

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Monthly Board Meeting
January 9, 2012

The Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Linda Evans-Boren at 7:04 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 Larry Spahr, Linda Evans-Boren, Andrew Tullai and Brenda Cushey. Steve Parish did not attend due to illness. Also in attendance: Harold Ivery-Building Code Official, Peter Grieb-Interim Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, Dennis Makel-Solicitor, Judith Taylor-Treasurer, Debra Nigon-Secretary. Carl Dei Cas-Township Engineer arrived at 7:12 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Motion to pay outstanding bills totaling \$16,327.83 from the General Fund as of January 9, 2012 as presented by the Treasurer subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Andrew Tullai

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

Motion to set the pay rate for the Zoning Hearing Board members at \$40 per session and \$45 for Board secretary per session for 2012.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

The Board reviewed quotes to replace the old phone system. The two quotes were from David Davis Communications, in the amount of \$2400, and Dagostino Electronics, in the amount of \$2932.

Motion to accept the quote from David Davis Communications to replace the existing phone system, and approve quote Estimate #14024 in the amount \$2400 to include 5-year warranty, battery backup, 15 hours of voicemail, installation and training.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

Mr. Spahr noted that the Southwestern Regional Police have made their 6th drug arrest in the Township, after having only begun their services to the Township on January 1, 2012.

Motion to adopt the Flexible Time Payroll Policy for flexible time employees.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

There was discussion among the Board in regard to whether the road crew staffing is sufficient. The solicitor suggested to continue the meeting until an hour before the next regularly scheduled Board meeting so that the full road crew could be present to discuss their needs further. The solicitor advised that a supplemental appropriation could be considered as an alternative to opening the 2012 budget.

Motion to consider supplemental appropriation as permitted by the Second Class Township Code should an increase for additional staff be found necessary in regard to the road crew work force.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

It was decided to hold the COSTARS 2012-2013 salt contract in abeyance until February. The road foreman stated that the Township currently has more than sufficient salt. The Board will wait to see what consumption is over the next month and how the forecast for the rest of winter appears. Mr. Tullai requested that the Treasurer research the amount of salt used and purchased for each of the last three years.

Motion to hire Cypher and Cypher to perform the 2011 Audit in the sum of \$7,325 plus out of pocket costs not to exceed \$350.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Andrew Tullai

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

Motion to approve Delattre quote #FMQ1064 for a Sterling 150,000 BTU unit for the sum of \$2,485 plus tax for the maintenance garage building.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Larry Spahr

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

The Board discussed the newly-appointed Recreation Board. Since it had been some time since there has been a Recreation Board, it was discussed that the new members may need some direction from the Board in getting started in their responsibilities. The Secretary will send a letter offering the building for Recreation Board meetings and providing the By-Laws, Ordinance and Township Code, as well as the contact information for each member so that the new Recreation Board can caucus on how they want to operate.

Public Comment

Mr. Tom Reese, 87 Pumpkin Center Road, stated that his neighbor's dog is barking continually. Mr. Reese stated that he has called Animal Control and the Humane Society. Harold Ivery stated that the zoning for the property is R1, permitting Agricultural Use. Within the next week, Peter Grieb will go out to time the dog barking for the fifteen minutes of unceasing barking as stated in Ordinance No. 3-2007.

Motion to go to Executive Session at 7:58 p.m. for personnel reasons and possible litigation.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Andrew Tullai

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

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:42 p.m. The solicitor indicated that they addressed issues of personnel only.

Motion to authorize payment to Judith Taylor for unused 2011 vacation time.

Motion by Linda Evans-Boren, Second by Andrew Tullai

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

Motion to authorize payment of registration in the sum of \$200 for training for Brenda Cushey at the Newly Elected Officials Class sponsored by the PSAB at the Double Tree in Washington County PA, on January 20 and 21, 2012, and to pay mileage expenses at current IRS rate.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion made at 9:00 p.m. to continue the meeting to Monday, January 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

Debra A. Nigon, Secretary