

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Monthly Board Meeting
April 22, 2013

The Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Linda Evans-Boren at 7:02 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, Carl DeiCas, Township Engineer, Harold Ivery–Building Code Official, Peter Grieb–Code Enforcement Officer, and Debra Nigon–Secretary.

Public Comment

There was no public comment on the Agenda items.

Motion to approve Minutes for March 25, 2013, Regular Board Meeting as presented by the Secretary, subject to being true and correct, with a correction to add the individual making the Motion where that was not recorded.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion to approve Minutes for April 8, 2013, Seismic Testing Special Meeting as presented by the Secretary, 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 April 8, 2013, Regular Board Meeting as presented by the Secretary, 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 #7 for March 28, 2013, for \$12,650.12 as presented by the Treasurer, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion to approve payroll #8 for April 12, 2013, for \$11,978.51 as presented by the Treasurer, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

Departmental Reports

Officer Storch delivered the police report and said that additional lines were painted in the Township to keep traffic under control. As the weather gets warmer, the call volume has gone up, which is typical. Finleyville-Elrama road was discussed briefly. At some places the 40 mph speed limit seems to be too fast for the road; however, a traffic study would need to be done.

The BCO mentioned the meeting with Union Gardens and said the Paliotta's seemed to have been under a misunderstanding that their County permit eliminated the Municipal permit requirements. On other matters, Mr. Ivery said that he is still reviewing the fee schedule. He is also working on a seismic testing permit application form for Cougar Land Services in preparation for the seismic testing which is to be conducted in the Township. BDH will be before the Planning Commission again this Thursday since their previous request was denied. No one from BDH attended that prior meeting.

Mr. Makel said that Union Gardens is now working on a Planned Residential Development (PRD). He said that he advised the Palliotta's to have a pre-meeting before going to the Planning Commission. They are still under cease and desist. The Secretary was requested to contact Jackie Seiler to see if she could be available to take a transcript of Thursday's meeting with BDH so that a written record could be obtained of the meeting.

Mr. DeiCas gave the Engineering Report. He had discussed Airport Road with PAWC and they changed their proposed re-paving plan and are currently in the process of paving the entire surface of the road where they had been working. Ms. Evans-Boren said that the road crew will be asked to backfill the berms of the road on Cardox Road and Airport Road.

Audrey Dorsen gave a report for the Recreation Board. Jason Jaki met with the Township Engineer who approved the plans for the walking trail. The Recreation Board is currently working on a quote for updating the electric.

Motion to approve general fund bills in the sum of \$22,728.49, as presented by the Treasurer, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Ms. Evans-Boren asked whether we can schedule a fact-finding with the California University professor regarding the assignment of an intern for the GPS project. Mr. DeiCas will contact him.

There was a reminder of the Codification Workshop to be held on April 30, 2013.

Due to low turn-out at the last meeting, WCTCD requested in its April 8 correspondence that governing boards of school districts and the municipalities work together by appointing each other as alternate delegates. For example the business manager who serves as a delegate for

a school district could also be authorized by another municipality to vote in their stead. The Board's opinion was that they did not wish any other municipality or school district's representative to vote for them; however, they thought that if the meetings were held in the evenings instead, as they had in the past, then there would be higher attendance.

Motion to authorize the Secretary to send a letter saying that meetings should be scheduled in the evenings and that we do not wish anyone but our delegates to vote for the Township. Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Brenda Cushey
 Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the use of the building by Penn Dot for a Rankintown Bridge Project Review on May 22, 2013, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. 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 attendance by Secretary at the Affordable Care Act Seminar being held by MEIT at the Regional Learning Alliance in Cranberry on April 24, 2013. 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 webinar attendance of the Secretary and Treasurer for a PSATS Health Care Reform Webinar on May 22, 2013 for a cost of \$30.00. 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 reviewed the bids received through Washington County Joint Municipal Purchase Program. Bids received were as follows:

