

**Upper Paxton Township Board of Supervisors
Monthly Meeting
January 24, 2024**

Those in attendance: Robert Stoner, Bob Coleman, and Rich Wiest, Supervisors; Luanna Zimmerman, Secretary/Treasurer; Brian Cole, Roadcrew; Ben Warner, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission; Jason Turns, Burch Associates; Joe Underkoffler, Sean Grimm, EMA; Rodney Lebo, and D.J. Moran.

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 January 9, 2024, meeting. Second by Rich Wiest. With all in favor, motion carried. After reviewing the list of bills to be paid, Bob Coleman made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Second by Rich Wiest. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Roadmaster's Report: Rich Wiest said the roadcrew has been busy with the following items: finished up leaf collection in gutters along wooded areas, cleaned pipe inlets and outlets after flooding, shop work, installed pipe on South Malta Road, filled potholes with cold patch on various township roads, salted, cindered, and plowed roads due to snowstorms. Wiest also said the Western Star truck is in the shop for repair.

Old Business:

1. Ben Warner, with Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, discussed the minimum lot size in the Agricultural District with the Board. Wording and lot road frontage size was reviewed. Warner said that he will make the proposed changes and get them to Solicitor Howland and Luanna Zimmerman. This was tabled and will be revisited at the 2-28-2024 meeting.
2. Bob Coleman made a motion to accept and sign the agreement to allow PPL an access easement onto parcel #65-032-064, which is owned by Upper Paxton Township. Second by Rich Wiest. With all in favor, motion carried.
3. Robert Stoner made a motion to change the date for Spring Cleanup for 2024 to April 27, 2024, from 7 a.m. – 12 noon. The date was changed due to the Primary Election. Second by Rich Wiest. All in favor, motion carried.
4. The Board reviewed the request from Tyann Mooney to have parcels #65-022-012 & # 65-022-013 rezoned from Residential Suburban to Agricultural. Ben Warner from the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission informed the Board that this could be considered “spot zoning” and open up other areas in the Township for rezoning. Robert Stoner said that he favors keeping this land in Residential Suburban as it could possibly be turned into a housing development. Robert Stoner made a motion to keep parcels #65-022-012 & #65-022-013 in the Residential

Suburban Zoning District. Second by Bob Coleman. With all in favor, motion carried. Robert Stoner said that he would call Tyann Mooney and inform her of the Board's decision.

New Business:

1. Sean Grimm spoke to the Board regarding the renewal of the Township's Emergency Operations Plan. Grimm said this is something that needs to be done every two years and there are no changes from the last date it was renewed which was January 17, 2022. Robert Stoner made a motion to adopt and sign Resolution No. 1-24-2024 & the Promulgation which confirms Upper Paxton Township and Millersburg Borough's Emergency Operations Plan. Second by Bob Coleman. All in favor, motion carried. Chairman Stoner expressed the Board's appreciation for the service Grimm provides to the community. Grimm informed the Board that his radio equipment must be replaced in 2025. He asked the Board to put the funding in the 2025 Budget. He also invited the Board to the next Dauphin County Disaster Drill and said he would provide more information on that as it becomes available.
2. Jason Turns, with Burch Associates, presented the Lauver Plan to the Board. He informed the Board that this Plan combines two parcels of land. After discussion, Bob Coleman made a motion to approve and sign the Lauver Plan. Second by Rich Wiest. With all in favor, motion carried.
3. Jason Turns, with Burch Associates, presented the Sheldon Hoover Plan to the Board. Turns said this Plan is to change the boundary lines of the property. After review, Robert Stoner made a motion to approve and sign the Plan. Second by Rich Wiest. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Luanna Zimmerman said that Solicitor Howland provided her with information regarding a vacancy board appointment. The information from Howland states that, "A vacancy board exists to fill a vacancy of the board of supervisors if the board has not filled the vacancy itself within thirty days after the vacancy occurs. The vacancy board consists of the board of supervisors and one elector of the Township." Bob Coleman made a motion to appoint Kevin Sponsler to the Upper Paxton Township Vacancy Board for 2024. Second by Robert Stoner. With all in favor, motion carried. Luanna Zimmerman said that she will notify Sponsler of this appointment.
5. Rich Wiest made a motion to appoint Bob Coleman as the Alternate Representative from Upper Paxton Township to serve on the Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee. Second by Bob Stoner. All in favor, motion carried.
6. Roadwork for 2024 was discussed. This was tabled until the 2-23-2024 meeting.

Public Comments: None

With no further business on the agenda, Robert Stoner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m. Second by Bob Coleman. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Luanna Zimmerman,
Secretary/Treasurer