

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Monthly Board Meeting
May 13, 2013

The Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Linda Evans-Boren at 6:58 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, Judy Taylor-Treasurer, and Debra Nigon-Secretary.

Public Comment

Public comment was held to the end of the meeting.

Departmental Reports

The Road Superintendant delivered the road report from his written report which had been provided to the Board. The Township Engineer was asked for his opinion on locating the 6" sewer force main at the pump station relative to the project planned by PAWC. He was told to contact PA American when the One Call comes in and ask for assistance in locating the line. Mr. Frye said that he was informed that Lennon Smith is the Engineering firm contracted to do the work, and also represents WESA, and perhaps that is another avenue to pursue in finding records of the location of that line. Mr. Frye also said that the road crew had worked on painting many new lines for the police and that some time was also spent laying stone. In addition, he asked the Board's approval to order salt. He said that we took receipt of 900 tons of salt during the course of the year and that the contract is due to end in July.

Motion to authorize the Road Crew to order an approximate 550 ton of salt pursuant to the 2012 contract prices.

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 said that a really big tarp will be donated to us in the future at no cost. They plan on using that tarp to protect the salt.

Mr. Frye also said that he had told the Sportsman's Association that he would mention that they wished to tap-in to the Elrama sewer system. The Township Engineer said that they have to present their plan to the Board. It will be their private line from the manhole to their property. He recommended that they add manholes and not just cleanouts in case they have a maintenance problem with the portion of the line through their property which would be private. Also, he wants to take a look at where exactly they want to tap-in to prevent future problems. Mr. Frye will pass along that information to the Sportsman's Association.

Motion to approve general fund bills in the sum of \$48,886.80, as presented by the Treasurer, subject to all fees being paid.

Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Larry Spahr

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

No bids on gasoline were obtained from Washington County. The solicitor said that we must put gasoline out for bid once more before we could purchase from any other chosen supplier.

Motion to advertise for bids for gasoline for 2013 with bids to be opened at the June 10, 2013 meeting to be submitted by 3:00 p.m.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance, No. 2013-01, The Amusement Tax Ordinance.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Larry Spahr

Roll call vote: Parish-no, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Spinneweber of Union Street who requested the Board to vacate the road behind his house was discussed. The Secretary will send him a letter to see if he is agreeable to putting money in escrow to pay for the solicitor's work to create the Resolution. He could not be reached by phone.

Motion to approve the amendment to the Parking Ordinance, Ordinance No. 2012-04.

Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Andrew Tullai

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

Motion to adopt the Resolution provided by the CMA, Resolution No. 2013-04, Clairton Municipal Authority Act 537 Plan Revision, per the Township Engineer's recommendation.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

Review of a Draft Tax Certification Ordinance was tabled.

The Walking Trail proposal was discussed by the Board. Jason Jaki presented quotes on the materials for the trail. He also obtained quotes on paving a half-court basketball court. The Township Engineer will create specs and provide them this week.

Motion to approve the material quotes for the Walking Trail in the sum of approximately \$1500.

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 Treasurer will check on insurance coverage for Mr. Jaki as he volunteers his time and work to prepare the walking trail.

Motion to authorize the Township Engineer to create specs for the proposed half-court basketball court with three-sided fencing and also specs for a bridge and pavilion on the walking trail so that the Recreation Board can provide specs to various contractors for a quote. 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 the BDHnon-buildable waiver clause for Lot 101, all costs and fees outstanding being paid, with the sub-division being recommended by the Planning Commission, Township Engineer, and Township Building Code Official
Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Andrew Tullai
Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2013-05, recognizing Aaron Davis for achieving Eagle Scout status, Boy Scout Troup 1452.
Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Andrew Tullai
Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

The solicitor read a notice from Western Pennsylvania Teamsters and Employers Pension Fund stating that the pension fund is actuarially unsound at this point and is considered in critical status. It was noted that the Board notified the road crew of the critical status of the pension fund.

Approval of a single residence sewage treatment plant (SRSTP) was discussed for 6637 Library Road. Should the Township approve the SRSTP at 6637 Library Road, there is a strong possibility that the SRSTP may not be approved by the DEP. Ms. Shade from the DEP viewed the site, and had said the Township would need a very good reason for not extending sewerage to those residents since it was obvious that there is a likelihood that other septic systems in the area are possibly failing. The engineer suggested coming up with a cost estimate and pursuing grant monies to cover the cost for the entire project which may affect up to 20 houses. It may be that the SRSTP can be approved by the Township for this residence in the short-term to accommodate the time needed to address funding the entire project.

Motion to authorize the engineer to review the whole watershed for feasibility of installing public sewers on Library Road and surrounding areas.
Motion by, Steve Parish, Second by Larry Spahr
Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

The Township Engineer's opinion was requested on the latest correspondences involving WESA and the Jefferson Hills Alternative. Mr. DeiCas said that since WESA has secured an engineer to review the plans, it appears that WESA is making an effort to get this resolved proactively with the DEP. As far as he is aware, Jefferson Hills has not hired an engineer or contacted the engineer which WESA obtained. Since the parties did not agree on an engineer together to review the plans as discussed at the last meeting at the DEP, the DEP may step in to force a resolution.

The Board reviewed the Spring Road Report. Mr. Parish pointed out that Frye, Belmont and Railroad may need to be milled prior to paving. Ms. Evans-Boren suggested that the Board have a workshop to review the list and establish our priorities for the year. It was decided that the road report could be discussed at the Continued Workshop already scheduled for May 29 at 6:00 p.m. for continued work on the codification of ordinances. The Engineer and the Road Superintendent will attend as well.

Public Comment

Mr. Alan Benyak addressed the Board and presented his qualifications for County Judge, a post for which he is running. One of the primary issues he wants to address is in regard to a lack of mental health and other resources for veterans which result in situations where veterans are ending up in the court system

Mr. Frank Culver, 22 Scott Road, talked about his concerns regarding seismic testing and his road. He said that Scott Road has been torn up twice recently and re-paved and it is finally in good condition. He said that the road has 1 ½" of new pavement which could be destroyed by the thumper trucks. He said that a 10-Ton weight limit should be placed on the Road. The solicitor reviewed the petition that he presented at the beginning of the meeting which contained the signatures Mr. Culver collected from other residents of Scott Road who were opposed to allowing seismic testing to be conducted on the road.

Ms. Heather Daer, 6187 Route 88, commented on an incident which required calling the police which involved the use of illegal drugs in the rest rooms at Trax Farms. Since SWRPD was not on duty the call went to the state police. Ms. Evans-Boren said that she was aware of the incident through Chief Hartmann who indicated that the suspects were apprehended by the State Police. Ms. Daer said that she is concerned about the lack of 24-hour coverage by the police and suggested increased commercial development to fund coverage. Mr. Spahr said that the commercial taxes would not bring in the type of revenue necessary to fund a police force.

The solicitor asked Mr. Culver if his intention was to have his petition opposed to seismic testing on Scott Road included in the Minutes.

Motion to accept the Petition of Mr. Culver and attach it to the Minutes.

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 go to Executive Session at 8:35 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 8:55 p.m.

The solicitor stated that they discussed issues involving personnel.

Motion to approve the amended M3 Appalachia Gathering LLC, Pipeline Easement Agreement.

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 adjourn at 8:56 p.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.


Debra A. Nigon, Secretary