

**UPPER YODER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
SEPT. 18, 2014**

**SPECIAL MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

MEMBERS PRESENT

EDWARD BARZESKI
ROY SHAFFER-ABSENT
ROBERT AMISTADI
WILLIAM HUSTON
SCOTT HUNT

OTHERS PRESENT

ROBERT SHAHADE-SOLICITOR
KEN MESKO-ENGINEER
MARY KAY MAHER-TWP SECRETARY

OTHERS: Tom Goughnour, Sally Goughnour, John Flynn, Ron Covalt Jr.

CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 21, 2014 REGULAR MEETING

Bill moved, Bob seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion
Carried. 4/0

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE ON THE AGENDA-none

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

TOM GOUGHNOUR/5 JEFFERSON STREET

Mr. Goughnour commended Chief Howell and Officer Moser in pursuing the tenant occupying the property at 5 Jefferson Street in cleaning up the debris. He said that the property looks great and doesn't need to be a junkyard. There were over 40 tires accumulated on the lot, which have been removed except for a few that are unseen. Mr. Goughnour thanked the officers for accomplishing the clean-up over the last couple of weeks.

JOHN FLYNN/MENOHER HEIGHTS FIRE COMPANY PROPERTY

Mr. Flynn inquired if he could still traverse the Fire Company property at Menoher Heights in order to deer hunt behind their property. Chief explained there were some people going on the vacant property having parties and leaving garbage. People driving behind the buildings cannot be seen from the street and the police are trying to discourage this type of activity. He emphasized that the public can still go and hunt the properties in the rear of the Fire Hall as long as they do not do any damage or leave garbage.

JOHN FLYNN/DRAINAGE-ROBINSON STREET/DAISY ST.

Mr. Flynn also stated the storm water drainage pipes on Robinson/Daisy Streets are washing out on a regular basis on the one side. The wash-out is plugging the drain which is causing the ponding of water. He is concerned with the upcoming winter season, should the pond water freeze causing accidents. Ed will have the road crew check it out to see if any hot mix should be applied to stop the erosion.

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RONALD COVALT JR./ROAD SUPERVISOR POSITION

Mr. Covalt introduced himself to the Supervisors stating he had submitted an application for the vacant position of Township Road Supervisor. He is available to meet with the Supervisors at any time they wish. The Board acknowledged receipt of his application.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS: SECRETARYS, INCOME, PAYROLL, FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Bill moved, Scott seconded to approve the reports as submitted and to return to the Secretary's report as needed. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

APPROVAL OF SUBMITTED BILLS FOR \$162,646.88

Bob moved, Scott seconded to approve the submitted bills for payment in the amount of \$162,646.88. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ed-aye, Bob-aye, Bill-aye, Scott-aye
MOTION CARRIED 4/0

APPROVAL OF OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES - \$89,180.66

Scott moved, Bill seconded to approve Other Fund Expenditures for \$89,180.66.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Scott-aye, Bill-aye, Bob-aye, Ed-aye MOTION CARRIED 4/0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

A list of suggested Planning consultants was obtained and submitted to the Supervisors for review. Ken suggested obtaining the services of Mark Walker to update the Zoning and Subdivision/Land Development Ordinances. Mark was unable to attend the meeting this evening to offer his services directly to the Board. DCED also recommended using the local Planner Ethan Imhoff in Ebensburg to assist in the updates. Ken also noted that Mark is working with Westmont Borough in doing a comprehensive overhaul of their ordinances and it may be to Upper Yoder's advantage to do a collaborative update. Funding may be available for this type of joint venture between municipalities. The Board would like to meet with Mark for further discussion.

Bill moved, Scott seconded to invite Mark Walker at 6:00 p.m. October 16, 2014 at the Township Municipal Building to discuss updating the Township's ordinances. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

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BUS SHELTER REQUEST/LUZERNE STREET-GOUCHER ST.

A request was received for the installation of a bus shelter at the corner of Luzerne St. and Goucher St. PennDot was contacted and an agreement was received citing the regulations and specifications required for a shelter. There was a shelter in this area some time ago that had

been removed. To install one now under the latest regulations would require a pull-off area for the buses which would require more set back from the berm of the road. A right of way would have to be obtained from the adjoining landowner along with meeting other requirements of the agreement. A notice will be sent to Ms. Guaetta informing her that the installation of a shelter at this location would be unfeasible.

SUNRAY DRIVE RENOVATIONS/POLICE DEPT.

