

Union Township Board of Supervisors  
Monthly Board Meeting  
June 10, 2013

The Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Linda Evans-Boren at 7:00 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, Mr. Carl DeiCas, Township Engineer, Judy Taylor—Treasurer, Debra Nigon—Secretary, Harold Ivery—Building Code Official, and Peter Grieb—Code Enforcement Officer.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Departmental Reports

A written report was provided by the Road Superintendent who could not attend because his presence was required at the site of a water main break in Elrama which is requiring extensive work.

**Motion** to approve general fund bills in the sum of \$31,309.18, as presented by the Treasurer, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

**Motion** to approve the Parking Ordinance, No. 2013-02.

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 advertise the Supervisor's Pay Ordinance,

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

No gas bids were received. Bids for gasoline were advertised twice. Per the solicitor, there is no obligation to advertise again.

Ms. Evans-Boren said that several landscape architects had been contacted and that there were multiple issues with having a landscape architect provide specifications. One landscape architect indicated that specifications are not provided for such a small job, others only do them if they are doing the whole job, and the cost of specifications alone was in the range of \$5,000 dollars. The Township engineer was requested to provide specifications for

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landscaping based on his experience in doing so for other municipalities. Mr. DeiCas advised that the work should be scheduled in the Fall. The Secretary will contact the landscapers who provided a quote in 2012 and any additional landscapers whose names are provided to her by the Board.

**Motion** to authorize the Secretary to obtain quotes on the landscape specifications to be provided by the Township Engineer.

Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Per the Building Code Official, Tomko was shut down by the DEP previously for not having sufficient permits for mining aggregates. Since then, Tomko applied for a Small Non-Coal Mining Permit from the DEP. This is a property zoned Commercial which does not allow mining as a permitted use. We are receiving complaints from residents about noise and dust. The solicitor will write a letter to Tomko

**Motion** to authorize the Solicitor to write a letter to Tomko informing them that mining is not a permitted use in their zoning district and that they do not have a current grading permit.

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. DeiCas had been requested to provide specifications for a salt shed to be put on the Nike Site property. The dimensions are roughly 40 feet (inside dimension) by roughly 85 feet long. The road crew indicated that it could build the bottom block portion of the salt shed to save on cost; however that would leave the Township entirely responsible for ensuring a proper fit of the high bay canopy of the chosen supplier. It was the engineer's opinion that, to ensure proper fit of the canopy to the walls, that the entire project should be put out to bid so that the bidder would be responsible for the dimensions of the base and tie-in with the canopy.

**Motion** to authorize the engineer to provide and advertise specifications for a temporary salt structure with bids due by 3:00 p.m. on July 8, 2013 and awarded during the Regular Board Meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m. the same day.

Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Representatives from Finleyville Airport attended the meeting and had requested to be on the Agenda. Some of the pins are difficult to find. They would like the Township engineer to walk the survey lines with them and assist in locating the pins to ensure that all the trees in violation have been removed. Wolfgang Timber said that he would come back and cut whatever trees are left remaining to be cut after the engineer's inspection.

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**Motion** to authorize the Township engineer to coordinate with the Airport and Wolfgang Timber to locate the survey pins and verify that all the trees in violation are removed on the Parish property.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

The paving and seal coat projects were discussed. The Observer-Reporter requests three business days prior notice before running an advertisement in the paper. With the advertising requirements of these projects, this would mean that the requirements would not be met by the next Regular Board Meeting and the meeting would have to be continued until two days later. However, there is a possibility that the paper would take the advertisement without the full three day's advance notice. Since it is late in the season and the Board would like to get the project under way without having to continue the meeting if not necessary they decided to do two Motions to cover both scenarios.

**Motion** to advertise the 2013 Paving Project Main Bid, Alternate Bid No. 1, and Alternate Bid No. 2 to be opened and read June 24, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. and awarded at approximately 7:00 p.m. on June 24, 2013 subject to placement of the advertisements on June 12, 2013 and June 15, 2013.

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 advertise the 2013 Paving Project Main Bid, Alternate Bid No. 1, and Alternate Bid No. 2 to be opened and read on June 26, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. and awarded at the June 26, 2013 Continued Regular Board meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m..

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 advertise the 2013 Seal Coat Bid to be opened and read June 24, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. and awarded at approximately 7:00 p.m. on June 24, 2013 subject to placement of the advertisements on June 12, 2013 and June 15, 2013

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

**Motion** to advertise the 2013 seal coat bid to be opened and read on June 26, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. and awarded at the June 26, 2013 Continued Regular Board Meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m..

Motion by Brenda Cushey

Second by Andrew Tullai

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

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The doors on the cooler located at the Brownsville Park concession stand which is used by the Soccer Association and by renters of the park are broken and cannot be replaced.

**Motion** to purchase the KSM-48 Double Door Cooler in the sum of \$1,957.61 dollars for the concession stand at Brownsville Park.

Motion by Steve Parish

Second by Andrew Tullai

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

A complaint was discussed regarding a property on 3476 Frye Avenue. There is a pipe on the property which is causing water, mud, and stones to flood the yard. In the opinion of the Township Engineer who had reviewed the street during the Spring Road Inspection, the Township did not cause or increase the flow of water onto the property. The Township Engineer believes a former private individual or resident piped it through the property and now that pipe has failed. His opinion is that we should check the Township's pipe under the road to make sure that it is in good condition.

**Motion** to deposit \$10,660 from the sale of the two tractors in April of this year into the Capital Reserve Equipment Fund.

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 Road Foreman asked to get prices on a new lawn tractor. The oldest lawn tractor has over a thousand hours on it and it keeps overheating. The Board requested that he provide three quotes before the next Regular Meeting of the Board.

**Motion** to purchase a deduct meter from Ed Frye in the sum of \$106.43 for use by Elrama Sewerage System customers to save on their sewage bills by having the ability to deduct the amount of water required to fill their pool.

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 purchase the conference room phone which was on loan by David Davis for the quoted price of \$550.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

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A reminder of the Electronics Equipment Recycling Event being held on June 15, 2013 at the Washington County Fairgrounds was provided.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

**Motion** to go to Executive Session at 8:12 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.

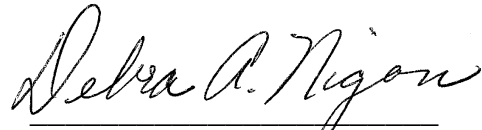
The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

The solicitor stated that they discussed personnel issues only.

**Motion** to adjourn at 8:21 p.m..

Motion Brenda Cushey, Second, Larry Spahr

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



Debra A. Nigon, Secretary