

**Upper Paxton Township Board of Supervisors
Workshop Meeting
May 28, 2014**

Those in attendance: Ron Hepner, John Orr, and Robert Stoner, Supervisors; Luanna Zimmerman, Manager; Betty Warfel, Secretary/Treasurer; Steve Erdman, Roadmaster; and Marty Sowers, Light-Heigel.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hepner at 9:00 a.m. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Public Comments: None

Old Business:

1. Supervisors proceeded to discuss methods for repairing the pipe on River Road. The slip lining procedure is no longer used to repair pipes. A new process, provided by a company such as Mr. Rehab, cleans and installs a new lining in the pipe. The current pipe is 15" wide and 250' long. The cost to send in a camera to assess the condition of the current pipe and clean debris from it is \$2,750. Installation of the lining is estimated at \$16,450 for a total cost of \$19,200. Due to the amount of the estimated cost, several quotes will be required. River Road, along with Goodling Road, Matter Road and Snyder Mill Road, will be discussed when the Supervisors meet with Justin Challenger of DCCD to determine whether any of these low volume roads would be candidates for dirt and gravel roads grant monies. A decision on the pipe repair was tabled until quotes for the required services are obtained.

Roadmaster Report:

- a. Steve Erdman reported on the cost estimates for materials that are being considered for use on Susan Drive and Gary Drive prior to Meckley's beginning the paving project. The distributor of the tensor fabric, AFC, in Maryland, provided an estimate as follows: 9 rolls (minimum order) of 1500 sq. ft. per roll fabric at a cost of \$900 per roll for a total cost of \$8,100. An alternative fabric which may prove suitable for the project is available from Fry's, in Muncy, at a cost of \$306 per roll for 12' x 360' (170 lbs.) Only one roll would be needed for the project. The only other method would be to rent a machine and dig out the cul de sac and would prove to be a very costly endeavor. The reason that fabric would be utilized in the project is to prevent cracks from returning to the road surface in the future. The Supervisors will discuss various methods with the representative from LTAP when they meet with him. Ron Hepner made a motion that the Supervisors allow Steve Erdman to order the fabric material from Fry's in Muncy to complete the Gary Drive/Susan Drive project. Second by Robert Stoner. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. The road crew has been removing branches and limbs from the roadway following yesterday's storm.
- c. Bob Hooper has been performing roadside mowing.
- d. Crew members have been working on placing stone on back roads and building risers.
- e. The crew has been brooming off chipped road surfaces.

- f. Road crew members have been experiencing problems with the new AT&T mobile phones. Manager Zimmerman will contact the AT&T representative to try and determine the source of the problems. A blue tooth may be purchased for the government I phone used by Roadmaster Erdman.
- g. Robert Coleman remains on restricted duty until his doctor's appointment due to his Worker's Comp injury.

Old Business (continued):

2. The increase in the cost of health insurance coverage for the road crew member is 25.34%. Manager Zimmerman will contact Nate Weems of Deibler, Straub & Troutman to determine the reason why the cost of coverage for some employees increased more than it did for others.

New Business

1. Ron Hepner reported on the recent Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee meeting which he attended. EIT collections received have increased over the past year. The Committee has entered into a contract with Keystone Collections for another five years of service. Funds to cover the cost of the audits of the Committee and Keystone Collections were approved. EIT collections appear to be running well. The Committee will not have a meeting in July.

2. Discussion for additional road projects ensued. The road crew will continue to measure and patch roads and perform treatments to prepare road surfaces for next year's paving season. Bill Burch is working on preparations for installation of the pipe on Summers Road. John Orr is preparing plans for work on Charles Road. Supervisors will review Bob Hooper's road report data in order to prioritize upcoming road projects. They will also discuss dirt & gravel grant projects with Justin Challenger.

3. Board members discussed the road measuring device and software available from Jamar. The cost would be \$800 for the device and \$1,000 for the software. Following discussion, John Orr made a motion that we purchase the road measuring device and software, using funds from Line item 430.74, if a field demonstration of the device provided by a representative from Jamar proves to fit our needs. Robert Stoner seconded this motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

4. The Zoning Maps from 2011 need to be laminated. The cost to have each map laminated would be \$60 each. Luanna Zimmerman will contact the Tri-County Planning Commission to obtain new zoning maps which would include the 2012 update that includes the Susquehanna River. Possible changes in the Zoning areas currently included on the maps, i.e., Special Industrial to Agricultural, were discussed.

5. Marty Sowers, representative from Light-Heigel, the Township's Zoning Officer, suggested that the Supervisors review and consider increasing the current permit fees. The costs for legal representation and stenographer's services at meetings of the Zoning Hearing Board are not currently covered by the \$150 ZHB application fee. Sowers also provided information with respect to granting of variances and special exceptions by the ZHB. Light-Heigel also maintains a log of areas the Supervisors should review. Sowers will provide fee resolution and complaint forms for the Supervisors' use. Sowers updated the Board on the status of various zoning matters including the David Stoltzfus

special exception application, the Carl Hoke variance request, the Samuel Lantz manure facility plan, and the Benjamin Brown matter. No formal actions were taken on any of these matters.

6. No new information has been received from Brian McFeaters, SEO, on the Robert Chubb septic matter.

7. Ron Hepner reported that he has responded to the complaint regarding burning at the Owen Erdman property and the matter is being addressed.

Public Comments: None

With no further business on the agenda, Ron Hepner moved to adjourn. John Orr seconded the motion. With all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty A. Warfel,
Secretary