

**UPPER YODER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
DECEMBER 18, 2014**

**REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

MEMBERS PRESENT

EDWARD BARZESKI
ROY SHAFFER
ROBERT AMISTADI
WILLIAM HUSTON
SCOTT HUNT

OTHERS PRESENT

ROBERT SHAHADE-SOLICITOR-ABSENT
KEN MESKO-ENGINEER
MARY KAY MAHER-TWP SECRETARY
WALTER HOWELL – CHIEF OF POLICE

OTHERS: Mirian Lech

CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT THE PREVIOUS MEETING HAD ADJOURNED INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION, NOT TO RECONVENE. CHAIRMAN STATED NO DECISIONS WERE MADE.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 20 , 2014 REGULAR MEETING

Bill moved, Bob seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. MOTION
CARRIED 5/0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MIRIAN LECH/269 KEAFER ROAD/SNOWPLOWING

Ms. Lech addressed the Board concerning the snow plowing that is done on Keafer Road. She lives near the end of the road which is at the bottom of a steep hill. Many times in the past the plow trucks clear out the snow at the upper half of the road, then stop and do not clear it down to the bottom where her house is. Last year she has had complaints from the mailman, the oil trucks, and garbage trucks concerning the bad condition of the lower part of the road in the winter. So far this year, the same thing has happened with the two small snow storms we have had and she would like the issue to be addressed. She would like to see cinder applied which works in snow or ice and more attention done at the lower part of the road that accesses her residence. The Board stated they will address the issue with the Road Dept.

WALTER HOWELL/477 BANTELL ROAD/SEWER LATERALS

Mr. Howell was concerned about the passage of the last Township Ordinance that would require all resident's sewer laterals to pass a pressure test. He pointed out in the local newspaper that Southmont stated they will be addressing the main lines first to reduce their flows, then if that is not sufficient, they will then address the resident's laterals. He questioned why Upper Yoder could not do the same when all municipalities are under the same DEP directive. Ken pointed out that the DEP consent order required the testing. Mr. Howell checked with Senator Wozniak's office who stated that DEP did not require the testing, Johnstown Redevelopment Authority is requiring it. Ken stated that it is stated in the Consent Order that we were required to adopt, along with the Ordinance. Southmont must not have completed their consent order and Ordinance yet. Mr. Howell questioned if the people still

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have to re-do their laterals, if the flow is reduced enough by rehabilitating the mains. He stated someone should take a stand with this issue against JRA and DEP's directives. He stated for the record that he is opposed to the passage of the latest Ordinance requiring air and/or water testing of the resident's sewer laterals.

VOTING PRECINCT NUMBER FOUR (4)

Mr. Howell inquired if the Supervisors would consider changing the location of the voting precinct for Number Four (4). Currently it is at the Presbyterian Home and the parking lot and facilities are not working out well due to the small areas to work in. He asked if the voting could be done at the new meeting room at the Sunray Drive building. The meeting room is larger and with the large parking lot, it would be easier for vehicle traffic to use. Secretary was directed to write a letter to the Board of Elections at the Court House to inquire about moving the voting to the Sunray Drive meeting room.

Bill moved, Scott seconded to issue a letter of inquiry to the Board of Elections concerning moving the voting precinct number 4 to the Sunray Drive Building.
MOTION CARRIED 5/0

APPROVAL OF REPORTS – SECRETARY'S, INCOME, PAYROLL, FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Bill moved, Scott seconded to approve the reports as submitted with discussion on the Secretary's report, if needed. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

APPROVAL OF GENERAL FUND BILLS - \$46,618.17

Scott moved, Roy seconded to approve the General Fund bills in the amount of \$46,618.17. ROLL CALL VOTE: Roy-aye, Ed-aye, Bob-aye, Bill-aye, Scott-aye
MOTION CARRIED 5/0

APPROVAL OF OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES - \$70,159.76

