

**Upper Paxton Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 8, 2023**

Those in attendance: Robert Stoner, John Orr, and Bob Coleman; Supervisors, Luanna Zimmerman; Secretary/Treasurer, Rich Wiest; Roadmaster, Joe Underkoffler, Rodney Lebo, Rhonda Lebo, Scott Wert, Darlene Roadcap, Jerry Duke, Brian Long, Dan Schlegel, Elizabeth Schlegel, Marty Etzweiler, Kim Martz, and Doug Moran.

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 July 26, 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 July financial documents. After review, Bob Coleman made a motion to approve the bills and the financial documents. Second by John Orr. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Jerry Duke spoke with the Board regarding the Millersburg Area School District Plan for building a new elementary school. Duke said this Plan was under approval from Dauphin County since Millersburg Borough does not have a Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. He said the Dauphin County Planning Commission gave approval on 2-6-2023 contingent on over 36 conditions be met. Duke said that the two items that were required for Upper Paxton Township were both met. One being the placement of sidewalks along the school property adjacent to State Route 25 and second, the vacating of an unopened portion of North Street. Discussion was had regarding placement of sidewalk on a private property between the school property. Duke said this was not something the school could do. Robert Stoner made a motion to approve and sign the Millersburg Area School District Plans as listed on the Plan dated 4-19-2023. Second by John Orr. With all in favor motion carried. Supervisor Orr informed Duke that when Ben Warner from Tri-County Regional Planning Commission comes to the 8-23-2023 Township Meeting, he would like to discuss rezoning the Lenkerville Elementary School.
2. Robert Stoner said that the Township received a packet of information from the Millersburg Area Ambulance Association. Stoner said that he did not get a chance to review it prior to this meeting. Stoner also said that the Township Supervisors have been in contact with Millersburg Borough Council to work together to get the Millersburg Ambulance Association through the year. He also said that we are working with the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments to obtain grant money to pay for an EMS study in Northern Dauphin County. Robert Stoner said that he thinks the EMS study will bring the Northern Dauphin County Ambulance Associations together for discussion on how to move forward. Darlene Roadcap said that the Millersburg Area Ambulance Association dissolved their Relief Association and turned the money over to the Millersburg Fire Company. Roadcap provided the Board with a copy of the letter that was sent to the Millersburg Area Fire Company and the Office of the PA Auditor General and a copy of the check. Roadcap said she also received a call from UPMC requesting a meeting.

3. The property located at 725 Paxton Drive, Dalmatia, PA, 17017, was discussed. Robert Stoner said that the Board received an email from Zoning Officer Marty Sowers regarding the progress of the stormwater work on the property. Sowers had been to visit the property on 7-21-2023. Property owner Dan Schlegel said that Sowers called him and told him he wanted to meet on 7-21-23 at 12 noon. Schlegel said he had made plans prior to Sower's call and could not make that meeting. Dan Schlegel said he has been working in the last two weeks to get the project completed and currently it is about 98% complete. He said he recently put in 2 twelve-hour days and an additional afternoon. He said he is waiting for Roadmaster Wiest to talk with him regarding installation of a 4-foot pipe across South Malta Road. Dan questioned as to why the required pipe was to be this large. He said he feels a 2 feet pipe would have been adequate. He said he expects the project to be finished by the end of August. John Orr said that 3 weeks ago there was no embankment for the retention basin. Schlegel said that a lot of work has happened since that time. Bob Coleman said that he went to visit the property on several occasions during and after rain. He said that the water crossing Schlegel's property was coming from Paxton Drive. Coleman also said the water was clear which indicates that no erosion is happening. Coleman also said that we will see a lot of disturbed road until the pipe is installed on South Malta Road. Dan said it "took him back" when he was told he was not a man of his word, and he feels that communication was lacking on this project. John Orr said he thought it was stated in meeting minutes that the project was to be finished by July 15, 2023. Schlegel said the project will be finished by the end of August and invited the Board to come to the site to look at it. Chairman Stoner said that he will visit the site.
4. Township resident Joe Underkoffler provided the Board with an update on his efforts to trap neuter and release (TNR) feral cats in the Deb Estates Development. Underkoffler said he trapped an additional female cat which brings the total of female cats trapped and spayed to 9. He said he will be trapping again this weekend. He also said he is in the process of inquiring with the Harrisburg SPCA as to what programs they have for residents to be able to take cats for spay/neuter at a discounted rate. Underkoffler said that he is concerned about the possible conflict between Township Ordinance No.: 5-9-2023 which addresses the feeding of feral/stray cats and Title 18 which has penalties for stopping the feeding of animals, providing water, and shelter. He said that he wants to be on record that he is complying with Ordinance No.: 5-09-2023 and not get charged with neglect as per Title 18.

