

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Monthly Board Meeting
January 23, 2012

The Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Linda Evans-Boren at 7:00 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 Stephen Parish, Larry Spahr, Linda Evans-Boren, Andrew Tullai and Brenda Cushey. Also in attendance: Carl Dei Cas-Township Engineer, Harold Ivery-Building Code Official, Dennis Makel-Solicitor, Judith Taylor-Treasurer, Debra Nigon-Secretary.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Motion to approve minutes of the December 27, 2011 Regular Board Meeting, as presented by the Secretary, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Upon reviewing the January 3, 2012 minutes, Mr. Parish brought to the attention of the Board that the Motion made regarding the Treasurer / Assistant Secretary's hourly rate was incorrect in that the stated hourly rate was more than a 3% increase. The Township solicitor suggested to the Board to approve the January 3, 2012 minutes and then make a motion to amend the minutes to the appropriate amount.

Motion to approve minutes of the January 3, 2012, Reorganization Meeting, as presented by the Secretary, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Andrew Tullai

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

Motion to amend the Motion of January 3, 2012, concerning the wages of the Treasurer/Assistant Secretary, at 3%, at the rate of \$17.55 per hour for the year 2012

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Andrew Tullai

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

Harold Ivery reported that a pre-application will be turned into the Planning Commission for a Dollar General on Route 88, but that this is still at the preliminary stages.

The Road Foreman delivered the road report. He stated that more salt was ordered following the recent icy conditions which consumed much of the existing salt stockpile. He also noted that he had a hidden driveway sign in inventory for installation at 6111 Brownsville Road extension, if required. He also noted that the holding tanks at the park are full and need to be pumped out. Mr. Parish stated that, opposed to pumping out the tank now, to wait until Spring. The road foreman will pull the lids to see how much room is still available.

The Township Engineer, Carl DeiCas delivered his report to the Board. He stated that the Local Share Account presentation will be limited to five minutes and is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 3:25 p.m. Any Supervisor who is available will attend. Mr. Parish mentioned another slide developing on Coal Bluff Road. Mr. DeiCas will meet with him on Thursday at 9:30 a.m. to view the current condition of the slides.

Mr. Joe DeBlassio of the Southwest Regional Police Board addressed the Board of Supervisors concerning the need for new narrow bandwidth radios. He stated that the original quoted rate for police services was reduced to a \$40 rate, in part, because the SWRPD was anticipating a grant to cover the costs of a new 911 narrow band width radio system going into Washington County. The narrow band is a requirement which has been mandated by the FCC on radio communications for 2013. The narrow band width is being required of all first responders in Washington County by March of 2012. The anticipated grant to cover the costs of replacing the broad band radios has fallen through.

Mr. DeBlassio stated that Southwest Regional Police is requesting that the Board consider purchasing the radios needed by the officers covering Union Township. The equipment necessary would include a narrow band portable at \$262.00, a narrow band mobile for inside the automobile at \$515.29, and a base station here at Union Township at \$627.53, for a total of \$1404.82. Mr. DeBlassio stated that the equipment would be owned and would stay in Union Township and that the rights to the radios would remain with Union Township in the event the contract with Southwest Regional Police Department was discontinued. He also noted that SWRPD is finding that there are some "dead zones" in Union Township in regard to radio transmission with the current radio system.

The Supervisors stated that they would provide a response to Southwest Regional Police by the next Board meeting which will be held February 13, 2012. The Township requested that Mr. DeBlassio contact the Secretary the next day with the expected turnaround time, from Order to Install of the radio system.

Officer in Charge, Steve Schwartz, delivered the police report for the SWRPD. He stated that the number of drug arrests was very significant, 9 arrests in a three-week period of time, but that the majority of those arrested are not residents of Union Township. He believes the presence of the police is discouraging drug dealers from coming into Union Township. He stated that the Southwest Regional Police will also continue with efforts to curtail speeding. The SWRPD has kept different shifts and will be able to provide a better feel by the end of next month of when police coverage is most effective.

Motion to approve payroll #1 dated January 6, 2012 in the amount of \$7,706.86 as presented by the Treasurer, subject to being true and correct.

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 payroll #2 dated January 20, 2012 in the amount of \$10,763.92 as presented by the Treasurer, subject to being true and correct.

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 approve the general funds bills presented as of January 23, 2012 in the amount of \$32,407.53 as presented by the Treasurer, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Larry Spahr

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, but abstaining from any bills involving Finleyville airport, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Andrew Tullai stated that a credit is expected from Verizon in the sum of \$90, plus potentially a \$100 credit off installation of the DSL line. He will follow-up with Verizon.

Motion to approve installation of a Hidden Driveway sign and break away pole at 6111 Brownsville Road Extension as per the provided PennDot specifications.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

The Board reviewed two quotes for the purchase and installation of new gasoline and diesel pumps, one quote in the sum of \$9,341.33 (for gasoline pump only) from George I Reitz & Sons, Inc., and one from United Environmental Group, Inc., in the sum of \$14,319.00 (for gasoline and diesel pumps).

Motion to accept the quote of United Environmental Group, Inc., for the installation of Option #1, Fuel Management System, Installed, in the sum of \$5,347.00, and Option #2, New Gasoline Fuel Pump, Installed, in the sum of \$5,983.00, and Option #3, New Diesel Fuel Pump, Installed, in the sum of \$2,989.00.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion to approve the Holding Tank Agreement with Dollar Bank as written by the Township and not to accept the Dollar Bank's requested revisions.

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 that a letter be written to DEP indicating that we Union Township does not approve PCSA Act 537 Plan Supplement 1 or the Jefferson Hills Act 537 Plan Update that would pass on an additional cost burden to our residents.

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 authorize Andrew Tullai to perform training of the road crew pertaining to OSHA requirements and provide documentation of training to the Township Secretary, Debra Nigon, for the inclusion in Township and employee files.

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 refund of the escrow account, in the sum of \$325, for the Smail Subdivision.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Steve Parish

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

Motion to approve the refund of the escrow account, in the sum of \$201, for the Emert Subdivision.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

Motion to go to Executive session for personnel issues and possible litigation at 8:36 p.m.

Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Steve Parish

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

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:45 p.m..

The Township solicitor indicated that issues of litigation and personnel were discussed.

Motion to authorize the Township Treasurer / Assistant Secretary to issue two checks, payable to Joseph Koval, in the amount of \$500 each, for purposes of conducting the appraisal of the property involved in the airport situation (property owned by Mary C. Parish, 45 Airport Road).

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:50 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

Debra A. Nigon, Secretary