

Union Township Board of Supervisors  
Monthly Board Meeting  
February 11, 2013

The Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Linda Evans-Boren at 7:05 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, Peter Grieb–Code Enforcement Officer, and Carl DeiCas-Township Engineer did not attend.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Ms. Evans-Boren reviewed the procedures for public comment. She said that the Public Comment book must be signed prior to the meeting and that public comment will be addressed during the public comment portion of the Agenda or at the end of the meeting. Ms. Evans-Boren said that comments during proceedings on the Agenda will not be permitted.

Departmental Reports

The Road Superintendent gave his report. Both old tractors will be put out for bid. He also said that the access road to the sewage plant may require a survey or locating of existing pins due to possible shifting to accurately determine the right-of-way on Ramage Avenue.

**Motion** to authorize the engineer to locate the pins on Ramage Avenue and Locust Alley.  
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. Frye had questions regarding the wording on the signs that are going to be ordered per the Parking Ordinance. He asked the Board to verify how they wanted the text to be written and pointed out that the Township plows during any significant accumulation of snow and that any accumulation of ice is particularly hazardous. Currently the Ordinance states that cars must be moved when there is at least 3” of accumulation. Mr. Frye will add “or icy conditions” to the sign text, and the Ordinance No. will be included on the sign.

*Approved: February 25, 2013*

**Motion** to approve the purchase of six tires at Rich's Tire at the COSTARS rate for the 2006 Sterling.

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 approve the general funds bills presented as of February 11, 2013 in the amount of \$47,214.67 as presented by the Treasurer, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Andrew Tullai , 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.

Since the last Workshop to discuss the codification assessment was cancelled due to weather and other factors, additional dates were discussed. A date of February 23, 2013 was proposed and it was decided that tonight's meeting would be continued until Saturday, February 23, 2013, for continued review and discussion of the codification assessment.

**Motion** to re-affirm the Intergovernmental Agreement between Carroll Township and Union Township.

Motion by Larry Spahr , Second by Brenda Cushey

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

In regard to the Garage Addition Project, Linda Evans-Boren suggested that the engineer be consulted in regard to a bay being added for ambulance services and sleeping quarters, and establishing an estimate for those costs. Since the Board will be moving forward on the project without funding from the Local Share Account, and several years have gone by since the project was first planned, the Board discussed considering other options and ideas for the space. It was decided that Jefferson Hills Ambulance and Elrama Volunteer Fire Department should meet with the Board to discuss their needs and planned usage of the garage addition. A note was made to set up a meeting within the next month. Mr. Tullai asked that the Road Superintendent and Road Foreman make a list of alternate uses for the space.

The Board discussed the necessity of having the Township's culverts and bridges inspected by the Township Engineer. Mr. Parish indicated that he would also like to attend the review the culverts and bridges. The Road Superintendent and the Road Foreman will go as well. A report was requested from the engineer when the inspection is completed.

**Motion** to authorize the Township engineer to inspect the bridges and culverts in the Township.

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 noted that the McChain Road Slide is continuing to move into the driving lane and excess water is icing over which is a situation that will require further monitoring.

**Motion** to approve the M3 Pipeline Easement Agreement in the sum of \$10,000 on the condition that the drawing is attached to the agreement and is approved by the Township Engineer

Motion by Larry Spahr , Second by Brenda Cushey

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

The Earned Income Tax Audit was discussed. An increase of over \$100,000 dollars of Earned Income Tax revenue was realized since the new system of collection was instituted. Mr. Parish said that on page three of the report there may be a typo and it should say 2011 and 2010. The Treasurer will have the auditing firm look it over very closely to make sure that there are no errors.

**Motion** to accept the 2012 Earned Income Tax Audit pending correction of any errors.

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 a Resolution Designating Washington County Sewage Council as the designated agent for dye tests for on-lot systems.

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. Tullai was requested to put the Resolution on the web-site.

#### Public Comment

Ms. Powell asked how to get the PSD code changed and noted that two members of her family are paying to the wrong municipality, EIT is going to Washington and South Strabane. She also commented on a red light on the bottom of Brownsville Road. She wanted to go Left onto Chevy Chase from Brownsville Road and the light wouldn't change because she wasn't pulled forward further towards Route 88. The Road Superintendent was requested to contact Penn Dot and explain the problem to see if any additional signage can be erected to correct the problem.

**Motion** to go to Executive Session at 7:57 p.m. to discuss personnel and litigation.

Motion by Brenda Cushey , Second by Larry Spahr

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

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Mr. Parish exited Executive Session at 8:17 p.m.

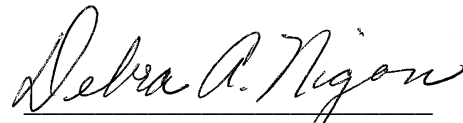
The rest of the Board returned from Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

The solicitor stated that they discussed matters involving condemnation and Finleyville Airport.

**Motion** to continue the meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Brenda Cushey

Roll call vote: Parish-abstain (can't attend), Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

  
Debra A. Nigon, Secretary