

**Upper Paxton Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 10, 2023**

Those in attendance: Robert Stoner, John Orr, and Bob Coleman; Supervisors, Luanna Zimmerman; Secretary/Treasurer, Rich Wiest; Roadmaster, Peter Howland; Solicitor, Joe Underkoffler, Marty Etzweiler, Kim Martz, Doug Moran, Rod Lebo, Rhonda Lebo, and Darlene Roadcap.

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: Township Resident Rod Lebo inquired if there was anything new regarding the salt shed. Luanna Zimmerman told him that she was informed the Dauphin County Commissioners will sponsor Upper Paxton Township's Application for a Dauphin County Gaming Grant for the Salt Shed Replacement Project. Lebo also inquired as to whether anything was decided on Oak Street pertaining to stormwater. Robert Stoner said that the Township did not get a positive response from PennDOT and that it is our decision if we want to deal with it. John Orr informed him that Township personnel had met with representatives from PennDOT. He said the PennDOT representatives the Township had met with would not be the ones issuing the permit if it is necessary to cross Shippen Dam Road, that permit would be issued by PennDOT's Permitting Department. Orr also said there is a possibility something could be worked out with the Oak Hill Cemetery Association.

Approval of Minutes and Financial Report: The minutes of the September 27, 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 September financial documents. After review, Robert Stoner made a motion to approve the bills and the financial documents. Second by Bob Coleman. With all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Robert Stoner said that he appreciates the financial reports that were received today from the Millersburg Ambulance Association, however; he said that the Board did not have time to review them, and he would like to table the ambulance discussion and the possibility of giving them funding until the 10-25-2023 meeting. Bob Coleman brought up the possibility of Upper Paxton Township purchasing the Millersburg Ambulance Building. Coleman said that this would get the Millersburg Ambulance Association out of debt and still have a building to operate out of. Darlene Roadcap said that she did not know if this was possible. She said she would see that the Township Solicitor receives the documentation on file regarding the Millersburg Ambulance Association. She also said she would take this idea to her Board. Coleman said that when Upper Paxton Township Residents inquire as to where their tax money went, we would have something to show for it. He also added that in the unlikely event that Millersburg Ambulance Association folds, another ambulance association would have a building to operate out of. Rod Lebo inquired as to how Millersburg Borough would fit into this. Coleman said that this is something that he wouldn't expect to happen immediately but over a period of time and that Millersburg Borough could contribute their share based on population. This was tabled and will be revisited at the 10-25-2023 meeting.

2. The EMS study was discussed. Chairman Stoner asked Solicitor Howland to have the Request for Proposals and the Memorandum of Understanding completed for the 10-25-2023 meeting. Discussion was had as to whether it would affect the possibility of receiving funding through a Dauphin County Gaming Grant for the EMS study if the project is already started. Robert Stoner said this was discussed previously and Millersburg Borough Councilman Chris Dietz assured him that it would be eligible through debt reduction. Solicitor Howland said that he had also spoken with Councilman Dietz and was told the same thing. John Orr said he would like to see written documentation of this. Bob Coleman also said that the Memorandum of Understanding would state that each municipality involved agrees to reimburse Upper Paxton Township \$2.00 per resident living in their township in case this project does not get funded by a Dauphin County Gaming Grant. This will be revisited at the 10-25-2023 meeting.
3. The Fire Tax Millage for 2024 was discussed. The possibility of an Emergency Services Tax was also discussed. Robert Stoner and Bob Coleman concurred that the EMS study should be completed and reviewed prior to an Emergency Services Tax being enacted. Township Resident Marty Etzweiler said he knows a new ladder truck at 1.8 million dollars was ordered and that he is not in favor of it. He also mentioned the cost of additional equipment for the truck and the expense every time it is driven. John Orr said he favors, in the future, that all municipalities in Northern Dauphin County apply for a Dauphin County Gaming Grant for debt reduction for this ladder truck since this type of truck is only owned by one other fire company in Northern Dauphin County. Orr also mentioned that he thinks that any increase in fire tax money should be put into the Millersburg Fire Company's Apparatus Fund. The Fire Tax Millage for 2024 was tabled and will be revisited at the 10-25-2023 meeting.

New Business:

1. Bob Coleman made a motion to give each full-time employee a \$400.00 cell phone stipend for 2023. Second by Robert Stoner. With all in favor, motion carried.
2. Robert Stoner said that the Township has a CD in the amount of \$251,857.40, invested with Mid Penn Bank, maturing on 10-13-2023. After reviewing CD rates, Robert Stoner made a motion to reinvest this entire CD, including the interest, with Mid Penn Bank for 12 months at the rate of 5.0366%. Second by John Orr. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments: Rod Lebo inquired as to the amount of money Upper Paxton Township has in the General Fund. Chairman Stoner reviewed the balance sheet dated 9-30-2023 with him. Stoner also mentioned the money that Upper Paxton Township currently has invested in CDs. He said that if Upper Paxton Township does not get awarded any Dauphin County Gaming Grant Funds, we will need at least \$350,000.00 for a new salt shed. Bob Coleman provided some history on previous township budgeting and purchasing of equipment.

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 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Luanna Zimmerman,
Secretary/Treasurer