

**UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021**

Upper Oxford Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at the Township Building, 1185 Limestone Road, Russellville, on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Howard Reyburn
 Scott Rugen
 Charles Fleischmann
 Jane Daggett, Secretary

OTHERS: Kira Floersheim from Representative Chrissy Houlahan's Office
 William Beers, UOT Zoning Officer

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comments

MINUTES – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to approve the August 9, 2021 minutes with the following correction to the word “rescue” on Page 2.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Was held via telephone with the township solicitor, Thomas Oeste, September 2, 2021 at 12:30 P.M. with a follow up executive session at 4:00 P.M. for the purpose of discussing a legal matter.

KIRA FLOERSHEIM –was present on behalf of Representative Chrissy Houlahan's office. Kira thanked the Supervisors for having her and informed the Board that Rep. Chrissy Houlahan has three offices; DC, West Chester and Reading. They are presently tracking FEMA resources for individuals and municipalities. Kira stated that their office can give letters of support if we would be seeking any grant funding in the future. Representative Houlahan supports the American Rescue Plan funding for State and Local government, infrastructure investments and provisions to support broadbands. Supervisor Rugen informed Kira that Upper Oxford Township is part of a regional planning that meets once a month and discusses matters of regional related such as storm water and clean streams. Supervisors Rugen passed along the Oxford Area Regional Planning's website, stated that Supervisor Fleischmann is on the Board of Director of CCATO and that Supervisor Reyburn is on the Board of Chester and Delaware Farm Bureau which promotes agriculture and farming. One question the Supervisors had for Kira is if she had any updates on the status of Jennersville Regional Hospital. Kira will check up on that. Scott stated that volunteer fire companies face funding and recruiting volunteers for the fire companies. Most of their funding comes from the townships and boroughs. Supervisors Fleischmann stated the problems with getting franchises to commit to broadband service. The Supervisors thanked Kira for coming. Since she will be moving to New York shortly, she will connect us to the team at Representative Houlahan's office.

ONE ROOM SCHOOL REUNION – Will be held September 18, 2021 at Manor Church on Route 926.

ARMSTRONG CABLE CONTRACT – Supervisor Rugen stated that PSATS had a recent seminar regarding cable franchises and handed out a flyer on negotiating with cable companies to the other supervisors to review.

STORM – IDA CLEANUP – Two residents on Cullen Road and Collamer Road were affected by the recent storm/tornado that swept through the Oxford Area. Upper Oxford Township along with Chuck Freese, Emergency Management Coordinator, have been keeping residents informed of their options for assistance and links to where help can be found.

GRIST MILL – An email was received from Ron Ragan with different options regarding the problem in Grist Mill. with estimates from Page Excavating.

Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to direct Ragan Engineering to contact and work with Page Excavating to replace the old corrugated metal pipe from the sink hole to the manhole as described in Alternative #2 of Ron's email.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

The Secretary will notify Ragan Engineering and the township solicitor. A letter was also forwarded to the HOA advising them the sinkhole is their responsibility. The HOA would like the township to repair it.

RIPARIAN BUFFER ORDINANCE – Comments were received from Chester County Planning Commission. The comments will be discussed at the next work session on September 27th. The Planning Commission will also receive a copy of the comments for their review.

ELAM KING – STORMWATER SIMPLIFIED PLAN – This was reviewed and approved by the township engineer, Ragan Engineering.

Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the Simplified Approach Stormwater Best Management Practices Operation, Maintenance and Inspection Plan and Agreement with Elam King and Upper Oxford Township, dated August 10, 2021.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

MARIA CALIBEY AND JUSTIN YOUNG – STORMWATER SIMPLIFIED PLAN – This was reviewed and approved by the township engineer, Ragan Engineering.

Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to approve the Simplified Approach Stormwater Best Management Practices Operation, Maintenance and Inspection Plan and Agreement with Maria Calibey and Justin Young and Upper Oxford Township, dated August 9, 2021.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

MS4 – This was advertised July 28, 2021 and comments would be accepted for a 30-day review period. We received comments from Blair Fleischmann and David Ross. These comments will be forwarded to the township engineer to respond to and will be further discussed at our work session.

LUKE ALLEN – A petition was received from Luke Allen to add 71.78 acres to the present Agricultural Security Areas. No action will be taken at this time and after 180 days this petition will be automatically approved.

ENGINEER – The report was reviewed by the Supervisors.

ZONING – The Zoning Office presented his report and presented the Board with pictures of water buffalos who are escaping from their own property and roaming on other properties and the roads.

ROADS – The road report was reviewed by the Supervisors.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Motion was made by Howard Reyburn, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$46,745.58 from the General Fund.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

CCATO – Annual Fall Conference will be held on November 11, 2021 from 4 PM to 9 PM at the Mendenhall Inn.

COCHRANVILLE FIRE COMPANY – The annual meeting will be held Monday, September 2, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Supervisor Rugen will attend.

PSATS Health Insurance and Unemployment Compensation – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann to vote for Clyde Holman and E. Christopher Abruzzo to serve on the board of the PSATS Health Insurance Cooperative Trust and PSATS Unemployment Compensation Group Trust.

RUSSELLVILLE – a meeting will be scheduled with the Supervisors and the Road Master to check out the water problem at Russellville.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – An executive session was held at 8:45 to discuss personnel matter. It adjourned at 8:50 and the regular meeting resumed.

RESOLUTIONS – regarding the PSATS convention were handed out for the Board to review and send comments to Charlie.

PECO will be putting in new lines in parts of Upper Oxford Township.

ROUTE ONE CORRIDOR – no action lately.

TRANSPORTATION meeting will be held September 20, 2021. Howard will attend.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Scott Rugen and carried unanimously to adjourn at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary