

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Monthly Board Meeting
January 28, 2013

The Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Linda Evans-Boren at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held at the Union Township Municipal Building, 3904 Finleyville-Elrama Road, Finleyville, PA. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Board Members in Attendance by roll call were Steve Parish, Larry Spahr, Linda Evans-Boren, Andrew Tullai and Brenda Cushey. Also in attendance, Dennis Makel-Solicitor, Judy Taylor-Treasurer, Debra Nigon-Secretary. Harold Ivery-Building Code Official and Carl DeiCas-Township Engineer did not attend.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Motion to approve Minutes for November 28, 2012, Multi-Municipal Plan Workshop, as presented by the Secretary, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Brenda Cushey

Roll call vote: Parish-abstain, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Minutes for November 28, 2012, Regular Board Meeting as presented by the Secretary, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Larry Spahr

Roll call vote: Parish-abstain, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Minutes for December 10, 2012, Regular Board Meeting as presented by the Secretary, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Andrew Tullai

Roll call vote: Parish-abstain, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Minutes for January 7, 2013, Reorganization Meeting as presented by the Secretary, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

It was discussed that the intent was to hire Municipal Consulting Services, not only as Building Code Official, but also for Code Enforcement and Zoning. Per the solicitor's advice, it was decided that this will be rectified by the Board making another Motion at this current meeting to add these responsibilities to the appointment.

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Motion to approve Minutes for January 14, 2013, Regular Board Meeting as presented by the Secretary, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payroll #25 for December 7, 2012, \$9,570.90 as presented by the Treasurer, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Larry Spahr

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payroll #26 December 21, 2012, for 9,839.73 as presented by the Treasurer, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payroll #1 January 4, 2013, for \$11,220.99 as presented by the Treasurer, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by SP, Second by Larry Spahr

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payroll #2 January 18, 2013, for \$11,388.84 as presented by the Treasurer, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Departmental Reports

Per Mr. Ivery, a Continuance has been filed in regard to the shed at 6060 Route 88 and the Magistrate is working on scheduling another hearing.

Tomko has contacted Mr. Ivery with questions on a non-coal mining application. Zoning currently has no provision for mining in a parcel zoned C2. Renee Culbert has contacted Mr. Ivery by phone and by email. Mr. Makel said that he would respond to Ms. Culbert.

Mr. DeiCas provided his written report. He addressed the need for guiderails on Stout Street. The Road Superintendent obtained three quotes at the request of Mr. DeiCas. The Interstate quote was \$2,950. The other two quotes from Green Acres and Penn Line were at \$3,200.

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Motion to approve the quote from Interstate in the sum of \$2,950 to install the guiderail on Stout Street.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Larry Spahr

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

In regard to Courtney Hill Road, Rick Skovensky spoke with Carl DeiCas and said that PennDot would need to clean the cross drains before a proposal by Penn Dot could be determined on the Turn Back Program. He will get back to the Township in about a month with a cost estimate. We would not get any turn-back funds for the portion of road that is being "abandoned" when Mr. Canestrале's contractor bypasses the section which floods. Mr. Canestrале will build a new access road to the property off of Route 837 through property currently owned by West Penn Power. It was a pre-requisite of the Township that no trucks and equipment owned by Mr. Canestrале are to travel the Township-owned sections of Courtney Hill Road if we are to take it back.

Mr. DeiCas said that he could attend the meeting requested by the DEP with Union Township, WESA, and Jefferson Hills regarding WESA's Act 537 Plan and Jefferson Hills alternate proposal.

Motion to authorize the solicitor, the engineer, and either Larry Spahr or Andrew Tullai to attend a meeting with the DEP on February 15, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Steve Parish

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, , Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the general funds bills presented as of January 28, 2013 in the amount of \$44,386.18 as presented by the Treasurer, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Larry Spahr , Second by Brenda Cushey

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, but abstaining from anything to do with Finleyville Airport, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Municipal Consulting Services, LLC, as Code Enforcement Official and Zoning Officer in addition to the responsibilities of Building Code Official to which Municipal Services has already been appointed.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Brenda Cushey

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, , Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed purchase of a backhoe for the Township Road Crew. Mr. Parish questioned the need for a backhoe since the Township could continue contracting that work out to local contractors. Mr. Tullai mentioned that the backhoe could be used to load salt if we needed a backup for the front-end loader and the Board discussed other uses for the backhoe which were to dig culverts, handle flooding issues, remove equipment from the playground, and to handle other projects which might come up with the benefit of not having to wait for the availability of a backhoe or local contractor. It was confirmed that there would be room in the garage for the backhoe with the elimination of the large tractor. The Treasurer confirmed that

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the quotes obtained were from the state contract. It was noted that, should a backhoe be purchased, training will be provided to the road crew.

Motion to approve the purchase of a backhoe from Goff Tractor and Equipment, New Case Model 580 Super NWT in the sum of \$98,831.00 with financing from First Niagara at an interest rate of 2.845% for a term of four years with an annual arrears payment schedule. Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey
Roll call vote: Parish-no, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Parish said that he voted no as he did not believe that we had enough work to justify the cost of the backhoe and that this was not in his opinion a fiscally responsible decision. Other members of the Board said that ownership of the equipment will mean that, with sufficient training, there will be more jobs that the Township will consider undertaking.

In response to public comment, the solicitor requested that the Board have the Road Superintendent prepare a list of work that was done by the Chipper that was purchased in 2012.

Motion to purchase a 4WD Massey Ferguson Model 5455 Tractor with a Tiger Boom mower for a sum of \$89,388.76, after trade-in allowance, with financing from First Niagara at an interest rate of 2.845% for a term of four years with an annual arrears payment schedule. Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey
Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to award the lighting contract to Iron Mountain Electric in the sum of \$1860 with proof of insurance being provided. Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Larry Spahr
Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to amend the Motion for the Tools Purchase from the last session so that it is increased by \$500 to accommodate for the difference between on-line and in-store pricing since tax exemption status was not available for on-line purchases. Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Andrew Tullai
Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to obtain a maintenance agreement from Penn Power Systems for generator maintenance for the generators at the municipal building and the pump station in the sum of \$625 per year per unit. Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Brenda Cushey
Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Michael Rizzo of 6619 Shady Avenue attended the Board Meeting to fulfill the requirements for obtaining his Eagle Scout badge. The Eagle Scout candidate successfully demonstrated his

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basic understanding of the meeting in response to questions posed by the solicitor. The Secretary will send documentation to Andy Sneed, Scout Leader, to verify his attendance at the meeting.

Motion to go to Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. for purposes of discussing personnel and potential litigation.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

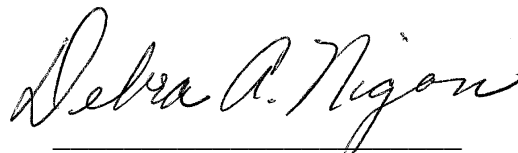
Mr. Parish did not attend executive session.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:33 p.m. The solicitor stated that they discussed the airport issue.

Motion to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.



Debra A. Nigon, Secretary