

**Upper Paxton Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 12, 2023**

Those in attendance: Robert Stoner, and Bob Coleman; Supervisors, Luanna Zimmerman; Secretary/Treasurer, Rich Wiest; Roadmaster, Peter Howland; Solicitor, Joe Underkoffler, Scott Wert, Marty Etzweiler, Richard Zimmerman, Kim Martz, Doug Moran, Elaine Moran, Karen Szives, David Roadcap, Tim Manning, Bruce Kance, Larry Meck, and Deborah Meck.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stoner at 7:00 p.m. A moment of silence was observed to remember the fallen heroes from 9-11-2021. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes and Financial Report: The minutes of the August 8, 2023, monthly meeting were reviewed. Bob Coleman made a motion to approve the original draft meeting minutes. Second by Robert Stoner. With all in favor, motion carried. Bob Coleman made a motion to approve the bills that were paid on August 23, 2023. Second by Robert Stoner. All in favor, motion carried. Luanna Zimmerman presented a list of bills to be paid and the August financial documents. After review, Bob Coleman made a motion to approve the bills and the financial documents. Second by Robert Stoner. With all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

1. The Millersburg Area Ambulance Association was discussed. Chairman Stoner said that currently the Millersburg Ambulance Association's funds are running low, and the Board is in the process of discussing a two-part Upper Paxton Township and one-part Millersburg Borough contribution, as determined by population, to the Millersburg Area Ambulance Association. This was tabled and will be revisited at an upcoming meeting.
2. Chairman Stoner gave information to the public on the proposed EMS study of Northern Dauphin County Providers through the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments. Stoner said that a Dauphin County Gaming Grant was applied for to fund a study on how to identify and rectify problems facing EMS providers in Northern Dauphin County. Bob Coleman said that he had attended a recent UDCOG meeting regarding this topic and at least 70% of the municipalities that were present were on board with helping to fund the project if gaming grant money is not awarded for the project. Coleman said in order to get the project started as soon as possible, Upper Paxton Township would fund the project then get the funds reimbursed by the gaming grant money. The other municipalities would sign individual documents to agree to repay the funding to Upper Paxton Township in the event that the Dauphin County Gaming Grant is not approved. The Board spoke with Solicitor Pete Howland and told him they would be in contact with him after the 9-21-2023 UDCOG meeting. It is anticipated that at this meeting a definite answer will be provided as to how many municipalities and which municipalities will be willing to participate in this project. Howland said that he will assist with drafting the agreement. Coleman said this study will gather information, identify the problems faced by the EMS providers, and provide solutions on how to resolve current issues. Chairman Stoner said currently we are looking at how we can keep our Ambulance Association afloat as they are short on funds and also how we can help them in 2024. Coleman said this study is going to be done to look for a solution instead of putting a "band aid" on the

problem. David Roadcap inquired as to whether it was possible to repay money that was already spent for this project with Dauphin County Gaming Funds. Robert Stoner assured him that this topic was discussed with Dauphin County Gaming Grant Advisors, and we were told it was allowed.

3. The stormwater project at 725 Paxton Drive in Dalmatia was discussed. Pipe size for the project was debated. It was decided that the pipe size can be determined by the landowner. Bob Coleman said that the roadcrew, Chairman Stoner, and himself will make arrangements to visit the property.
4. Chairman Stoner said there was a recent meeting with PennDOT onsite at Oak Street regarding stormwater drainage. A brief discussion was had, and this was tabled for a future meeting.
5. Township Resident Joe Underkoffler provided the Board with an update on the feral cat issue in Nelson Terrace. Underkoffler said with the help of two Township residents he and his wife have trapped, neutered/spayed, vaccinated, and released (TNR) many of these feral cats and have prevented over 120 kittens in the neighborhood. He said that there are other wild animals such as raccoons and opossums that are digging holes and leaving droppings in the neighborhood. He also said that it was reported that coyotes and foxes were seen in the neighborhood. Underkoffler said that when taking a closer look at a night vision camera, what he saw was a deer. He said that today is the last day that he and his wife will leave food and water out for the community cats that pass through the neighborhood. Underkoffler noted that starvation is inhumane and cruel but said that he will comply with Ordinance No. 5-09-2023 which addresses feeding of feral cats. Chairman Stoner told him that Zoning Officer Marty Sowers will be visiting his property. Underkoffler asked that he be notified when Sowers will be visiting.
6. An invoice from Russel Standard Corporation, in the amount of \$249,986.88, for seal coating on various Township roads was reviewed. Robert Stoner made a motion to pay \$181,000.00 for this invoice out of the Liquid Fuels (State Funds) Account and \$68,986.88 out of the General Fund Account. Second by Bob Coleman. With all in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

1. Robert Stoner made a motion to sign the Costars Enrollment Form for Electricity Procurement Services. Second by Bob Coleman. All in favor, motion carried.
2. The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding from PennDOT District 8 for establishing a detour from Center Street in Lenkerville, from SR 147 to the intersection of SR 4007 & SR 4009 (through Lenkerville to Millersburg Square). This proposed detour was created so that a portion of concrete located at the old mill on State Route 147 can be removed. Bob Coleman made a motion to sign the Memorandum of Understanding. Second by Robert Stoner. With all in favor, motion carried.
3. Discussion was had as to whether the Township would put "Private Road" or "No Outlet" signs at Guys Road in Upper Paxton Township. The landowner informed the Township that GPS devices are routing traffic on this road even though it is a private drive. Chairman Stoner directed Roadmaster Wiest to speak with the landowner and give him

information to purchase the sign(s). Stoner said that he has no problem with the roadcrew assisting in sign installation.

4. Robert Stoner made a motion to approve the date of 10-18-23 at 7:00 p.m. with a rain date of 10-19-2023 for the Millersburg Halloween Parade. Second by Bob Coleman. With all in favor, motion carried.
5. Robert Stoner made a motion to approve the date of 10-26-23 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. as Trick-or-Treat night in Upper Paxton Township. Second by Bob Coleman. All in favor, motion carried.
6. Chairman Stoner mentioned the hiring of someone for the roadcrew. This was tabled until the 8-27-23 meeting.
7. Roadmaster Wiest said that the garage hot water heater is leaking. He said he got a price of \$2,334.38 from Lehman's to replace it. He also said he got a price of \$1,319.99 from Klinger Lumber for the water heater only. Bob Coleman made a motion to approve the purchase of a water heater in the amount of \$1,319.99 from Klinger Lumber and have the roadcrew install it. Second by Robert Stoner. With all in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments: Scott Wert inquired as to why meeting minutes would be changed or altered. Chairman Stoner told him that discussion was had as to whether everything in the previous minutes was necessary. Wert said that he feels if people take the time to come to meetings and speak it should be reflected in the minutes.

Joe Underkoffler asked where the Township was at regarding purchasing a generator. Luanna Zimmerman informed him that we were waiting on an estimate from Lehman's and that after inspection of the wiring they were no longer interested in providing an estimate and that this had been tabled.

Rich Wiest said that the roadcrew received a price of \$1,957.50 for the purchase of a block of tar for crack sealing. Wiest said that this tar could be used with the "push buggy" the Township already has.

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 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Luanna Zimmerman,
Secretary/Treasurer