

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

The Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Linda Evans-Boren at 7:05 p.m. 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. The Building Code Official and Code Enforcement Officer did not attend. The Township Engineer did not attend due to illness.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Departmental Reports

The Road Superintendent delivered the Road Report. Attached to his report was a continuation of the vehicle history report. The equipment for sale by bid has been moved to the Township garage and can be viewed by any potential bidders. There are several items that are still awaiting engineer review; however, Mr. DeiCas has been unavailable due to illness.

The Road Superintendent asked about what the Township's policy is on replacement of mail boxes which are damaged beyond repair during snow plowing. Mr. Parish stated the Township would pay for an equivalent mailbox up to a maximum of \$50. The property owner will be responsible for installation.

The ditch line by McChain Road is still outstanding and, per the Road Foreman, there are gas lines in the vicinity of the ditch. The Road Superintendent will contact the gas company. Guard rails were installed on Stout Road.

The gate will be opened for park usage. As soon as the soccer schedule is turned in, residents will have to work around the soccer schedule should they wish to schedule Brownsville Park. The Spring soccer season ends in early June.

Batteries for the generators were discussed. It is suggested that the battery be changed every four years. The building generator is four years old; the pump station generator battery is three years old. The Underground Gasoline Storage Tank was inspected and are now 100% in compliance with state regulations following issues with some failed testing tickets due to interruptions of the test when the police unknowingly pumped gas during the four hour testing period which occurs late in the evening at the beginning of each month.

We have 926 tons of salt and have put down approximately 1400 tons so far this year. The road crew also discussed their concern about the 3" of snow mentioned in the parking ordinance and asked that this be restated to include any accumulation of ice or plowable snow.

Motion to approve the general fund bills in the sum of \$51,047.47, as presented by the Treasurer

Motion by Andrew Tullai , Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion to advertise a Workshop for April 1st, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the codification and to review a fee schedule which will need to be adopted at a public meeting.

Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Andrew Tullai

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

Secretary to check with the BCO to make sure he can attend the Workshop.

Motion to adopt retroactively the Resolution and Declaration of Official Intent for Loan Documents pertinent to the purchase of the backhoe and tractor.

Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Larry Spahr

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

The solicitor supplied an Amusement Tax Ordinance for the review of the Board. During the codification assessment it was discussed that the Amusement Tax Ordinance needed to be updated or deleted. The solicitor had suggested during the Workshop that we keep the Ordinance on the books for possible future use but to update it accordingly. If it is eliminated, then it is much more difficult to create a new Ordinance should it be needed at some point.

Motion to release the escrow for Dollar Bank in the amount of \$2,000.64.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

Mr. Lenhart, Maple Street, had requested a stop sign on Finleyville-Elrama Road at Maple Street. His Complaint said that drivers are not obeying the speed limit and this is compounded by poor visibility even with the mirror. It was discussed that only Penn Dot can put a sign there since it is a state road. The Secretary was requested to call Mr. Lenhart and tell him that the police are working on slowing down traffic and that his request was discussed at a public meeting.

The Road Superintendent said that the Bus Stop Ahead sign that the Township requested on Route 88 from Penn Dot which we paid for and installed was removed. Penn Dot has denied that they took that sign down and suggested that Peters Township perhaps took it down. The Board requested that the road crew replace the sign.

There was a request from Timothy Petrak, 22 Boyka Drive, asking for a guide rail along Walnut Street to protect his house following an incident where a car went through his fence and almost hit the house. The Road Superintendent will have the Township Engineer review the area and make a recommendation.

The Road Superintendent reported that the issue relative to the plowing of Patterson Road was reviewed. Due to several complaints from residents of Tuscany Estates Drive, the driver adjusted his normal route to plow that road only and completed Patterson Road in the course of his regular route. Also, another problem was that the auger was found to be working incorrectly and salt was not being dispersed properly. This has been repaired.

Ms. Cushey requested that a speed limit sign be installed on Linden Street. The speed limit is 25 and vehicles regularly exceed that limit. The Board asked the Road Superintendent to have Mr. DeiCas look at the road for his recommendation for proper placement of the sign.

It was discussed that an opening exists on the Planning Commission. Barb Fitterer declined a reappointment to Planning Commission.

Motion to advertise for Letters of Interest for a new Planning Commission member.

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 Union-Finley Soccer Association's request to use the park from March through June 2013 on the condition they provide proof of insurance.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Larry Spahr

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

When the street light assessments were re-done in 2010, a map provided by West Penn Power was used and there was an error in reading the map which resulted in a number of tax payers being assessed where there was no street light.

Motion to reimburse Street Light Assessments in the sum of \$581.01 to the provided list of Taxpayers who were inadvertently billed in 2011 and 2012.

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 PSATS CDL Regulatory Update webinar for any employees that it would benefit on March 20, 2013 at 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. at a sum of \$30.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

Board Approved: March 25, 2013

Mr. Tullai mentioned the Social Media Webinar being held by PSATS and suggested that it was perhaps wise to obtain information on using Facebook and Twitter especially in using this Social Media to alert the public during emergency events.

Motion to approve a Social Media in Local Government webinar for any employees that it would benefit on June 12, 2013 at 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. for a cost of \$30.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

Public Comment

Ms. Heather Daer, 6187 Route 88, requested information on the Amusement Tax Ordinance. The solicitor asked that she be given a copy. Since he has the flu, he requested that she call his office free of charge with any questions she has remaining after she has read the Ordinance.

Motion to go to Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. for purposes of discussing personnel and potential litigation.

Motion by Larry Spahr Second by Brenda Cushey

Brenda Cushey

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

Mr. Parish left Executive Session at 8:20 p.m..

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:32 p.m.

The solicitor said that the Board discussed issues involving litigation with Mr. Sutton, Union Gardens and Finleyville Airport and that Mr. Parish left the meeting during the discussion of Finleyville Airport.

Motion to authorize the Code Enforcement Officer to start proceedings to file citations against Union Gardens for violations of Township Ordinances.

Motion by Andrew Tullai Second by Brenda Cushey

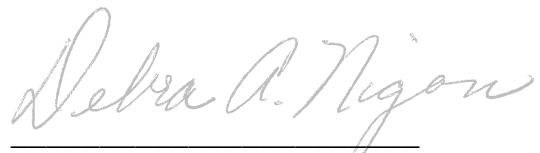
Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Board Approved: March 25, 2013

Motion to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Larry Spahr

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra A. Nigon". The signature is written in a light gray or blue ink.

Debra A. Nigon, Secretary