

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Monthly Board Meeting
July 8, 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 Larry Spahr, Linda Evans-Boren, Andrew Tullai and Brenda Cushey. Steve Parish could not attend. 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.

A presentation was given by Cypher & Cypher regarding the 2012 Audit and the financial condition of the Township. Cypher & Cypher reported that the Township has a healthy fund balance and that the Township is in good financial condition going forward. There was an increase in revenue which was not anticipated of approximately \$400,000 which was due to EIT being deducted from paychecks through the employer. They did not anticipate the same rate of increase to continue. Cypher & Cypher said that the segregation of accounting duties between the Secretary and Treasurer was an internal control which was implemented following the last audit, and that the Supervisors should be thinking about additional internal controls as, in about five to seven years, some banks are saying that paper checks may no longer be used. Currently three signatures are required on each check. Also, they suggested keeping an eye on the collections from Jordan Tax Service to make sure they reach the level of collections as the prior collection by the Township. His final recommendation was to take advantage of opportunities to continue safeguarding the Township's assets.

Action on the audit was tabled. No motion was made to adopt or advertise the 2012 Audit to provide Mr. Tullai an opportunity to review the audit.

Departmental Reports

Ed Frye delivered the Road Report. A property on Ramage Avenue was discussed. Chester Engineers surveyed the area and identified the Township's right-of-way.

Motion to authorize the Code Enforcement Officer to notify Mr. Monyak to remove his vehicle and any other property on the Township's right of way on Ramage Avenue and Locust Alley.
Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey
Roll call vote: Parish-absent, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Frye also discussed a situation on Don Street wherein a catch basin was damaged during an accident. The solicitor advised the Road Crew to take pictures of the catch basin and then to make that catch basin safe. Mr. Frye will obtain the insurance information from SWRPD in order to make a claim. The Road Superintendent requested that the 500-Ton salt purchase that was authorized several meetings ago under the 2012 pricing contract be cancelled. Since the salt would be stored where the salt shed is to be constructed, it would impede

construction. The Board decided to not purchase the additional salt as was authorized previously.

Motion to approve general fund bills in the sum of \$22,409.29, as presented by the Treasurer
Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey
Roll call vote: Parish-absent, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to authorize the solicitor to send a letter to Mr. Arminas requesting an accounting of the funds released from the escrow account for the cutting of the Parish trees.
Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Larry Spahr
Roll call vote: Parish-absent, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-03, the Supervisor's Pay Ordinance.
Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey
Roll call vote: Parish-absent, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

The solicitor made note that the pay for all existing supervisors will remain the same and the payment terms of the new ordinance will only go into effect for any newly elected supervisor come January 2014.

The 3476 Frye Avenue drainage issue was discussed. The pipe is galvanized tin. It appears that the culvert was pre-existing. The solicitor's suggestion, as a good neighbor policy, was to supply the resident with a piece of pipe to allow the resident to make the repair.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2013-07 setting a Fee Schedule.
Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Andrew Tullai
Roll call vote: Parish-absent, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the deduct meter and whether estimates will continue to be accepted by pool owners. It was decided to accept estimates until 2014 to allow for residents who own pools to be notified of the new policy. Residents can also use their own deduct meter if they have one installed with water usage being monitored.

Mr. DeiCas addressed the letter from Bethel Park Municipal Authority stating that they did not have additional capacity to allow the Township to tap-in those 20 or so customers near 6637 Library Road. Mr. DeiCas suggested sending the letter to Emily Shade at the DEP prior to requiring the resident to install a Single Resident Small-Flow Treatment Plant.

Correspondence had been received by the legal representation of Peters Pearl, LLC, which is located at 563 McClelland Road, regarding their concerns about possible erosion being caused by the Momentum Gas Pipeline Project. Mr. DeiCas informed Momentum Pipeline that the Township requires that they follow the Stormwater Management Ordinance.

The Residential/Commercial Tap-in Fee for new Elrama sewerage customers was discussed.

Motion to keep the residential/commercial tap-in fee for Elrama sewerage customers at \$1000.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

Motion to approve the Ninetta Rodgers Subdivision No. 1 on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Township Engineer and the Building Code Official subject to all fees being paid and all signatures being placed on the mylar acknowledging that the garage on Lot 1 will continue as a non-conforming use.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

Motion to approve the Judy Urban and Amanda Urban Subdivision No. 1 on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Township Engineer and the Building Code Official subject to all fees being paid and execution of all signatures on the mylar.

Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion to approve the Order of 500 Recycling Bins for \$10 each and 500 Lids for \$3.20 each.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Mr. Frye discussed the infiltration of water into the Elrama sewerage system, which is within the allowable percentages, but way too high for a new system. Mr. DeiCas suggests that it is possible that some residents have re-directed their downspouts into the sanitary sewer system. The downspouts may need to be visually inspected and any homes which appear to have downspouts which have been re-directed may need to be dye tested. The possibility of smoke testing was discussed as well.

Mr. Tullai suggested sending a letter via regular-mail warning residents that sewage customers are in jeopardy of being fined should it be found that they have re-rerouted their downspouts into the sanitary sewer system during an upcoming inspection.

Reminder for everyone to review the curfew or street excavation ordinance and provide comments to Dennis Makel prior to the next Codification Workshop currently scheduled for the 29th of July.

A presentation was given by Brian Allen, 3464 Frye Avenue, in regard to the Banners Across America Program which honors veterans. A copy of the cost and physical details of each veteran banner were provided to the Supervisors. There is a one-time cost to the family of the veteran of \$80 to construct the banner which is done by the Legions and the POW

organizations which coordinate assembly of the PVC frame and photo banner. The banners display the picture of any honorably discharged veteran who would like a banner. They go up before Memorial Day and go down after Veteran's Day. Mr. Tullai mentioned that the Township does not own a bucket truck; however, Mr. Frye stated that one could be rented for those periods of time when the banners are hung up or taken down. South Park already participates in this program and has banners along Route 88. Finleyville Borough has also recently agreed to participate. The only cost to the Township is for putting up and taking down the banners.

Motion to participate in the Military Banner Program and approve the storage and yearly installation of veteran banners to the appropriate utility poles at the Township's expense.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

Carol Cadonic, 104 Aragon Place, addressed the Board in regard to her concerns with parking during the Finleyville VFD Carnival and especially the day of fireworks considering the fact that the street is only 23 feet wide. She said that cars park on both sides of the road and restrict the lane so that it is too narrow for cars and emergency vehicles to pass safely. Ms. Evans-Boren said that police coverage has already been scheduled for that night. Larry Spahr suggested that parking be limited to only one side. Mr. Frye stated that he could place flat cones on one side of the street. This solution was acceptable to the Board. Should any driver remove the cones, they will be towed and fined.

Motion to go to Executive Session at 8:53 p.m. for purposes of discussing personnel and potential litigation.

Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Mr. DeiCas and Mr. Ivery attended Executive Session.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:15.

The solicitor stated that they discussed Tomko and Finleyville Airport.

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey

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


Debra A. Nigon, Secretary