Engineer presented plans for the renovations of the rear of the Sunray Drive building that would accommodate the Police Department. The entrances and walls were reviewed and will be renovated to comply with the latest Codes. Mark Walker, the Zoning Officer, met with Ken and approved the plans as submitted. A new holding cell will be installed for future use. This will leave the old holding cell as a storage room for the Township office. The phone system installed by Link Computer will accommodate the additional phone lines, as well as the computer lines. There is a firewall installed in the building for the computer systems. The heating/cooling units and zones were discussed to provide adequate services to all areas. The Township offices currently have a security camera installed and in place. Tercek Electric will be contacted to provide adequate security for the police department areas. The fire alarm and security system currently installed have not been connected to the Main Central yet. All offices will need scrubbed and cleaned prior to moving. The building keys will be changed prior to the moving day to ensure security.

Bill moved, Bob seconded to approve the renovation plans as presented by the Engineer for the Police Department at the Sunray Drive building. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

DROZ/3470 MENOHER BLVD-MARGO/SELL STREET STREAM ISSUES

Ken reported that he has not heard back yet from DEP concerning a meeting date to do a physical inspection of the problem areas.

2014 SEAL COAT CONTRACT

Ken reported that everything is done concerning the seal coat contract and the completion certificate has been signed. The Road Paving will be picked up next year for 2015.

SELL ST. CULVERT

The Sewer Authority's sewer project was bid and two bids were received. The lowest bid received was over-budget by approx. \$1,500,000. PennVest will be contacted to request

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additional funds by either loans or grants to cover the additional cost. This meeting will be held on Oct. 22nd. If additional funds are obtained, the Sewer Authority will proceed with the contract. Actual construction work would begin no earlier than this coming November with work proceeding depending on the weather. There are provisions in the project to install a new manhole and piping to correct this problem area at Sell St.

WAYNE MEYERS/100 SCENIC WAY-EROSION

Ken was contacted concerning an erosion problem by Mr. Meyers property on Scenic Way. The gabion baskets that had been installed adjacent to his property have been deteriorating due to the small stones falling through the basket. As a result, erosion is setting in. Ken will review the situation with Dave from the Road Department to see what can be done.

POLICE CONTRACT/2014-2019

Chief informed the Board that the Police Contract is being updated with the latest changes and will be presented at the next meeting for adoption.

POLICE DONATION

Chief announced the receipt of a \$10,000 donation from a family in Upper Yoder Township who wishes to remain anonymous. The donation was made with the specifications that it be used specifically for the Police Department. The donation had no other restrictions on it. It will be used towards the safety of all people in the Township.

CORRESPONDENCE**SECRETARY'S REPORT****F-550 FORD TRUCK**

Ed announced that the F-550 Ford truck will be undercoated before the winter season.

ENGINEERING FEE REIMBURSEMENT

An invoice submitted to a legal firm for engineering services in reference to their land development application has not been paid to date. Original invoice was issued in May, 2014 and subsequent notices have not proved successful in receiving payment. Board directed the Secretary to send a final notice by certified mail.

Bill moved, Scott seconded to send another invoice to the respective law firm via certified mail. Further review and/or assessment will be made on the situation pending results of the certified letter. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

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GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY/BOND EXPIRATION

The bond held by the Township for the Water Authority's pump installation off of Shenkelview Drive will expire on Oct. 20, 2014. Bond was in the amount of \$34,000.00. Engineer will inspect the project to ensure all Township property has been restored.

SUNRAY DRIVE MOVING DAY

Discussion ensued on what work needs to be done in sorting, packing the Township/Authority records in addition to having the new offices cleaned prior to move day. All departments/organizations such as the computer company, moving company, telephone company, etc. need an established move date to schedule their personnel.

Bill moved, Ed seconded to establish Thursday, October 23, 2014 as the move date for the Township office, and to close the office for Thursday and Friday, Oct. 23rd and 24th to accommodate the move. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

2015 BUDGET

Scott stated the Budget workshops are usually held in October/November to work on the 2015 Township budget.

Scott moved, Ed seconded to hold the first budget meeting on October 17th, immediately following the regular meeting that evening. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Scott, seconded by Bob to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNED – 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Kay Maher
Twp. Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 6:00 P.M. WITH MARK WALKER TO DISCUSS UPDATING THE ORDINANCES.

THE NEXT REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY THE FIRST BUDGET MEETING.