Scott moved, Ed seconded to approve the Other Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$70,159.76. ROLL CALL VOTE: Scott-aye, Bill-aye, Bob-aye, Ed-aye, Roy-aye MOTION CARRIED 5/0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

GIS MAPPING

Chairman inquired on the status of the GIS mapping project. Ken reported he is getting ready to upload the mapping with the Pennvest Sewer project. A review of the funds spent for the GIS mapping is approx. \$100,000. Ken pointed out that figure also included the NPDES storm water mapping. Ken could print out the mapping on paper sheets for the office, however,

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the ultimate goal was to have the mapping on the computers for ready access. Previous discussions on the GIS mapping was to upload the information for access by the public at the County GIS web site; however, Ken informed the Board that the County is not going public with that type of information, only parcels and tax information. They are leaving it up to the individual municipalities to decide how they want to display it and where. Questions were raised on how it could be integrated with the Township's web site for accessibility by the general public for use by contractors and land developers to locate property lines, sewer lines/taps, stormwater lines, etc. Ken noted he could also produce the mapping in a PDF format on disks for the office's use. Either of these two ways would provide the information, but it could not be changed or altered. Ken has the preliminary mapping done for the upcoming PennVest project. They will have a final phase after all the work is completed and the mapping could be updated to reflect the final sewer work.

SELL STREET GARAGE – ROOF QUOTES

Three quotes were received for the replacement of the Sell Street roof.

Blanset Construction, Stoystown for \$15,800; B & B, Somerset for \$17,500 and C.J. Kist Construction, Hollsopple for \$18,673.00. The lower bidder is Blanset Construction who will replace the roof using a torch method. Winter is approaching and the Board would like to see the roof replaced when the weather is more favorable in the spring, but the quote may not be the same in March or April. Ed will contact them to see if they will hold their price until the spring.

Scott moved, Ed seconded to award the roof replacement for the Sell Street garage to the low bidder of Blanset Construction for \$15,800. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

APPROVAL OF THE 2015 GENERAL FUND BUDGET, TAX RATES AND OTHER FUNDS

Scott moved, Bob seconded to approve the final general fund budget for the year 2015 at a balanced amount of \$1,653,475, to approve the Other Township funds as presented and to have the tax rates remain the same for the new year of 2015. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

Bill Huston wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

MEETING ROOM SIGN

Roy suggested getting a "Meeting Room Entrance" sign to place on the hallway wall to direct the public down to the end of the hall to enter the meeting room.

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METAL FOLDING CHAIRS

Scott noted on the Secretary's report a question arose about the disposition of the folding metal chairs that were in the meeting room at the Elim St. Building. Several ideas were presented including retaining the chairs for a classroom in the rear of the building for the police department. A suggestion was made to donate them to the Upper Yoder Vol. Fire Company.

SUNRAY DRIVE POLICE DEPT. RENOVATIONS

Ken eliminated the counter work from the original quotes and requested the contractors to re-bid the remaining work. Three quotes were received. SR&G for \$19,100; RJ Young from Salix for \$18,800; and C.J. Kist Construction from Hollsopple for \$18,785.23. All quotes were reviewed to determine the scope of the work covered. On all of them the permits and inspection fees will remain the responsibility of the owner, which eliminated some of the cost.

Bill moved, Scott seconded to accept the proposal as presented from C.J. Kist Construction as the low bidder for \$18,785.23. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

SELL ST. CULVERT

Ken produced a map that he had located from the Township's map room from the year 1966 which indicated the Township had replaced portions of the Sell Street lines. The map also identifies two easements that were granted to the Township for the installation of the lines. Ken wanted to review the map with the Solicitor for authentication. Original pipes installed were 24". These original lines have either collapsed or the bottoms rusted away and should be replaced. The easements will be verified at the Court House before any repair work is planned.

