

**Upper Paxton Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
July 11, 2023**

Those in attendance: Robert Stoner, John Orr, and Bob Coleman; Supervisors, Luanna Zimmerman; Secretary/Treasurer, Rich Wiest; Roadmaster, Joe Underkoffler, Brian Long, Rich Zimmerman, Doug Snyder, and Tim Travitz.

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: The minutes of the June 28, 2023, 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 a list of bills to be paid and the June financial documents. After review, Robert Stoner made a motion to approve the bills and the financial documents. Second by Bob Coleman. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Chairman Stoner opened the meeting as a public hearing to address the passage of Ordinance No. 7-11-2023. This Ordinance was written in order to allow the Township to vacate an unopened portion of North Street which has remained unopened for a period of time in excess of twenty-one years. Stoner said the Millersburg Area School District has submitted a Land Development Plan for a building expansion to house an elementary school and vacating this unopened portion of North Street was a requirement for approval of this Plan. This Ordinance was previously advertised in the June 22, 2023, issue of the Citizen Standard. No comments were received. Robert Stoner made a motion to adopt and sign Ordinance No. 7-11-2023. Second by John Orr. With all in favor motion carried.
2. Township Resident Joe Underkoffler provided the Board with an update as to his efforts to trap, spay/neuter, release feral cats in the Nelson Terrace area. Underkoffler said the number of cats that pass through the property has declined by 80% from a few months ago. He questioned the Board as to whether they would consider amending Ordinance No. 05-09-2023 which addresses feral cats in Upper Paxton Township in certain zoning districts. Underkoffler requested that baiting traps to catch feral cats for TNR not be a violation of the Ordinance. Robert Stoner told him that this was discussed with Solicitor Howland previously and baiting traps for the purpose of TNR is not a violation of the Ordinance. Joe Underkoffler told him he had received a certified letter from Township Zoning Officer Marty Sowers addressing feeding feral cats. He said, according to the letter, he has until September 13, 2023, to stop feeding and he will abide by the letter. He also said at that time he expects a visit from Zoning Officer Sowers to let him know that he is in compliance.
3. Chairman Stoner said that we are currently waiting on the last 6 month's financial statement from the Millersburg Area Ambulance Association. It has not been received

due to people being on vacation. This will be revisited at the 7-26-2023 Township meeting.

4. Chairman Stoner told Luanna Zimmerman to contact Zoning Officer Marty Sowers and let him know to have Light – Heigel complete an inspection of the stormwater controls on the property located at 725 Paxton Drive, Dalmatia, PA, 17017. As per the 5-09-2023 meeting, the work was to be completed as per the Plan by July 1, 2023.

New Business:

1. Doug Snyder, on behalf of the Millersburg Fire Company, requested sponsorship for a 2023-2024 Dauphin County Gaming Grant to update radios. John Orr made a motion to sponsor the Millersburg Fire Company for a 2023-2024 Gaming Grant. Second by Bob Coleman. All in favor, motion carried. Snyder said that Heather Stephens would contact Luanna Zimmerman with details regarding the grant sponsorship letter.
2. Doug Snyder spoke to the Board regarding the Millersburg Fire Company purchasing a new ladder truck. Snyder gave the Board details on pricing and specifications for the new truck. He requested that the Fire Company be allowed to withdraw money from the Apparatus Fund to put a downpayment on the new ladder truck. Snyder said a new truck will cost in excess of \$1,800,000.00. He said the wait time for a new ladder truck is approximately 40 months but if they can pay the downpayment by September 14, 2023, they will receive a discount of \$23,000.00. The sale of the existing ladder truck was discussed. Snyder said he is not sure what it will be worth a few years from now. He also said that the Millersburg Fire Company has recently become a 501 c 3 organization which will open them up to applying for more grant money. He said they would like to put \$500,000.00 to \$600,000.00 as a downpayment on the new truck and then obtain a 2% loan from the state and have it paid off in 10 years. He informed the Board that they are able to put approximately \$107,000.00 of the fire tax money into the Apparatus Fund each year. Bob Coleman made a motion to allow the Millersburg Fire Company to withdraw up to \$600,000.00 from the Apparatus Fund in order to put a downpayment on a new ladder truck. Second by John Orr. With all in favor motion carried. John Orr said that a new ladder truck will benefit all of Northern Dauphin County. He said that he is in favor of other Northern Dauphin County Municipalities applying for Dauphin County Gaming Grant money to help pay for the Millersburg Fire Company's new ladder truck.
3. John Orr said he had a point for reconsideration. John Orr made a motion to donate \$10,000.00 to the Millersburg Pool Association. Bob Coleman asked how much money was donated to the Millersburg Pool Association in the last few years. Luanna Zimmerman informed him that the Township donated \$30,000.00 in 2021 and \$35,000.00 in 2022. Coleman said since we are not yet sure of the Millersburg Area Ambulance Association's financial situation and what might be needed there, he would rather wait until the end of the year to see if there is money left to donate to the Millersburg Pool Association. Robert Stoner seconded Orr's motion to donate \$10,000.00 to the Millersburg Pool Association. Bob Coleman opposed due to uncertainty regarding the Millersburg Area Ambulance Association's financial standing. The motion was carried on a 2 to 1 majority rule vote.

Public Comments: None

With no further business on the agenda, Robert Stoner moved to adjourn. Bob Coleman seconded the motion. With all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Luanna Zimmerman,
Secretary/Treasurer