

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Monthly Board Meeting
February 27, 2012

The Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Linda Evans-Boren at 7:08 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, Dennis Makel–Solicitor, Harold Ivery–Building Code Official, Peter Grieb–Interim Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement, Judith Taylor–Treasurer, Debra Nigon–Secretary.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Ms. Evans-Boren asked Officer Brown to give the SWRPD report because she was currently on duty and might receive a call. She stated that from January up until the first week of February there were 16 arrests: 10 criminal (summary offense or misdemeanor), 6 or 7 non-traffic citations, and 19 vehicle stops. She stated that the police have also given some warnings for traffic and will be continuing to watch speeding as well as dirt bikes and ATVs. She emphasized the importance of citizens calling 911 when they witness what may be illegal activity instead of telephoning the police office. Once the officer gets the message, it is often too late. They would much prefer the caller dial 911.

Motion to approve minutes of the January 9, 2012, Regular Board Meeting, as presented by the Secretary, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion to approve minutes of the Continuation of the January 9, 2012, Regular Board Meeting which was held at 6:00 p.m. prior to the January 23, 2012, 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-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes of the January 23, 2012, Regular Board Meeting, as presented by the Secretary, 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

Motion to approve minutes of the February 13, 2012, Regular Board Meeting, as presented by the Secretary, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Steve Parish

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

Harold Ivery delivered the zoning report and requested that the Board place an urgency on updating the zoning map as the MPC requires that the maps be updated as soon as possible after rezoning. Instead of waiting for the approval of the Multi-Municipal Plan and updating the map in conjunction with that, he would like to move forward as he believes Chester Engineers has already done substantial work towards completing the map. He will contact Carl DeiCas to check on the status. Mr. Ivery also stated that Municipal Consulting Service, LLC, has hired a commercial and electrical inspector by the name of Emery Yuhas who will be handling the commercial inspections.

Colin Monahan from Chesapeake LLC attended the meeting and inquired from the Board as to how long from receipt of the conditional use permit can they expect a decision. He was advised that a decision must be made within 45 days of the conclusion of the public hearing. He will be notified when the Conditional Use hearing is scheduled.

Albert Banahasky reported that all flammables have been put into the two new safety steel cabinets which were ordered. Mr. Parish stated that the new gasoline and diesel pumps are installed and operating and that the only remaining item is that the register on the diesel tank which needs to be replaced and that they should be coming back to do that. Mr. Parish also mentioned that \$40,000 had been budgeted for a chipper, and he would like to get a quote from Walsh for the next meeting and that in the next week, he and the road foreman could possibly go to Nottingham Township and look at their chipper.

Ms. Evans-Boren mentioned the mandate by PennDot that, by January 1, 2012, that all stop signs and street signs be inventoried and that each municipality have a sign management system in place. The sign management system would need to address the method of testing selected for testing the reflectivity of all street signs. The Secretary will download the inventory spreadsheet available from the LTAP website and provide it to the road foreman so that the road crew can begin creation of a sign database. Linda Evans-Boren instructed the road foreman to proceed on this project and that this is top priority, with a focus on regulatory signs. The road foreman indicated that 80% of the stop signs in Union Township are the newer signs and that they have been changing any stop signs that are deteriorated. The various methods of testing reflectivity of signs was discussed as well as the importance of requesting a certificate of compliance with PennDot specifications from the vendor when new signs are ordered. Ms. Evans-Boren indicated that, in the near future, the Board will need to determine what schedule and what type of assessment will be used.

Mr. Tullai requested the road foreman to post video surveillance signs in various locations around the building.

The solicitor provided his report which included a discussion of HB1950 legislation. The solicitor suggested contacting the Washington County Association of Township Officials and requesting them to convene a meeting of all the townships in regard to challenging this legislation, as a group, pursuant to the Municipal Planning Code which sets forth each township's rights to control the development of its communities. The solicitor will dictate the letter to the Treasurer or Secretary this week to address these items.

Motion to approve payroll #3 dated February 3, 2012 in the amount of \$10,154.63 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 #4 dated February 17, 2012 in the amount of \$10,004.35 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 February 27, 2012 in the amount of \$26,263.78 as presented by the Treasurer, subject to being true and correct, and after the register on the diesel pump is replaced to Mr. Parish's satisfaction.

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.

The Multi-Municipal Plan was discussed and all the proper steps had not been completed. The Board asked the Treasurer to discuss the matter with Susan Morgan, Washington County Redevelopment Authority, to determine the current status. Mr. Spahr had concerns about the designation of the Route 88 Corridor as Local Commercial vs. Regional Commercial.

Motion to advertise the 2012 Recreation Board Meetings for the second Tuesday of every month as needed at 7:00 p.m. at the Union Township Municipal Building.

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 appoint Bernie Speer as Tax Collector for Street Light and Per Capita Tax for 2012 at the commission rate of 3%, with 5% for delinquent collections.

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 M3 Appalachia road crossings were discussed. The solicitor advised the Board to have them apply for a heavy hauling permit at the same time as the road bore permit. The zoning officer was requested to find out which roads they intend on using for hauling. Mr. Parish suggested \$32/foot for an easement fee, \$2.00 per inch diameter of the pipe. The solicitor

advised that an easement must be approved at a public meeting and that a geometric drawing would need to be attached. The Board decided that the engineer will be asked to review the road crossings and determine whether a road bore should be used on Garvin Road instead of a road cut. Mr. Parish also advised that Railroad Street is not in Union Township. Mr. Makel suggested a road crossings check list procedure could be obtained from his office.

Motion to allow Finleyville V.F.D. to have Zambelli Internationale launch the V.F.D.'s fireworks display on Friday July 27, 2012, subject to a certificate of insurance being supplied to the Township.

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 letter from the Director of Security of Ringgold School District to Chief John Hartman requesting that an extra SWRPD Officer be on-duty to help with traffic control at the School Districts Board Meeting on Wednesday, February 29, 2012, was discussed. The solicitor will dictate a letter requesting payment for the amount of hours requested which would require a signature authorizing payment prior to the Township scheduling the extra shift.

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

Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Andrew Tullai

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

The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:37 p.m.

Mr. Makel stated that issues of personnel and possible litigation were discussed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Debra A. Nigon, Secretary