New Business:

1. Resolution No.: 8-08-2023 was reviewed. This Resolution authorizes Robert Coleman and Luanna Zimmerman to take action to secure sponsorship from Dauphin County for the Township's Dauphin County Gaming Grant for the 2023-2024 grant cycle. The grant request is in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the tearing down of the Township's existing salt shed and building of a new salt shed structure. Robert Stoner made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution No.: 8-08-2023. Second by Bob Coleman. With all in favor, motion carried.
2. An invoice, from New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. Inc., for the recent paving project was reviewed. Roadmaster Wiest said he is very pleased with how the project turned out. It was noted that the invoice came in at \$9,401.06 less than the contract amount. This was due to less material being needed than was anticipated. Robert Stoner made a

motion to pay the invoice for paving, in the amount of \$163,098.94, out of the Liquid Fuels Account, to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. Second by Bob Coleman. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Luanna Zimmerman said that a resident had called her inquiring as to whether the Township was going to do street sweeping this year. Zimmerman said that she told the resident that street sweeping was scheduled, however; the company that the Township had contracted with could not provide a sweeper. Roadmaster Wiest said that there are areas, especially since recent rains, that should be swept. He said that the roadcrew inquired as to the availability of a sweeper. Washington Township would rent their sweeper with a driver for approximately \$150 per hour or we could rent a sweeper for the week (40 hours) from Golden Equipment for \$3,200.00. Discussion was had on how to proceed. Rodney Lebo asked what areas would be swept. Roadmaster Wiest said mainly the developments and Lenkerville. Township resident Marty Etzweiler pointed out that it is good to clean out inlet boxes before the stone gets into the pipe as pipe cleaning is expensive. Bob Coleman made a motion to rent a street sweeper from Golden Equipment for 40 hours in the amount of \$3,200.00. Second by John Orr. With all in favor, motion carried.
4. Discussion was had, regarding stormwater, on a block of Oak Street that is owned by the Township. Robert Stoner said that water washes from this portion of road onto the intersection with Shippen Dam Road. Bob Coleman said that it would not be an easy task to get pipes under a PennDOT road. Other dangerous intersections along State Route 209 in Upper Paxton Township were discussed. Coleman said that he has a hard time spending money on Oak Street without addressing the other dangerous intersections in Upper Paxton Township. John Orr said he would like to get quotes from Burch Associates and an engineer to address the stormwater issue on Oak Street. Robert Stoner said he would first like to talk with a representative from PennDOT at the site. Luanna Zimmerman said she will schedule a meeting. Supervisor Orr said that he wants to attend the meeting.

Public Comments: Rodney Lebo said he saw that there is going to be an open house at the new disc golf course located at Wiconisco Park. Lebo said he saw that Dauphin County was asking for donations for the project. He questioned where the \$10,000.00 that Upper Paxton Township donated for the project went if other donations were requested. John Orr told him it was his understanding that the project cost was around \$20,000.00.

Township Resident Scott Wert suggested that the Supervisors should get out and look at projects themselves, such as the stormwater project on Paxton Drive. He also suggested they spend more time on projects since they are elected by the people.

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 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Luanna Zimmerman,
Secretary/Treasurer