

**Upper Paxton Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 13, 2013**

Those in attendance: Ron Hepner, John Orr and Joseph Snyder, Supervisors; Betty Warfel, Secretary/Treasurer; Peter Howland, Esquire; Doug Snyder, Millersburg Fire Chief; Matthew Snyder; Tom Shaffer, Eugene Fulkroad, Bob Coleman, Tammy Coleman, Gina Donges, Jacob King, Eli Smucker, Jay Miller, Larry Shiffer, Randy Feidt, Guy Klinger, Larry Landis, Bob Keefer, Earl Keefer, Donald Shetterly, Alan Reitz, Jay Papp, Don H., Royce Koppenhaver, Teresa Lebo, Richard Raker, Joel Stence, Ben Speicher, James E. Fulkroad, James J. Fulkroad, Dick Etzweiler, Donald Novinger, Craig Teter, Addis Teter, Omar King, Loni Landis, Dautry Liddick, Allen Glick, Levi Smucker, Jonas Smucker, Dean Leych.

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

Old Business:

Clarification of regulations contained in the Open Burning Ordinance: Chairman Hepner explained that the article submitted by the Township to the Upper Dauphin Sentinel had been edited and that the intent of the ordinance was not to institute a burn ban. The provisions of the ordinance set forth regulations on what can and cannot be burned. Materials such as paper, clean wood and brush from trees are examples of items that may be burned. Construction and building waste materials cannot be burned. Refuse like animal carcasses, medical waste and diapers cannot be burned. Items must be burned on the the property where it comes from and cannot create any visibility issues on the highway. Burning must take place 50-feet from buildings and 10-feet from property lines. Campfires are allowed. Penalties were explained. John Orr explained the regulations as they pertain to agriculture. DEP sets forth the regulations stating that tires and plastics cannot be burned. Farmers may burn anything that is produced on the farm, i.e., Christmas trees, corn stalks. The Board is not attempting to regulate the farm community. Nuisance burning caused the need for open burning regulation. DEP's regulations are listed on its website under air quality management. The Ordinance was advertised as required in the Upper Dauphin Sentinel prior to its adoption. Supervisors will publish another article in the Sentinel to alleviate misunderstandings resulting from the initial article. In response to residents' questions, Supervisors will look at making revisions to Sections 4.7 (burn barrels), Section 4.10 (definition of waste); and 7.1.11 (agriculture) in order to clarify the contents of these sections. With respect to the burning of large tree stumps, etc., Supervisors will look into revising the size of a burn contained in Section 7.1.7. Doug Snyder will provide the Dauphin County number to make arrangement for a controlled burn for listing on the Township's website. Doug Snyder reminded residents that the fire company is staffed by volunteers and fire fighters should be allowed to respond to an emergency situation without fear for their personal safety. Supervisors will also discuss including the fire company's training burns in the ordinance's revisions. The burning ordinance contained in the Code of Ordinances has been replaced, however; the nuisance ordinance has not been eliminated. Chairman Hepner stated that the Board will review the ordinance taking the residents' comments into consideration and necessary changes will be made.

Appointment of Members of the Agricultural Security Board: The term of a member of the Agricultural Security Board is 7 years. Ron Hepner made a motion that Elwood Stroup, Jr. and Richard

Wiest be re-appointed to serve on this Board. John Orr seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the January 7th Reorganizational Meeting, January 9th monthly meeting and the January 23rd workshop meeting were reviewed by the Supervisors. Joe Snyder made a motion to accept the minutes of the January meetings. Second by John Orr. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Spring Cleanup Day: Due to a conflict with the opening day of the Little League Season, Spring Cleanup Day will be rescheduled. John Orr moved that Spring Cleanup Day be held on Saturday, April 20th. Joe Snyder seconded the motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

Report on 2011 Unprocessed EIT Returns: Supervisors reviewed a report from Keystone Collections with respect to the 2011 EIT returns which had been turned over for processing from the Upper Dauphin Income Tax Office. Processing is now complete.

