

**Upper Paxton Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
December 12, 2012**

Those in attendance: Ron Hepner, John Orr and Joseph Snyder, Supervisors; Betty Warfel, Secretary/Treasurer; Peter Howland, Esquire; Allen and Miriam Shaffer; Gabe and Kara Latshaw; Lonnie Kimball, Frank Klinger, of MedEx; Randy Feidt, Zoning Hearing Board; and Doug Snyder, Millersburg Fire Company.

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: None

Minutes of the November 8th Special Budget Meeting, November 12th Workshop meeting, the November 14th Regular Monthly meeting were reviewed by the Supervisors. Joe Snyder made a motion to accept the minutes of the October meetings as written. Second by John Orr. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer Warfel presented a monthly financial statement and list of bills for payment. Following review of the treasurer's report, John Orr made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Joe Snyder seconded the motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Approval of 2013 Township Budget: Supervisors once again reviewed the proposed 2013 budget. Total possible income is \$1,095,588 and anticipated expenses are \$1,095,588. Total appropriated and unappropriated funds are \$2,419,688. The proposed budget was advertised in the November 20, 2012 issue of the Upper Dauphin Sentinel. The township office has received no questions or comments following advertisement of the proposed budget. Ron Hepner made a motion to accept the proposed township budget for 2013. Joe Snyder seconded this motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

Review and Execution of 2012 Budget and Tax Resolutions: Supervisors reviewed the Resolution appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the municipal government during the year 2013. Also considered by the Board was the Resolution fixing the tax rate for the year 2013. The Resolutions contained no tax increases for 2013. Following discussion, Ron Hepner made a motion to accept the Budget Resolution and the Tax Rate Resolution for 2012. Joe Snyder seconded the motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

Susquehanna River Zoning Ordinance: Supervisors reviewed the Ordinance amending the Upper Paxton Zoning Ordinance, specifically amending the Upper Paxton Township Zoning map to include all those portions of the Susquehanna River within the boundaries of the Township in the Conservation District. By correspondence dated December 3, 2012, the Dauphin County Planning Commission advised that members voted to recommend approval of the rezoning. The proposed Ordinance was advertised in two subsequent weekly issues of the Upper Dauphin Sentinel beginning November 27, 2012. John Orr made a motion that the Board adopt the zoning change for the Susquehanna River. Second by Ron Hepner. With all in favor, motion carried.

Proposed North American Water And Power Alliance XXI Resolution – Restoring the System of Public Credit: Discussion ensued with respect to the proposed emergency Resolution. The relevance of the content of the proposed Resolution to the Township's business was considered. This proposed Resolution was provided to the Supervisors by the Larouche Political Action Committee. Attorney Howland advised the Board that conduct further research on this Resolution and its proponents before lending their support. Supervisors decided to table the matter.

Resolution Providing for Advanced Life Support Services in Upper Paxton Township: Frank Klinger provided additional information regarding the ALS response in Upper Dauphin County. MedEx Ambulance provides 24-hour coverage and has five paramedics on staff. Medic 6 is currently the Township's first due ALS unit. At the present time, Perry County is the second due. Following discussion, Ron Hepner moved that Supervisors adopt the Resolution and approve MedEx Ambulance Service as our second due ALS unit. Second by Joe Snyder. All in favor, motion carried. Secretary Warfel will provide a copy of the Resolution to Dauphin County Emergency Services and to Mr. Klinger.

Adoption of Open Burning Ordinance: The purpose of this Ordinance is to restrict open burning of garbage and rubbish. Allen and Miriam Shaffer addressed the Board to inquire whether the proposed Ordinance would regulate outdoor wood fired furnaces. Chairman Hepner advised the Shaffers to contact DEP in order to have their neighbor comply with State standards regulating outdoor furnaces. Millersburg Fire Chief Doug Snyder voiced several concerns with regard to the proposed Ordinance. Chairman Hepner advised that the Township would be responsible for enforcement of its Ordinance. Fire company officers could act as witnesses and could provide photographs as evidence of violations. If a District Justice action would be required, fire company costs would be reimbursed out of any monetary judgment received by the Township. In the event the fire company officials would experience any trespass or other legal issues while investigating an alleged complaint, the Township would back up their actions under the terms of the contract which is currently in place. Issues that may arise because of legislation that allows farmers to clear tree lines, burn stumps and tires were discussed. This proposed Ordinance was advertised in the November 20th and November 27th issues of the Upper Dauphin Sentinel. John Orr made a motion to adopt the Open Burning Ordinance as presented with a minor change for allowing agricultural entities to burn brush, etc., and removal of the sentence stating no permits shall be required for campfires. Joe Snyder seconded the motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

Millersburg Fire Company Elections: Doug Snyder advised that the fire company held its election of officers. The Captain and Lieutenant will be named in January. Snyder will provide a list of the election results. The fire company will hold their Elected Officials Breakfast on January 19, 2013.

Purchase of Ford F550 Truck: Rick Klinger, of Sunbury Motors, has advised that the truck is ready for pickup on Monday, December 17th. Documentation to expedite the process has been prepared. The purchase price has come in \$1,500 under the bid price. John Orr made a motion that Ron Hepner be authorized to execute any and all documentation necessary, including title and registration applications required to purchase the 2012 Ford F550 Truck. Second by Joe Snyder. Chairman Hepner abstained from voting because he is named in the motion. With two Supervisors in favor, motion carried.

Millersburg Borough's Request to Purchase Road Salt: Supervisors reviewed correspondence dated December 10, 2012, received from Christopher McGann, Millersburg Borough Manager, requesting that the Borough be allowed to continue purchasing road salt from the Township on an as-needed basis for the 2012-2013 winter weather season. John Orr moved that Supervisors continue selling Millersburg

Borough salt on an as-needed basis. Second by Joe Snyder. All in favor, motion carried. The cost will remain the same at \$258.75 per scoop for salt and \$117.00 per scoop for anti-skid. Secretary Warfel will prepare correspondence advising Manager McGann of the Board's decision.

State Vacated Road located on the Latshaw Property: Kara Latshaw inquired if any further research had been done with respect to the Township's possible acceptance of this section of farm road currently situate on her property. At the present time, no additional information has been found in the Township's records. At this time, Supervisors have no intentions of accepting this section of roadway. Mrs. Latshaw will be advised if any further documentation is located or if any campsite development plans are received by the Board.

Zoning Hearing Board 2013 Reorganizational Meeting: Randy Feidt informed the Board that the Zoning Hearing Board 2013 Reorganizational Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comments: None

With no further business to be discussed, Ron Hepner made the motion to adjourn into Executive Session. John Orr seconded the motion. With all in favor, meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

Executive Session: Supervisors and Attorney Howland entered into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. John Orr made a motion to adjourn. Second by Joe Snyder. With all in favor, session ended at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty A. Warfel, Secretary