

**UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
MARCH 9, 2026**

Upper Oxford Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at the township building, 1185 Limestone Road, Russellville, PA on Monday, March 9, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

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

OTHERS:	Bill Hovis	Karen Hovis
	Ira Binder	Elizabeth Hauser
	Mike Langer	Ted Jasinski

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Scott Rugen. After the Salute to the Flag, Scott Rugen led in prayer.

AMENDED AGENDA – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to add to the agenda the pending legislative in Harrisburg; specifically HB 1291 and SB 194.

Reyburn – Yea	Rugen – Yea	Fleischmann – Yea
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CULLEN ROAD – Elizabeth Hauser and Ira Binder, 277 Cullen Road discussed with the Board of Supervisors their options for filling in a dried- up pond that is located on their property. They were informed to contact Chester County Conservation District to seek out the correct procedures.

MINUTES – Motion was made by Howard Reyburn, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried to approve the February 9, 2026 Minutes.

Reyburn – Yea	Rugen – Yea	Fleischmann – Yea
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DONNELLY ENTERPRISES – Motion was made by Howard Reyburn, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to accept and grant an extension of time until May 29, 2026 for review of the Donnelly Enterprises Land Development Plan. The Board of Supervisors will act on this at their May 11, 2026 meeting.

Reyburn – Yea	Rugen – Yea	Fleischmann – Yea
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PSATS MAGAZINE – an article written by David Sanko, Executive Director, of PSATS, was discussed by the Supervisors. Senate Bill 194 and House Bill 1291 will come before Harrisburg. PSATS supports SB-194 which gives the municipalities flexibility, but opposes HB 129 which eliminates townships authorities. Discussion was held regarding how residents receive township news, whether through local newspapers or websites. Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to include David Sanko’s remarks in our minutes as follows:

“The legislature in Iowa has passed a bill to eliminate townships, and the legislatures in Indiana and Illinois are poised to eliminate or merge local governments to the county level. Ohio, Michigan and New York are all moving in the same direction. Here in Pennsylvania, movements are afoot to crush local governments financially with mandates like stormwater, building codes, artificially set non-market wages, forced advertising for public meetings instead of allowing legal notices on local government websites (where people already look), statewide zoning “for pay,” and land use standards defined in Harrisburg instead of local communities.”

Reyburn – Yea	Rugen – Yea	Fleischmann – Yea
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Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to table any action until next month.

CHESTER COUNTY AMERICA 250 PA COMMISSION – we do not have any volunteer requirements or any listed events that we are aware of. However, Charlie believes that the Historic Commission will want to do something and identify historic homes.

ZONING – The Supervisors reviewed the zoning report for the month. Ted stated that he received a call from Asplundh Tree Service about closing Glenville Road.

ROADS – the Road Master's report for the month was reviewed. Scott will check with Andy about touching base with Edmond Monte at 302-362-9704 regarding trimming trees on Glenville Road.

ENGINEER – the engineer's report for the month was reviewed by the Supervisors. DE Storage was discussed. Charlie will contact CCCD and Ted will inform Erin about DE Storage's inspections.

HISTORIC – questions regarding the mailing of newsletters were discussed. The Historic Commission is also trying to find demo permits on Newark Road. It appears that there are discrepancies between tax parcel ID's and actual correct tax parcels. The Historic Commission supports a regional effort to protect Historic Villages. The Historic Commission would like permission to frame and mount our Historic Atlas. Supervisors gave permission to do so.

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 \$46,941.06 from the General Fund.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

4531 NEWARK ROAD – Mike Langer discussed with the Supervisors a situation which occurred this past weekend at his property. A neighbor was burning hazardous materials and it affected Mr. Langer and his wife. They had to evacuate their home and spend the night in a hotel due to respiratory problems. Supervisor Rugen stated that the Township does in fact have a burn ordinance and DEP prohibits burning of any toxic materials. DEP has an emergency number to contact which was given to Mr. Langer. (800-541-2050). Mr. Langer suggested that civil watch groups be formed in order to photo and document any future burnings. Supervisors Rugen will put a notice in our newsletter regarding this.

BRIDGE INSPECTION REPORT – The Supervisors received a bridge inspection report for the bridge on Collamer Road. A cost was included in the report for painting and repairs. Scott will have Erin review the report.

OLD BUSINESS

Armstrong Cable – Scott has contract

Comcast TV – waiting for response from them

Zoning Fee – still pending

Butler – still pending

Septic Pumping and Records – Hydra Terra

Grist Mill – Scott will send message to Ron

2026 Celebration – our Historic Commission has some plans for this.

Old Limestone Road – Scott will inform the engineer to move forward with Option 1

ORPC – the Supervisors will request the Solicitor to draft a letter regarding developmental right and the status of the Regional Open Space Committee.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett

