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Union Township Board of Supervisors  
Continued April 28, 2014 Board Meeting  
April 30, 2014

The Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Andrew Tullai at 6:02 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 Stephen Parish, Larry Spahr, Andrew Tullai, Brenda Cushey, and Charles Trax. Also in attendance, Judy Taylor–Treasurer, Debra Nigon–Secretary,

Albert Banahasky, Road Foreman, attended representing the road crew.

The Treasurer had prepared a price and trade-in evaluation sheet which she provided to the Board for their review showing the cost if two Internationals were purchased versus two Ford F-550's, or one of each, minus any trade-ins, with the additional cost of installing the bed, plow and spreader.

Mr. Tullai said the Board needed to first determine whether or not the Sterling or Ford Truck should be kept as a back-up truck. Mr. Parish was in favor of keeping the Sterling as it was purchased as a heavier duty truck which could haul a heavier load when needed. Mr. Banahasky referred to the time he almost flipped over in the Sterling, and said that he would rather the Board keep one of the Ford F-450's. Mr. Banahasky said that the turning radius of a vehicle is a big issue for them in getting in and out of the smaller plans. Ms. Cushey was concerned about replacement parts for the Sterling. Mr. Trax' opinion was that the Board should keep the vehicle that the drivers feel most comfortable in keeping. Mr. Spahr said that the Sterling will lose value as time progresses.

Another point made by Mr. Banahasky was that the Internationals were diesel and a gas truck would be less expensive and there would be no need to add exhaust fluid. Mr. Banahasky said he currently gets 9 mile per gallon in his gas truck. Per Mr. Tullai, the International trucks were published at 8 or 9 mpg. The Ford truck being traded in would be one of the gas trucks. The two larger Ford F-750's most recently purchased are diesel and the Sterling uses gasoline. Much of the equipment (tractors, backhoe, etc) uses diesel. The police vehicles use gasoline. Mr. Banahasky said that Union Township's gasoline tank holds 2000 gallons of gas and the diesel tank holds 500 gallons of diesel although the tanks are not generally filled up to their maximum capacity. Ms. Cushey mentioned that Ringgold School District went to diesel and propane or natural gas and that she had inquired as to the school district's reasoning and was informed that, although the fuel costs more, the vehicles can run longer on less.

Mr. Tullai said that, because of the holding tank size, it seemed to make more sense to stick with gasoline fueled vehicles.

Mr. Parish suggested that the Board trade the Sterling and keep one Ford F-450 and buy two Ford F-550's with stainless beds. Ms. Taylor said that a trade-in value was not requested for

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the Sterling from Woltz & Wind. Mr. Parish said that he could give Woltz & Wind a call to see what they would give us on trade and noted that Push & Pull had told him that it was the gas municipal trucks which are the ones in demand. Mr. Parish mentioned that Peters Township and Jefferson Township both recommended using the Perryopolis Auto Auction with a reserve price if the Sterling is to be sold. .

Mr. Tullai said not to forget that Jefferson Hills Ambulance has a stainless bed which could be purchased as an option for the Ford F-450 the Township would be keeping as a backup.

It was noted that the current meeting had been continued from the Regular Board Meeting of April 28, 2014 during which time a Motion was made by Mr. Parish regarding the purchase of two Ford trucks and Mr. Spahr expressed his desire to continue discussing the matter further. At that time, Mr. Makel had suggested tabling the Motion until today's meeting, which is what was done. The Board sought Mr. Makel's guidance on how to proceed. Mr. Makel advised that the original Motion would need to be first taken off the table and then subsequently voted on or withdrawn.

**Motion** to take the Motion of April 28, 2014 off the table with the prior Motion being to purchase two 2015 F-550 trucks from Woltz & Wind Ford per their quote dated March 4, 2014 with the trade-in value of \$20,000 per truck, with the new trucks to be outfitted with the stainless beds, spreaders, and plows from Push & Pull per their quote dated February 26, 2014.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

Now that the prior Motion had been taken off the table, Mr. Parish withdrew his former Motion.

**Motion** to purchase two 2015 Ford F-550's from Woltz & Wind Ford per their quote dated March 4, 2014 under COSTARS Contract No. 25-032, subject to a trade-in of \$20,000 for the Ford F-450 (referred to in-house as Unit 3) and subject to trade-in of the Sterling Truck (referred to in-house as Unit 5) subject to a minimum trade-in of \$28,500, with the new trucks to be outfitted with stainless beds, spreaders, and plows from Push & Pull per their quote dated February 26, 2014, under the current SHACOG Contract with financing obtained through First Niagara Leasing under a four-year term at a rate of approximately 2.59%. If minimum trade-in value of \$28,500 for the Sterling is not received from Woltz & Wind Ford, Union Township reserves the right to advertise and/or sell the Sterling Truck at the Township's discretion.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Larry Spahr

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

It was noted by Larry Spahr that, should the estimated \$28,500 be received for the Sterling, the Township would be financing approximately \$79,542 for the two trucks.

Albert Banahasky made note that there were no catch basins on Saw Mill Run Road for the 2013 paving project. He said that two catch basins were to be added but actually three are needed based on his review with the paver today. The catch basins are about \$3000 each. Mr. Parish said to ask Carl to prepare a change order.

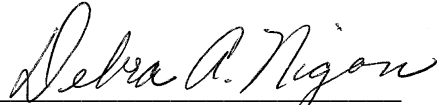
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Mr. Banahasky asked for a decision about ordering salt under the 2013 contract and he was instructed to order in small amounts of 150 tons, as he proposed.

**Motion** to adjourn at 7:02 p.m.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

  
Debra A. Nigon, Secretary