LAURELWOOD ROAD ENCROACHMENT/WOODMONT ROAD

Ken's office received a request from Laurelwood for a Road Encroachment permit concerning providing a service line to Laurelwood Convalescent Home. The Township has sewer mains under Woodmont Road, along with the pump station main lines. He does not believe there are any storm sewers in the area they are requesting. The service line would come from one side of Menoher Highway to the other side, along Woodmont Road and then into Laurelwood Convalescent Home. Ken will follow up with this project.

SUE MARGO-253 CAPITAL AVENUE/COURTNEY DROZ-3470 MENOHER BLVD. WATER DAMAGE

Ken reported he asked DEP to provide the Township with their written opinion on their recent inspection of the two water complaints. Ms. Droz was not present at the time of DEP's inspection and they would not enter private property with the owner. They observed the property from an area nearby. They could see the property as the trees had dropped their leaves for the winter. She stated it is all wetlands and is not a Township responsibility. Concerning the Margo water problem, Ken informed the Board that the Township could work 50 feet from the outfall of the water, at the discretion of the Board. That would be the limit of what the Township could do in this case.

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SUNRAY DRIVE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief inquired where the computer/phone lines enter the building. He is working with other contractors to obtain quotes for the installation of the phone lines, computer lines, etc., but he needs to know the location of the main entry line. Also, Link Computer has the layout or diagram of the system that he would need in order to ask for quotes from other contractors. This would apply to the phone system, security system and computer system. The Chief also noted that for reasons of economy and because the current doors for the Police Department are not compatible for an electronic entry, they will have to use the old fashion way with keys.

STREET LIGHT REQUEST

Ken suggested the Board request the installation of a street light at the corner of the parking lot on Sunray Drive where the bus shelter is. He noted after hours this area is still dark and the nearby street light does not illuminate the parking lot very much. A request will be made to Penelec.

Bob moved, Roy seconded to request the installation of a street light from Penelec on the pole near the bus shelter by the Sunray Drive parking lot.
MOTION CARRIED 5/0

MAP STORAGE UNITS

Several map storage units were researched on the internet that could be used in the Sunray Building map room. Prices ranged from \$800 up to \$1,500 for each unit. Discussion was held on the number of pigeon holes needed and other types of map storage. A quote will be requested from C.J. Kist on the cost to build a unit to compare with the prices on the internet.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM/SUNRAY DRIVE

The fire alarm/security system has now been activated for the Township office. With this activation came the question of whether the rest of the building had any fire alarms installed and if they were active. The prior renovations made by the Presbyterian Home will be pulled and reviewed by the Engineer

NEW BUSINESS

EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION

Devon Gilbert who worked part-time on the Road Department has turned in his resignation effective 12/18/14 to embark on a career in the United States Air Force. The Board wished him well and directed a letter of appreciation be sent to him.

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ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT

The current Animal Control Contract the Township has with Crespo Wildlife Solutions will expire as of 12/31/14. A new contract was submitted for the new year at a cost of \$1,049.00/annually for 15 separate capture attempts and \$65.00 for every capture over 15.

Scott moved, Bill seconded to renew the animal control contract with Crespo Wildlife Solutions for an annual price of \$1,049.00. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

NEW HIRE/ROAD DEPARTMENT

Ed informed the Board that a former employee that had worked for the Township is available to work again. He proposed the Township hire Steve Davis of Lyle Court as a part-time employee (not more than 32 hours/week) for the Road Department for a probationary period of 60 days. He will be reviewed at the end of the probationary period to see if he will be hired full-time. If hired full-time, then his 60 day probationary period would count towards his six month probationary period under his full-time status. He will have to get a CDL license.

Ed moved, Bob seconded to offer part-time employment on the Road Department to Steve Davis of 196 Lyle Court for a 60 day probationary period. Employment will be effective 1/1/15 at the non-CDL wage rate of \$8.50 per hour. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none

MEETING ADJOURNED – motion by Roy, seconded by Bob

ADJOURNED: 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Kay Maher
Twp. Secretary

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE REORGANIZATION MEETING – MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015
AT 7:00 P.M.**