

**Upper Paxton Township Board of Supervisors
Monthly Meeting
July 26, 2023**

Those in attendance: Robert Stoner, John Orr, and Bob Coleman, Supervisors; Luanna Zimmerman, Secretary/Treasurer; Rich Wiest, Roadmaster; Brian Cole, Karen Roach, Melissa Coleman, Rhonda Lebo, Rodney Lebo, Kim Martz, Marty Etzweiler, and Adam Steppy.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stoner at 10:00 a.m. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Bob Coleman made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2023, meeting. Second by John Orr. With all in favor, motion carried. After reviewing the list of bills to be paid, John Orr made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Second by Bob Coleman. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Roadmaster's Report: Rich Wiest presented the Board with a list of items that the roadcrew has been busy doing. They are as follows: finished widening Fulkroad Road, cleaned up downed trees and debris from various storms, grass mowing at Township Municipal Site, roadside mowing, and prepared roads for the 2023 paving project. Wiest said that we should be under 90-100 tons on the 2023 paving project. He also spoke to the Board regarding a stormwater issue on Dawn Drive. Bob Coleman directed Wiest to look for the file on Dawn Drive. This was tabled and will be revisited.

Old Business:

1. Robert Stoner said that we did not receive the previously requested January 1, 2023, through 6-30-2023, financial report from the Millersburg Area Ambulance Association, therefore; this topic was tabled until the 8-8-2023 meeting. Stoner said that he and Bob Coleman had recently attended a COG meeting to discuss EMS services in Northern Dauphin County. At this meeting, it was decided to pursue a Dauphin County Gaming Grant for funds to conduct a study of EMS services in Northern Dauphin County,
2. The Board reviewed a report and photos from Zoning Officer Marty Sowers. The photos and report were regarding the property located at 725 Paxton Drive, Dalmatia, PA, 17017. This was tabled until the 8-8-2023 meeting in order for the Board to discuss it with Solicitor Pete Howland.
3. Chairman Stoner read a letter from Township resident Joe Underkoffler. This letter provided information as to the progress that is being made to resolve the feral cat issue in the Deb Estates Development. Underkoffler indicated the following: he trapped another cat which is going through the TNR process, 3 kittens were trapped and are going for possible adoption, and he is requesting an update on Title 18 of the Commonwealth Code because he does not want to be charged under this Title

once he stops feeding the cats that visit his property. Robert Stoner said this was discussed at the previous meeting and that Solicitor Howland did not feel this was an issue.

New Business:

1. Adam Steppy spoke to the Board on behalf of the Ned Smith Center. Steppy said the 5K Trail Run is scheduled for September 9, 2023, and that they would like to close Water Company Road and a portion of Woodside Station Road from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the day of the run. Steppy said they will place the signs for the road closure. John Orr made a motion in favor of approving the road closure. Second by Bob Coleman. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Robert Stoner said that the COG EMS Committee has requested that Upper Paxton Township be a co-applicant with the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments to apply for a Dauphin County Gaming Grant for the 2023-2024 gaming grant cycle. This grant would be to fund an EMS study to identify strategies and form a plan of action to maintain and restore our EMS system to a more reliable service for our residents. The amount of money requested in the co-applicant letter is \$55,000.00. Robert Stoner made a motion to approve and sign the co-applicant letter requesting sponsorship from the Dauphin County Commissioners. Second by Bob Coleman. With all in favor, motion carried. Robert Stoner read aloud Resolution No. 7-26-2023. This resolution supports the submission of the grant application to the Dauphin County Local Share Municipal Grant Program for funds in the approximate amount of up to \$55,000.00 for the study to develop an EMS coverage Improvement plan. Chairman Stoner made a motion to approve and sign Resolution No. 7-26-2023. Second by Bob Coleman. With all in favor, motion carried.
3. Karen Roach asked the Board to sponsor her company for a Dauphin County Gaming Grant in the amount of \$200,000.00 for the 2023-2024 grant cycle. She said her company did the construction work for the Millersburg Pool Splash Pad. Roach said her company is owed money but at this point she is not interested in pursuing legal action against the Millersburg Pool. She also said that she wanted to do some fundraising but was told she was not allowed to do so. John Orr asked her what her previous position was with the Millersburg Pool. She said she was a volunteer, helped with pest control, and helped with fundraising. She said she also did payroll and did bookwork as a donation. Township resident Rodney Lebo asked if Millersburg Borough Council was contacted and asked for sponsorship. Roach said they will be asked at their meeting tomorrow evening. John Orr said that he feels the Millersburg Pool Association should be applying for a gaming grant. Karen Roach said she was told they will not be applying for one. John Orr asked if the Millersburg Pool Association was given an itemized bill. Roach said she gave them a bill in the amount of \$10,000.00 in January and to date it has not been paid. Robert Stoner said bills for the work, with due dates and suspension dates, should have been sent to the Millersburg Pool Association so they know where they stand. Orr said he is reluctant to move forward with this request without getting our

Solicitor involved. Roach said the sponsorship letter needs to be submitted by 8-1-2023. John Orr made a motion to decline the request from Karen Roach for sponsorship for a Dauphin County Gaming Grant in the amount of \$200,000.00 for the 2023 – 2024 grant cycle. Second by Bob Stoner. All in favor, motion carried. Karen Roach requested a letter of denial to submit to the Dauphin County Commissioners.

4. A request for support for a Dauphin County Gaming Grant for the 2023 – 2024 grant cycle for the Dauphin County Hazmat Team to replace their outdated radios was reviewed. Robert Stoner made a motion to support this grant request. Second by Bob Coleman. All in favor, motion carried. Luanna Zimmerman said she will fill out the online form.

Public Comments: Township resident Kim Martz asked why \$10,000.00 was given to the Millersburg Pool at the July 11, 2023, meeting and it was not on the July 11, 2023, meeting agenda. Supervisor Orr told him that it was his understanding that when this was voted on it was added to the agenda. Martz also asked where the \$10,000.00 went and why it was not applied to the outstanding bill from Karen Roach. Martz said if Roach takes legal action against the Millersburg Pool they will most likely have to close. He also asked why a project would be started if the funds were not first secured. Martz stated that Upper Paxton Township gave \$75,000.00 to the Millersburg Pool and Millersburg Borough gave \$1,000.00 and the pool is located in Millersburg Borough. Robert Stoner told him the Millersburg Pool is a community pool. Martz said he would like to see a report showing how many Upper Paxton Township residents use the Millersburg Pool. He also said he would like to see a treasurer's report. Township Resident Rodney Lebo asked if the \$65,000.00 previously given to the Millersburg Pool Association paid any of the contractor's bills. John Orr said the money paid for the apparatus for the splash pad. Kim Martz said he has no problem with the Township donating to a good cause, but we should know where the money went and do research before a donation is made. Robert Stoner suggested Martz attend some pool meetings. John Orr said that he feels Millersburg Borough has the expense of their parks which Township residents use. Orr said he would like to see the Township give a yearly contribution to the Millersburg Pool. Orr said that the Township received \$447,000.00 in American Rescue Plan Funds and he has no problem giving that to various organizations like the Millersburg Ambulance Association, the Millersburg Fire Company, or the Millersburg Pool Association.

Robert Stoner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m. Second by Bob Coleman. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Luanna Zimmerman,
Secretary/Treasurer