

Upper Paxton Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 14, 2012

Those in attendance: Ron Hepner, Joseph Snyder, and John Orr, Supervisors, Betty Warfel, Secretary/Treasurer; Peter Howland, Esquire; Lewis Maurer and Christina Lauver, Dauphin County Library System; Tom Shaffer, Sean Grimm, EMC, and Allison Koppenhaver, MHS student.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Hepner at 7:00 p.m. For the benefit of the MHS Social Studies student present, Hepner introduced the members of the Board and other township officials present.

Public Comments: None

Presentation by the Dauphin County Library System: Lewis Maurer provided an overall description of the services that the library system makes available to the residents of Dauphin County. These services include technological support for teachers, programming for children, support for the business community, reference resources and genealogical information sources. Books, books on c.d., and downloadable books are available to anyone who has a library card. The library system makes a concerted effort to streamline operations and keep down costs. Christina Lauver provided statistical data regarding library use in Upper Dauphin County. Children's programs are very well attended. Informational brochures will be made available in the township office for any township resident who is interested in become an advisor or advocate.

Minutes of the February 6th Workshop Meeting and the February 8th Regular Monthly Meeting were reviewed. Ron Hepner made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the February meetings. Second by Joe Snyder. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer Warfel presented a financial statement and list of bills for payment. Following review of the treasurer's report, Joe Snyder made a motion to pay the bills as presented. John Orr seconded the motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

CoStars 2012-13 Contract and Salt Purchase and Storage: Randy Witmer reported that he will submit the 2012-13 Contract as approved at Monday's workshop meeting. The cost to have off-site storage for the salt that the Township is still required to purchase under the 2011-12 contract would be \$5.50 per ton and the material would only be stored until December. Hepner and Witmer will consult with Bob Coleman about the best method for storing the current on-site material. Witmer will order salt to fill the current available space.

Early Bird/Night Owl Storage Land Development Plan: No further updates have been received from the developers. The deadline for the Board to respond to the developers regarding the proposed plan is March 19th. Patrick Brown, of Buchart-Horn, has provided information that will support the Supervisors' decision to reject this proposed alternative plan. Brown's letter dated March 8th contains comments that the proposed plan does not comply with the township's ordinance requirements. The stormwater runoff calculations contained in the plan would provide a poor infiltration system on the site. Correspondence may be prepared stating the points outlined in the township engineer's letter with

respect to stormwater runoff that would need to be addressed and that the developers would need to abide by the ordinance's requirements (citing sections) for the plan to be re-considered. Based on the lack of compliance contained in the current plan, the Board is rejecting the plan. In order to void the current approval period, the developers may request, in writing, that the Supervisors grant an extension of the timeframe in order to amend the current plan. If a written request for extension is not received, the plan will be deemed as rejected. Ron Hepner made a motion that a letter be prepared to reject the Early Bird/Night Owl Storage Land Development Plan based on the township engineer's comments. Second by John Orr. With all in favor, motion carried.

Spring Clean-up Day: Randy Witmer informed the Board that Chris Underkoffler will not have obtained the necessary DEP permit to take the electronics. Other arrangements for disposal of the electronics will be made in the near future. All other arrangements are in place. Sean Grimm informed the Board that the fire company will be posting information in an effort to gain more volunteer help for the event.

Emergency Operations Plan Update: Sean Grimm explained the purpose and revisions to the Emergency Operations Plan. In accordance with Section 7503 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. Section 7101 et seq., an emergency operations plan to provide prompt and effective emergency response procedures to be followed in the event of a major emergency has been prepared. Ron Hepner made a motion to accept the Resolution for the Upper Paxton Township/Millersburg Borough Emergency Operations Plan as presented. Joe Snyder seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Purchase of Mower Tractor: Supervisors discussed whether to purchase a mower or bid the lawn care services. A new mower could be used with other equipment as well as providing mowing capabilities. If a new mower was purchased, the Ford Jubilee tractor, which is currently under used, could be sold at by bid or at auction and the township would have one less old piece of equipment to maintain. John Orr made a motion to purchase the John Deere mower at a cost of \$14,747.59, plus the cost of turf tires, from Valley Ag & Turf. Ron Hepner seconded this motion. Joe Snyder cast a "no" vote. With a majority in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

Turnaround Area at Woodside Station Road: Tom Shaffer addressed the Board regarding the turnaround located on the property he owns at Woodside Station. Shaffer had a verbal agreement with the township allowing this area to be used as a turnaround. The Rails to Trails Committee has approached Shaffer to request that he allow handicapped parking on this turnaround area. Shaffer informed the Supervisors that he wishes to have the area remain as a turnaround and not a handicapped parking lot.

Subdivision & Land Development Review Course: The PA Municipal Planning Education Institute will be offering this course at the Marysville Rye Senior Center in Marysville on April 12, 19 & 26th.

Development of a Drilling Ordinance: The proposed gas pipeline to be located near Grantville may connect through northern Dauphin County. Supervisors may need to consider developing a drilling ordinance to address this issue.

Prevailing Wage Resolution: The Board reviewed a proposed Resolution urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to eliminate or amend the State Prevailing Wage Act (Act 442 of 1961). HB 1329 would increase the prevailing wage threshold from \$25,000 to \$185,000, and adjust this amount annually based on the Consumer Price Index. HB 1865 would require the Secretary of Labor and Industry to develop a uniform and complete list of worker classifications and place this information on a publically accessible website. John Orr made a motion to adopt this Resolution endorsing this piece of legislation and to prepare letters to elected officials notifying them of the Board's support of this decision. Ron Hepner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Adoption of Floodplain Ordinance: The revised Floodplain Ordinance has been deemed as acceptable and ready for enactment at April's monthly meeting. Ron Hepner made a motion to advertise the Notice of Intent to Adopt the Floodplain Ordinance in the Upper Dauphin Sentinel. Second by Joe Snyder. With all in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments:

With no further business to be discussed, John Orr made the motion to adjourn. Joe Snyder seconded the motion. With all in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Executive Session:

An Executive session was held to discuss personnel issues. Session ended 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty A. Warfel, Secretary