

**UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
AUGUST 8, 2011**

The Upper Oxford Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at the township building, 1185 Limestone Road, Russellville, PA on Monday, August 8, 2011 at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Betsy E. Huber
 Scott A. Rugen
 Charles Fleischmann

 Jane Daggett, Secretary
 William Beers, Zoning Officer
 Ricky Railing, Road Master
 Frances Reyburn, Historic Commission

OTHERS: Bill Hovis Bill Rawle
 Ed Jefferis Sam Reyburn
 Bill Schoell Jane Carter
 Alice and Robert Fling

After the Salute to the Flag, Betsy Huber led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – At this time, public comments were asked for from the audience. There were no comments.

MINUTES – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the July 11, 2011 Minutes.

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

JANE CARTER – RECYCLING AREA – Ms. Carter requested copies of the estimates which the township received regarding installation of cameras at the recycling area and also what it cost the township to take materials to the landfill. She would also like to see a larger sign informing the public of what is acceptable at the center.

SHAW/THE RIDINGS – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to accept and grant an extension for the Shaw/The Ridings 37 Lot Subdivision on Newark Road until November 15, 2011.

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

JOSEPH CAPPELLI – Ed Jeffers presented the final subdivision plan for approval. This is a 9 lot subdivision located on Ewing Road and was approved by the Planning Commission November 2, 2009 with conditions. All conditions have been resolved. The Board of Supervisors approved two waivers July 13, 2009 at their regular meeting. Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the Joseph Cappelli Final 9-Lot Subdivision Plan.

Huber – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

ANTHONY BEILER – 5 Lot Subdivision on Limestone Road. Mr. Beiler would like the township to send a letter to DEP requesting an extension for 12 months in order to resolve outstanding issues. This subdivision plan has already been approved by Upper Oxford Township but has never received DEP approval. Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann to have the Secretary send a letter to DEP. Scott then withdrew the motion, seconded by Charlie, because of concern regarding the effect our MS-4 study would have on this project. This will be referred to the township engineer for his opinion.

ZONING – William Beers read his zoning report for the month. Bill reported that he is investigating the property at Pennsgrove Road and Route 896 with regards to selling cars. Bill has been in contact with the township solicitor regarding this issue.

ROADS – Ricky Railing read his report for the month. Ricky would like us to put a notice on the township web site to inform residents not to put any advertisements on the stop signs. Ricky would also like us to place an ad on the web site or newspapers to see if anyone is interested in snow plowing this season. Charlie and Scott both had names of township residents for Ricky to contact.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – The EOP plan will be reviewed by the Supervisors and will be discussed next month. The Secretary will contact Chuck Freese, EMC and request him to attend next month’s meeting.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$11.12 from the Open Space Fund and \$26,620.24 from the General Fund.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

CHESTER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION – Seeking a Letter of Support for the Housing Affordability and Transit Access Study for the Route 1 Corridor and also a representative to serve on the advisory committee. Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to send a Letter of Support to Chester County for the Housing Affordability and Transit Access Study. *Scott will draft a letter. This letter will also be taken to the Regional Comprehensive Plan Meeting.*

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

UNION FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 – Is forming a “new truck” committee and would like the township to send a representative to serve on the committee and attend the meetings regarding this matter. Scott will be the township’s representative.

PLGIT (Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust) – Betsy gave a brief discussion regarding PLGIT and the various programs they offer to municipalities. In order for the township to invest, we would need to pass an ordinance. Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to send the model ordinance to the township solicitor for review and if he approves the ordinance, to advertise for ordinance adoption.

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

WATERMARK ROAD BRIDGE – A letter was received from the County requesting our input regarding potential design parameters. Some areas that warrant consideration include roadway/bridge width, alignment, safety features, structure type, hydraulic capacity, roadway drainage, maintenance, posted restrictions for weight or geometry as well as aesthetics. Due to the low volume of traffic (134 vehicles per day) the bridge qualifies for a one-lane structure if desired or a two lane structure can be designed. The County would like our response on the number of lanes we desire within thirty (30) days. Mr. Rawle voiced his concerns regarding replacement of the bridge. The Board of Supervisors agreed that the primary consideration should be motorists’ safety, they are in favor of keeping the bridge the same size as it is currently, and making the bridge fit into the natural setting. *Betsy will write a letter to the County and copy the Historic Commission.*

SCHOOL BOARD APPORTIONMENTS – Scott contacted the township solicitor who informed him that the township would not qualify to have party status in this matter. Scott reported that the School Board has not filed the petition and has voted to take out “at large” language. The School board would like the Court to decide this matter. Scott will attend the next work session of the school board. They will have a

Solicitor present to answer questions and concerns regarding this process. Scott will also request a copy of the petition.

CHESTER COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY – Will hold a meeting August 17th. Scott will try to attend.

COCHRANVILLE FIRE COMPANY – will meet September 21st at 7:30 PM. Betsy and Charlie will attend.

OPEN SPACE – We received a letter from Upper Pottsgrove Township informing us that they have been lobbying our State representatives to amend the statute that authorizes the tax referendum (PA Act 153 of 1996) and would like our support in this matter. Upper Pottsgrove Township would like to use their “Open Space” tax to develop the open space for the use of their residents. Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen to submit a letter to Representative John Lawrence asking him ***not to support*** any legislation that changes the use of any public Open Space fund to allow the use for capital improvements. ***Betsy will write the letter.***

Huber – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to adjourn at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary