

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Board Meeting
November 11, 2013

The Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Linda Evans-Boren at 7:02 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 Steve Parish, Larry Spahr, Linda Evans-Boren, and 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

No public comment on Agenda items.

Officer Storch delivered the police report providing the monthly statistics.

Mr. Ed Frye, Road Superintendent, provided his report on the activities of the Road Department. A written report was also provided to the Board. He mentioned that the High-Lift was serviced and that the trucks got winter tires, and that a catch basin grate was stolen, making this the third stolen catch basin. Mr. Frye said that the catch basins are costing close to \$300 a piece to replace and requested the officers to keep an eye out for suspicious activity around the catch basins. Mr. Frye also mentioned that the paving project has been cancelled until Spring and that winterizing the areas where the subcontractor was working is necessary, as particularly, the area on Ross and Frye is getting complaints. He was informed that Victor Paving assured us that they would take care of those areas. The Township Engineer confirmed that he had spoken with them.

Mr. Frye also mentioned that the park is winterized; however, the supplies in the coolers need to be removed.

Mr. Frye also mentioned that the garage floor is being pitted due to salt exposure; although the floor could be saved with leveler at this point, but in a few years it will need to be replaced. He said that a representative was coming this week to tell them what products are available. Mr. Parish suggested it be sprayed with silicone now. Mr. Frye said that he would ask the product representative, whether silicone or another product could be put down now.

Mr. Frye also provided the Board with a written Fall Road Report which identified which roads need to be sealed, paved, or receive other attention next summer. Mr. Frye mentioned that they used the in-line camera to examine the storm sewer pipe under Coal Bluff Road and there is damage. The salt shed is still under construction.

Motion to approve general fund bills in the sum of \$72,257.49, as of November 11, 2013, as presented by the Treasurer, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

Ms. Evans-Boren asked the solicitor to review with the public the Petition that was heard in Court last week. Mr. Makel said that a decision was handed down by the Judge that Wolfgang Timber be paid immediately. Mr. Spahr explained that Mr. Arminas filed a Petition claiming that Union Township entered into an Agreement for \$12,000, which became \$14,000, to pay Mary Parish for the trees. However, Mr. Spahr said that this was not consistent with the Motions that the Board made. He said that, although the Agreement which was signed kept repeating the terms "buyer" and "seller;" the Board's Motion's during its meetings were to agree to put into escrow the money to pay Wolfgang Timber for removal of the trees. Mr. Spahr said that the Judge's ruling was that payment was to be made out of Mr. Arminas' escrow account to Wolfgang Timber and, subsequently, Wolfgang Timber was to immediately pay Mary Parish.

Mr. Spahr said that apparently there were agreements made on the side which the Board was not informed about and that it had been reported to Board members that Mr. Sherman Fitch said that he was not being paid for cutting the trees. Mr. Spahr said that initially the trees were to be topped, and then they were to be cut to the ground and; although he believes that there was some value to the trees as private property; the Township could not get information as to where the money they put in escrow was located and who was getting it. Mr. Spahr said that the reason the Board put the money into escrow was because Mr. Arminas had said that his clients didn't trust the Township, which is why the Township agreed.

Ms. Evans-Boren said that the trees are cut and that the Board's main concern of the safety of the public flying in and out of the airport has been addressed.

Motion to approve the Geokinetics Heavy Hauling Agreement.

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 revised Seismic Testing Agreement with the contact information inserted at Section 18.2 in the document

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 approve the Holding Tank Agreement for Mr. and Mr. Frahlich at 342 Mingo Church Road

Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Mike Horgus of Jefferson Hills Ambulance addressed the Board saying the planned garage addition will help to save lives by decreasing transit times especially to the North Side of the Township. He said that the goal should be to get the patient to care in under 10 minutes, and transit time from the new addition should cut the time to the North Side by about 6 minutes, which is roughly in half. Ms. Evans-Boren thanked Jefferson Hills Ambulance for their dedication to community service and the numbers of times they supplied CPR training, flu shots and other services free of charge at Neighborhood Watch group meetings and other community functions.

Motion to advertise the garage addition specifications with bids to be opened by the Township Engineer and Secretary on December 6th at 3:00 p.m. with the bid awarded to the lowest responsible bidder at the December 9, 2013 Regular Board Meeting

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 advertise the proposed 2014 Budget for adoption at the December 9, 2013 Regular Board Meeting.

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 2014 Police Services Agreement

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. Harold Ivery presented the mylar for the Missionary Partners Subdivision which had been approved by the Planning Commission and Carl DeiCas, Township Engineer. It was noted that the line indicating the zoning district boundaries was included on the mylar. Mr. Ivery indicated that the mylar still needs to be signed by the Washington County Planning Commission, Township Engineer, and the Sanitary Authority before the Township can sign off.

Motion to approve the subdivision by Missionary Partners, LLC, known as the Parish Plan of Lots dated July 2, 2013 with changes made subsequently for recording purposes only, Parcel A being 54.2720 acres, and Parcel B being 99.5222 acres.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Andrew Tullai

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

Board Approved: November 25, 2013

Counsel for Tomko was in attendance. Mr. Spahr inquired of Tomko's attorney as to whether zoning changes will be requested in the future, and was informed that the company is consulting with an engineer currently to see what suggestions they might receive.

Mr. Hal Breining, Finley Avenue, thanked the Board for the Dust Ordinance and for the quiet from Tomko's establishment lately. He also complained that our trucks are not being washed. He was assured by the Chairperson that the trucks are being washed on a regular basis.

Mr. LaTorre, 7 Boyka, made comment about his dissatisfaction on the situation with the \$70,000 spent by the Township for litigation and removal of the trees and questioned Mr. Parish, suggesting that the Township be reimbursed from sale proceeds. In response to these comments, Mr. Parish said that his mother, Mary Parish, had a right to legally defend herself in this matter involving the property she, not he, owns.

There was no Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m..

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey

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


Debra A. Nigon, Secretary