurer