

Upper Paxton Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 11, 2012

Those in attendance: Ron Hepner, Joseph Snyder, John Orr, Supervisors; Betty Warfel, Secretary/Treasurer; Peter Howland, Esquire; Randy Witmer, Zoning Officer; Bill Burch, Robert Bulick, and Randy Coe.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Hepner at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comments: Randy Coe extended his best wishes to the newly elected Supervisor, John Orr, and the other members of the Board for a successful New Year.

Minutes of the December 12, 2011 Workshop Meeting, and the December 14, 2011 Regular Monthly Meeting were reviewed. Joe Snyder made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of all of the November meetings. Second by John Orr. All in favor, motion carried.

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

New Business:

Request to pave Summers Road: Robert Bulick addressed the Board to request that Summers Road be given priority status on the list of Township roads to be paved in 2012. Chairman Hepner explained that the township has established a plan containing a timeline of the distressed roads to be repaired. Summers Road is not on the list to be paved in the 2012 season. Summers Road contains several underlying problems and paving will be a costly venture. Township funds available for paving projects is limited.

Renewal of Certificates of Deposit: Four Certificates of Deposit at Gratz National Bank will mature as follows: (1) C.D. 70137115 - \$150,000, 1/12/12; (2) C.D. 70137155 - \$100,000, 1/15/12; (3) C.D. 70137187 - \$100,000, 1/21/12; and (4) C.D. 70139755 - \$99,000, 1/24/12. Mid Penn Bank has offered a rate of .85% on a special 13 month certificate. As directed, Treasurer Warfel also contacted Edward Jones Investments and was advised their current interest rate is .45%. Following discussion, Joe Snyder made a motion that the four (4) mature Certificates of Deposit be taken from Gratz National Bank and new Certificates be purchased at Mid Penn Bank. John Orr seconded this motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

Request for Clarification of Stormwater Report Content : Bill Burch called attention to the number of existing lots and parcels containing under 5,000 square feet which have stormwater and ENS issues. Burch inquired whether the Supervisors would accept abbreviated stormwater reports containing the basic ENS info instead of a large narrative report in order to grant approval. Chairman Hepner stated that further clarification of DEP requirements would be required before the Board could provided a definitive answer to Burch's request.

Dauphin County Library System Request: The Board reviewed correspondence received from the Dauphin County Library System inquiring whether representatives could attend a township meeting to

report on the programs and services available to constituents. Supervisors directed Secretary Warfel to contact the Library and advise representatives that they can be placed on the agenda for the February or March meeting.

Development of a Township Website: Supervisors discussed the advisability of developing a website containing essential public information. Board members reviewed correspondence received from Enders Technology Sales & Service outlining the development and maintenance costs for a website. A website would be a valuable tool for disseminating information to the public. Attorney Howland advised that certain information, i.e. Right to Know information, will need to be included as the site is developed. Joe Snyder moved that the Township develop a township website. Second by John Orr. All in favor, motion carried.

Sign Located on Hottenstein/Kocher Glen property: The sign directing motorists on Route 25 to the Frederick Health Center, Grace United Methodist Church, and the Manor at Susquehanna Village is seriously deteriorated. This sign is currently situate on township land. Under the township's zoning ordinances, the sign should be removed. Supervisors directed Randy Witmer, Zoning Officer, to prepare a letter to each of the entities on the sign advising that the sign needs to be removed.

Old Business:

Stormwater Management Best Practices: The Board and Attorney Howland discussed the advisability of approving alternative designs for stormwater management on any plans that may be submitted for Supervisors' consideration. Howland advised that the Board may request that developers comply with the Stormwater Best Management Practices.

Vehicles with Expired Registration Parked along Township Streets: Randy Witmer informed the Board that two vehicles with expired registration and inspections are parked along streets in Lenkerville. Witmer has been unable to determine who owns these vehicles. These vehicles cause parking issues for residents and are a potential problem for the township's snow plows. Attorney Howland advised Witmer to place a notice on the vehicles and he will look at the vehicle code to determine if further action can be taken to have the vehicles legally towed.

John Orr made a motion to recess the meeting to discuss matters with Attorney Howland in Executive Session. Second by Joe Snyder. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting went into recess at 8:20 p.m.

Executive Session:

An executive session was held to consider matters described in 65 Ps. C.S. Section 708 (a) (4) & (5) (Pennsylvania Sunshine Act)." Meeting reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

Certification of Township's Participation in Audit: Following discussion, Ron Hepner made a motion that the Board execute the Certification required to authorize the Township's sharing of the cost that Trout, Ebersole & Groff LLP, invoices to Upper Dauphin Area School District for performing audit procedures on the Upper Dauphin Income Tax Office. Joe Snyder seconded the motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

With no further business to be discussed, John Orr made the motion to adjourn. Joe Snyder seconded the motion. With all in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty A. Warfel
Secretary