

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Board Meeting
September 10, 2013

The Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Linda Evans-Boren at 7:05 pm. 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: Chris Furman– Solicitor, Judith Taylor-Treasurer/Asst. Secretary

Chairperson Linda Evans-Boren stated that disruptive, disrespectful behavior from members of the public toward the Board of Supervisors, township employees and consultants, as well as other members of the general public in attendance, was unacceptable and would not be tolerated. Anyone exhibiting such behavior would be asked to leave the meeting room. She also noted that public comment was limited to four minutes per speaker.

Public Comment

None

The Board reviewed the monthly Road Report. The Road Superintendent reported that none of the firms he contacted to locate the sewer force main will perform this service for the Township. He suggested a procedure whereby a flushable sonde transmitter can be placed in the force main past the pump, which can be hopefully located and followed through the main. Mr. Parish suggested that Chester Engineers be contacted to attempt to identify the location of the force main.

Motion to purchase flushable sonde transmitters to locate the Elrama sewer force main for approximately \$203.92 plus shipping cost, subject to whether Chester Engineers approves the procedure or indicates an ability to locate the line themselves

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion carried.

The road Superintendent reviewed the issue of the new water fountains for the municipal building and garage because he was not present for the original discussion. He stated that the fountain in the municipal building to be ADA compliant must have a push button on the front due to the narrow alcove available, and the placement area in the garage for a fountain is limited by the existing plumbing.

Motion to purchase an ADA compliant Grainger wall-mount drinking fountain with a push button located on the front of the unit for a cost of approximately 925.00 plus in-line water filter and shipping cost for the municipal building; and a self-standing water fountain with an in-line water filter for the garage for approximately \$660.00 plus shipping and plumbing supplies

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion carried.

The road crew asked to purchase new winter tires for the F-450 trucks. Last year the Firestone tires that they preferred were not available, and they are not satisfied with the performance of the Goodyear tires that were purchased instead. Mr. Frye will try to get quotes from Rich's Tire and other suppliers for the preferred Firestone tires.

The Coal Bluff Road slide is developing again. The engineer suggested borrowing a camera from Peters Creek Sanitary Authority to determine whether the cross drain under the road has separated.

The report from the Worker's Compensation insurance consultant was reviewed. Ms. Beck commended the road crew for successfully addressing past issues of concern. She recommended that workplace safety training be conducted on a regular basis. Also, the no smoking policy in township buildings and equipment should be reinforced. She also noted that there is a lack of sufficient air flow in the truck cabs during hot weather, and loose tools and other items should be removed. The Board asked Ed Frye to obtain prices on cab fans and on adding air conditioning to the trucks.

Motion to pay outstanding bills totaling \$93,141.85 from the General Fund as of September 10, 2013 as presented by the Treasurer, subject to being true and correct

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

Motion carried. Mr. Parish abstained from voting on any bill related to the Finleyville Airport.

Motion to approve Delattre quote for the purchase and installation of a new heat exchanger in the rooftop unit that covers the Board Room side of the municipal building in the amount of \$1,650.00

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion carried.

The issue of vacating Meadow Avenue Extension was held until the September 23, 2013, Board meeting for further review by the solicitor.

Ms. Evans-Boren reported to the Board that, upon further review of the landscaping quotes opened at the August 12, 2013 meeting, some clarification was required and the motion should be restated. The quote submitted by Rich Cox Contracting listed a price for each of the required elements separately but not totaled together. The other quote

supplied by Bercik Landscaping Inc. offered a single total price for all required elements. Ms. Evans-Boren re-read the quotes for removal of old landscaping and installation of new landscaping, and semi-annual maintenance as follows:

Rich Cox Contracting--\$9,410.00

Bercik Landscaping Inc--\$10,880.00

Motion to approve Rich Cox Contracting quote for removal of old landscaping and installation of new landscaping, and semi-annual maintenance for a total cost of \$9,410.00

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

Motion carried.

Ms. Evans-Boren announced that the demonstration of vibreosis to be conducted by Geokinetics as requested by the Board will take place on Saturday, September 21, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building.

Motion to advertise a 2014 budget workshop on Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at 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 reimburse the General Fund from the Capital Reserve-Equipment Fund for the purchase of the Kubota Lawn Tractor in the amount of \$12,136.05

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 retroactively authorize the Treasurer to attend a meeting held on September 9, 2013 at the Valleybrook Country Club, McMurray PA for training on the new system of receiving water usage data from PA American Water for billing for the Elrama Sewerage System, and to pay mileage

Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Spahr asked the Southwest Regional police officer in attendance if he had noted increased motorcycle riding and/or motorcycle gang activity in the township in recent months. The officer indicated that there are several places where those individuals have been congregating during the summer months, though the activity has not been particularly disruptive and has dropped in frequency in September. Mr. Spahr also noted that an individual had been apprehended for impersonating a SWRPD police officer and conducting at least one traffic stop on Route 837 in Union Township.

Ms. Evans-Boren thanked the Women's Auxiliary of Finleyville American Legion Post 613 for the donation of a microwave oven to the Brownsville Road Park.

Public Comment

Ms. Karen Urso, 5209 Lew Street, Finleyville, PA read a letter from John Mulherin, also of Lew Street, to the Board requesting no seismic testing be permitted on Lew Street, and stating that he had submitted a petition from twenty-six (26) neighbors in agreement with his request.

Motion to go into executive session for reasons of litigation at 8:25 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.

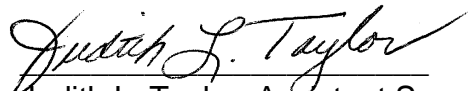
The Board returned from executive session at 8:40 p.m. The solicitor stated that issues of litigation had been discussed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 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.


Judith L. Taylor, Assistant Secretary