Television Sets Dumped along Township Roads: Efforts to trace ownership of the televisions have proved unsuccessful. Dauphin County Recycling provides a service of free recycling of electronic items for residents. The township will again collect electronic items for recycling at Spring Cleanup Day.

New Sign for the Compost Center: John Orr reported that he has contacted the individual who made the sign for the Williamstown Compost Center. The cost to have a similar sign made for the Township's compost center would be \$450. Orr made a motion that we have this individual prepare a new sign for the compost center. Second by Ron Hepner. All in favor, motion carried.

Propane Supplier: The Township's current propane supplier, Kopy's Propane, has changed our classification to commercial so that we will be charged \$1.995 per gallon. If the tanks would need to be removed, the contents would need to be under 5%. The price per gallon if purchased from Bolig's would be \$1.975. Following discussion, Joe Snyder made a motion that we change to Bolig's when the tanks are empty enough to be removed. Second by John Orr. With all in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

Renewal of Certificates of Deposit at Mid Penn Bank: C.D. 301084894 in the amount of \$250,000 will mature on 2/18/13. C.D. 301084901 in the amount of \$199,000 will mature on 2/25/13. The special rate of .80% would be available for a 25-month renewal certificate. Money Market rates are currently .80%. A Money Market account would provide flexibility for the use or investment of the funds. John Orr made a motion that we open a new Money Market Account at Mid Penn Bank with the principal of both Certificates of Deposit. Ron Hepner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Purchase of a GIS System: John Orr explained to the attendees the advantages that a GIS system would provide to the Township for road improvements. Further information on an appropriate system will be obtained from Buchart-Horn and at the PSATS Convention.

Purchase of a new computer: Several firms will be contacted to obtain estimates on a new computer that will meet the township's needs.

Possibility of monthly electronics collection: Supervisors will pursue this issue with Millersburg Borough.

Street Sweeping: Chairman Hepner provided cost for this service. RSI of Fairless Hills would provide a machine with operator for \$95 per hour or \$3,800 per week. Pennsy Supply would provide a vacuum sweeper with operator for \$135 per hour or \$5,400 per week. Pennsy Supply has a machine available in April. Ron Hepner made a motion to engage Pennsy Supply to come up with the vacuum sweeper for a cost of \$5,400 per week. Second by John Orr. With all in favor, motion carried. A proposed contract will be obtained for review at a future meeting.

Discussion of Repairs and Paving needed on Township Roads: John Orr informed residents that the Supervisors are in the process of preparing a prioritized list of roadwork that needs to be done in the Township. Measurements are being taken and costs are being estimated. Roads in most immediate need of repair are Grange Hall Road, Landis Road, Rife Road, Snyder Mill Road and Charles Road. The drainage and pipe issues and high costs for work that will need to be done on Summers Road prior to paving were discussed.

Bids for the Sale of the 1996 Ford F-350 Pickup Truck Opened: The bid notice for the sale of the 1996 Ford F-350 pickup truck was advertised in the January 15th issue of the Upper Dauphin Sentinel. Sealed bids were opened: Frank Krammes Excavating - \$3,750, Steve Harris - \$1,200; Michael Turns - \$2,500; and Adam Deibert - \$2,502. John Orr moved that we accept the bid from Frank Krammes Excavating in the amount of \$3,750. Second by Ron Hepner. Motion carried with Orr and Hepner each casting an affirmative vote and Joe Snyder casting a "no" vote.

Suggestion that the Township Install a Recycling Bin: Tammy Coleman suggested that the Supervisors look into setting up a Recycling Bin for Township residents. This suggestion met with favor from the Board and Ron Hepner stated that he will discuss the possibility with Dauphin County Recycling.

Public Comments: None

With no further business on the agenda to be discussed, the Supervisors entered into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 8:35 p.m.

Following discussion, John Orr moved to adjourn. Second by Joe Snyder. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty A. Warfel, Secretary