2013 Summer Material Bids											
Vendor	20,000 Gallons more or less, CRS-2 Emulsion, Delivered (E - #3)	250 Tons, more or less, #8 Crushed Aggregate, Washed and Delivered (1B)	250 Tons more or less, #57 Crushed Aggregate, Delivered (2-B)	500 Tons more or less, SUPERPAVE Asphalt 9.5 mm PG 64-22 0 to 0.3million ESAL's SRL-G picked up 0.3 to 3million ESAL's SRL-G picked up	250 Tons more or less, SUPERPAVE Asphalt 25.00 mm PG 64-22 0 to 0.3million ESAL's SRL-G picked up - 0.3 to 3million ESAL's SRL-G picked up	250 Tons more or less, Bituminous Coldpatch Material Picked Up	250 Tons more or less 6 in Gabion Aggregate	5000 Gallons Unleaded Gasoline, Delivered	6000 Gallons Diesel Fuel, Low Sulfur, Delivered	2A Stone	#4 Stone
Laurel Aggregate 250 Lakewood Center Morgantown, WV 26508 304-296-7501		28.5 (Not washed) <2% LBW	\$22.00				\$21.00			\$19.00	\$21.00
Russell Standard P.O. Box 802 Mars, PA 16046 724-625-1505											
Hanson Aggregate 2200 Springfield Pike Connellsville, PA 15425 724-626-0080		\$31.00	\$22.81	\$59.50	\$52.50		\$23.00			\$20.06	\$22.31
Del Sir Supply P.O. Box 335 Meadowlands, PA 15347											

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Motion to accept the lowest bids from Laurel Aggregates and Hanson Aggregates which were received through the Washington County Joint Municipal Purchase Program

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 accept Golden Eagle as an alternate supplier for asphalt, if needed.

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 Mid-Mon Valley Municipal Meeting was announced and the Secretary was asked to distribute the information to the Planning Commission.

Announcement of Washington County Electronics Recycling Event was announced at the Canton Township Municipal Office on April 25th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Motion to approve the Buczynski plan of lots dated August 7, 2012 subject to the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Building Code Official, Township Engineer, and solicitor with lot #1 being 1.8882 acres, and lot #2 being 4.0384 acres for recording purposes only, with all fees being paid.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Steve Parish

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

Mr. Makel said that he was going to send out all the Elrama condemnations to Michelle Fitterer of Jefferson Hills Realty who had been selected by the Board at the last meeting to handle condemnations. Mr. Spahr said that Jefferson Hills Realty was used before by the Township and that they have done a good job. Ms. Evans-Boren made note that Mr. Makel was requested by the Board to contact Jefferson Hills Realty based on the Board's past experience with this company.

Ms. Ryobi, 32 Little Road, Nottingham Township asked to address the Board regarding the pending application for a mine permit by Ramaco Mines and the resulting issues Union Township may experience with school bus and coal truck traffic on Little Mingo Road. She said that twelve to fifteen busses from Ringgold School District travel that road which has no center double lines, no shoulder lines, and the storm drains are sunken. She also said that, adding to the dangerous conditions is the fact that, when you combine the dimensions of both a coal truck and school bus, you are left with only 26 inches leeway for the two vehicles to pass one another safely. She said the mining company is looking at running from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and about 70 trucks a day will travel that road. She requested that a Township representative attend the May 6 Nottingham Township meeting in regard to concerns or additional conditional uses. The expected route the trucks would travel would be down Little Mingo Road to Ginger Hill, right on 88, down to New Eagle.

Motion to authorize the solicitor to send a letter to Nottingham Township Board of Supervisors with a copy of same to Penn Dot, Permit Office, District 12 conveying our safety concerns for all traffic and especially school bus traffic pertaining to Ramaco's intention to apply to the DEP for a Deep Mine in Nottingham Township and the potential for coal truck travel on Little Mingo Road, S.R. 1016, which is only 18 feet wide.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

Tina Marie Jordan (tenant) and Patrick McMullen (landlord), of Elrama made a complaint about Jordan Tax Service. Ms. Jordan said that Jordan Tax Service lost her payment and she still does not know if they cashed her check. She also said that there have been other billing issues in that Jordan Tax Service does not send a copy of the bill to the tenant and she cannot view on-line what is owed. She said that Jordan Tax Service said it is not their contractual obligation to send a copy of the bill to the tenant. However, Patrick McMullen, the landlord, said that he, at times, does not get the bill and didn't receive either March's bill or November's bill. They suggested that we get another collection company.

Motion to go to Executive Session at 8:29 p.m. for purposes of discussing personnel and potential 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.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.

The solicitor stated that they discussed personnel issues.

Motion to authorize the solicitor to draft and prepare an Ordinance for Tax Certification fees.

Motion by Linda Evans-Boren

Second by Andrew Tullai

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

Motion to authorize the solicitor to take the appropriate steps to obtain the records requested from the tax office.

Motion by Linda Evans-Boren, Second by Brenda Cushey

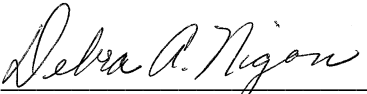
Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

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Motion to adjourn at 9:01 p.m.

Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Larry Spahr

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



Debra A. Nigon

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