

Union Township Board of Supervisors  
Monthly Board Meeting  
February 13, 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.

The Treasurer noted that there was a discrepancy between the check amounts approved at the last Board Meeting for the appraisal to be performed by Koval & Associates. The actual fee is \$1800, and a check for \$900 was issued as the deposit. The Treasurer's report lists the \$900 check which was issued.

**Motion** to approve the general funds bills presented as of February 13, 2012 in the amount of \$44,797.54 as presented by the Treasurer, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

**Motion** to approve Makel & Associates Invoice for the Elrama Sewage Project in the amount of \$165.56.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Approval of the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement, Multi-Municipal Plan, retroactive to September 12, 2011, was discussed. Since some of the details regarding the resolution of certain issues could not to be verified at the meeting, a vote on plan approval was held in abeyance.

**Motion** to advertise the initial Recreation Board Meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., at the Union Township Municipal Building.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Steve Parish

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

The garage addition project was discussed. Linda Evans-Boren stated that, even though the project did not receive grant funding from the County through the Local Share Account, Gaming Funds, that she still believed that this was a good project and that perhaps other funding sources could be identified. With the support of the full Board, Mr. Carl DeiCas was

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authorized to pursue other avenues, possibly an H2O grant or project grant funds which may be available through Chesapeake Energy or Range Resources.

Mr. Carl DeiCas stated that he will provide specifications to Linda Evans-Boren for the repair of the Coal Bluff slides for possible bid opening at the March 30, 2012, Board Meeting.

**Motion** to approve the purchase of narrow band width radios for the use of Southwest Regional Police Department in serving Union Township in the sum of \$1,404.82

Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Larry Spahr

Roll call vote: Parish-no, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

**Motion** to apply for 1500 ton of salt through Co-Stars for the year 2012-2013.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Mr. Parish noted that he and an electrician donated 2 hours of their personal time to the Township in restoring power to the front door buzzer and the repair of two shorted wires. The power source for the door buzzer will be labeled so that it can be easily identified.

**Motion** to approve Tuscan Estates Lot 105 Line Shift into two parcels, 105R1 and 105R2, for recording purposes only, subject to all fees being paid.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Steve Parish

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

**Motion** to approve the Cypher & Cypher contract to perform the 2011 Earned Income Tax Audit in the sum of \$900.

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 Maintenance Agreement with Cummins Bridgeway for the Township municipal building generator for 2012 in the sum of \$572.02.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

The list of Board Physicians requested for the Worker's Compensation Policy was discussed. The Treasurer will check to see if the Township's workers compensation carrier will assist in the development of a list of physicians.

**Motion** to reappoint Hal Breinig to the Union Township Planning Commission for the term ending the first day of March 2016.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Steve Parish

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

**Motion** to approve all road crew members to attend the Equipment Worker's and Safety Training being held at the North Strabane Municipal Building on March 14, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with a copy of certificate/proof of attendance to be placed in the Township's files and individual personnel 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 request quotes for the cleaning of the Township Building for the next meeting.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Mr. Carl DeiCas reviewed Peter's Creek Act 537 Supplement 1 with the Board and the subsequent correspondence received by the Township from PCSA and the DEP. Mr. DeiCas presented to the Board a draft letter he prepared to be sent to the PCSA.

**Motion** to send a letter to Peter's Creek Sanitary Authority disapproving of the Act 537 Plan Update Supplement 1 and a letter to the DEP requesting a public joint meeting with the impacted municipalities and authorities to discuss final resolution of the problem.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Larry Spahr

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

The solicitor will make some revisions to the engineer's draft to Peter's Creek and will assist in the creation of the letter to Sam Harper of the DEP.

#### Public Comment

Ed Frye, 4478 Finleyville-Elrama Road, Finleyville, PA, inquired as to whether the Board thought it was time to open discussions about the closing of Finley School in light of the School Board Special Hearing which is being held on February 29, 2012.

**Motion** to adopt a resolution opposing the closing of the Finleyville Middle School for the following reasons: (1) that it is not cost efficient to close the Finley Middle School and reopen the Monongahela Elementary Center and the Donora Elementary Center, (2) the failure to seek the appropriate funds to reimburse the costs of construction, and (3) the failure to do the appropriate planning through the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Larry Spahr

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

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**Motion** to authorize the solicitor to investigate the possibility of withdrawing from the Ringgold School District and aligning with an adjacent school district -- South Park, Thomas Jefferson, or Peter's Township School District.

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 the solicitor to attend the Ringgold School Board Hearing on February 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Finley Middle School.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

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**Motion** to investigate the possibility of changing to a regional basis for election of School Board members for Ringgold School District.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-no, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

**Motion** to go to Executive session for personnel issues and possible litigation 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.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:20 p.m..

Mr. Makel stated that issues of personnel were discussed.

**Motion** to set the Treasurer/Assistant Secretary's pay rate at \$17.95/hour retroactive to January 1, 2012.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Andrew Tullai

Roll call vote: Parish-no, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Tullai commented on the flawless Township audits which have been received in addition to all the additional work which was involved in the Elrama Sewage Project and how well it had been handled. Mr. Parish stated that he would have preferred to see the increase stay at 3%.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 9:23 p.m.

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Debra A. Nigon, Secretary