

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

Those in attendance: Robert Stoner, John Orr, and Bob Coleman; Supervisors, Luanna Zimmerman; Secretary/Treasurer, Rich Wiest; Roadmaster, Pete Howland; Solicitor, Kenneth Adams, Eli Smucker, Delores Miller, Jay Miller, Rennie Phillips, Laura Phillips, Eric Holton, and Steven Lucas.

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: Township resident Kenneth Adams spoke to the Board regarding a property located at Klinger Road and State Route 25. Adams said there is junk and trash on the property that is blowing onto his property. Eli Smucker also had the same concerns. Smucker told the Board that he had to pick 200 pounds of trash out of his soybean field before he could harvest the crop. Chairman Stoner informed the residents that Zoning Officer Marty Sowers is aware of this problem and is planning on sending the property owner a letter stating that the property must be cleaned up. Chairman Stoner asked Luanna Zimmerman to follow up with Zoning Officer Sowers and keep Mr. Adams informed of the progress.

Approval of Minutes and Financial Report: Minutes of the November 9th monthly meeting were reviewed. John Orr made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Bob Coleman. With all in favor, motion carried. Luanna Zimmerman presented the November financial reports and a list of bills to be paid. Upon review of these documents, Bob Coleman made a motion to approve the financial documents and pay the bills from 11-24-21 and 12-14-21. Second by John Orr. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Eric Holton of Enel Green Power spoke to the Board regarding possible development of a Solar Energy System located in Upper Paxton Township. Holton commended the Board for their enactment of a recent ordinance pertaining to Solar Energy System Development. However, he recommended that the Board make a change in Section 2, #5. *"In Agricultural Zoning Districts, no more than 25 percent of the entire area for development shall consist of Class I and Class II prime agricultural soils as defined by the then current version of the NRCS Custom Soil Resource Report."* Mr. Holton said the 25 percent limits the development and makes smaller, more fragmented, solar development more likely. The Board informed him that they value prime agricultural land and have no interest in changing Ordinance No. 7-13-2021a. Jay Miller inquired as to why this ordinance was enacted. Chairman Stoner informed him that Township residents had previously spoken to the Board and expressed their concern regarding Principal Solar Energy Systems and regulations pertaining to this type of solar development. Chairman Stoner also told him that the Board worked closely with the County on writing Ordinance No. 7-13-2021a.
2. Tanner Run was not discussed since Frank Klinger was not present at the meeting.
3. Possible repairs to Snyder Mill Road were discussed. John Orr said that he had recently met on site with Lehigh Engineering. The possibility of stabilizing the stream bank with rods and a gunite wall was discussed. Moving the road and the possibility of grant money from FEMA for the project was also discussed. Solicitor Howland was asked to review

PEMA Dap-2 application which would need to be completed if the Township would continue to pursue FEMA funding. Supervisor Orr recommended writing a letter to Lehigh Engineering asking for clarification on the project. This was tabled and will be revisited at a future meeting.

4. Adams Lane was discussed. Roadmaster Wiest said that he would like to get pipe installed at the site. He also said that some trees need to be cut down and the bank needs to be reshaped. Supervisor Coleman said he would talk to one of the landowners regarding this. Solicitor Howland said that William Burch had provided a drawing of the area with signature lines for landowners to sign off on the right-of-way. Howland said this must be completed before this road can be placed on the PennDOT Liquid Fuels list.
5. Robert Stoner made a motion to sign and adopt Ordinance No. 12-14-2021 (with a minor wording change to be completed by Solicitor Howland) pertaining to the regulation of fireworks in Upper Paxton Township. Second by Bob Coleman. With all in favor, motion carried.
6. Supervisor Orr said that he received a call from Darlene Roadcap, President of the Millersburg Ambulance Association, stating that their meeting with the Halifax Ambulance Association was a positive meeting. Roadcap said they are also meeting with the Williamstown Ambulance Association. It was also noted that the Millersburg Ambulance Association hired more people.
7. John Orr made a motion to adopt the 2022 Budget. Second by Bob Coleman. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

1. Robert Stoner stated that the Township has a CD, in the amount of \$150,000.00, invested with Mid Penn Bank. This CD matured on 12-13-2021. Robert Stoner made a motion to invest the full \$150,000.00 in a 12 - month term CD, at the interest rate of .45%, with Mid Penn Bank, with the interest from the CD maturing to be placed into the General Fund Account. Second by Bob Coleman. With all in favor, motion carried.
2. John Orr made a motion to set the rate for the compost lot key card fee at \$20.00 for 2022. Second by Bob Coleman. With all in favor, motion carried. It was noted that the renewal will be March of 2022.
3. Robert Stoner made a motion to sell winter material (salt & anti-skid) to Millersburg Borough and Gratz Borough at cost. Second by Bob Coleman. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Robert Stoner made a motion to hold the Township Reorganizational Meeting on January 3, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. and the regular monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and the fourth Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. (except for the month of June, it will be held on the 5th Wednesday). Second by Bob Coleman. With all in favor, motion carried. Luanna Zimmerman will advertise the meetings in the Citizen Standard.

5. John Orr made a motion to sign Resolution No. 12-14-2021 adopting the Dauphin County Hazard Mitigation Plan for Upper Paxton Township. Second by Bob Coleman. All in favor, motion carried.
6. A newsletter for early 2022 was discussed. This will be revisited at a future meeting.
7. Bob Coleman made a motion to hold Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 23, 2021, for Upper Paxton Township residents. Second by John Orr. With all in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments: None

With no further business on the agenda, Robert Stoner moved to adjourn. Bob Coleman seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Luanna Zimmerman,
Secretary/Treasurer