

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Monthly Board Meeting
March 12, 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, 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.

Motion to approve the general funds bills presented as of March 12, 2012 in the amount of \$49,059.08 as presented by the Treasurer, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Andrew Tullai

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 payment of Makel & Associates Invoice dated March 5, 2012, in the sum of \$45, for the Elrama Sewage Project.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Andrew Tullai

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

Mr. Parish stated that he and the road crew went to see the Terex 750 Woodchipper at South Strabane Township. Based on what they saw, he recommends purchase of the Terex 750. Upon delivery, Walsh Equipment has agreed to take the old chipper and roller to put on their lot for possible sale to another municipality. Training on the chipper will be provided by Walsh Equipment upon delivery as well.

Motion to purchase, based on the recommendation of the road crew and Mr. Parish, a Terex Woodsman Model 750 Woodchipper in the sum of \$43,145.00 per the quote of Walsh Equipment under PA Legacy Contract #2420-01, Vendor Number 146096, plus any title costs and provided regular maintenance performance performed as per manufacturer's recommendations.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Andrew Tullai

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

Motion to authorize the Secretary, Treasurer, and any other interested Board member to attend the Washington County Tax Collection Committee Meeting on Friday, March 23, 2012 (with Keystone Collection Group) at the North Strabane Municipal Building between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

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 2007 version of the Intergovernmental Municipal Plan was provided by Susan Morgan of the Redevelopment Authority, however it did not contain the zoning change to the Route 88 Corridor that had been requested. Susan Morgan will be checking with Mullin Lonergan Associates, the consulting firm which was preparing the multi-municipal comprehensive plan, to see if they have the most recent changes. Nonetheless, per Judy Taylor's conversation with Ms. Morgan, the changes can be made again to the most recent version.

The M3 Application / Easement was held in abeyance until the Building Code Official receives an updated application. Mr. DeiCas will call to verify that M3 Appalachia will no longer be affecting Garvin Road.

Mr. Parish addressed the issue of the sewerage tap of the Campbell Property on Collins Avenue. He has been in touch with Jefferson Hills Borough and a letter will be coming by mail to the Township to confirm that, once the Mr. Campbell pays the \$1300 tap fee, the house can be tapped into Jefferson Hill's line.

Motion to authorize Chester Engineers to draft and prepare the specifications for repair of the road slides with Gilmore Road as first bid, Coal Bluff Road slides as second bid, and stream bank rehabilitation on Coal Bluff Road as third bid, and to advertise as required for bid opening at the April 9, 2012 Regular Board 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.

It was decided that Carl DeiCas will provide to the solicitor a statement for the cause of the McChain Road slide in order to prepare an emergency complaint to enable repair with request for damages. Mr. DeiCas and Mr. Parish will look at the McChain Road slide at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2012.

Mr. DeiCas reviewed with the Board the financial impact Jefferson Hills Borough Act 537 Plan may have to Union Township customers. He is expecting updated figures from Jefferson Hill's engineer.

Motion to submit the draft panel of physicians by the Treasurer to the Worker's Compensation insurance carrier for comments.

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 Board discussed Act 13 legislation. At Union Township's request, the Washington County Township Association surveyed several townships to see what level of interest there was in challenging Act 13 legislation. Since there was insufficient interest, the Board decided to withdraw its request to the Township Association to hold a joint meeting.

Motion to authorize the solicitor to review Act 13 and amend the Union Township Oil and Gas Ordinance, and to submit the amended ordinance to PUC to determine if it is in compliance.
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 Change Order #1 from General Code in the amount of \$4,770 plus remaining \$5,200 from the original contract, for a total of \$9,970.00 to complete the codification of Union Township Ordinances to date.
Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Andrew Tullai
Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

The Treasurer informed the Board that PLGIT may be dropping P-Card holders that are not currently using the PLGIT credit card at a certain level. The advantages and disadvantages of using the card for purchases versus issuing a check were discussed. By the end of April, the Treasurer will provide a sum of purchases for the last two years and a list of vendors who accept credit cards so that the Board can decide whether or not to authorize more frequent usage.

Motion to authorize Mr. Parish to attend the PennDot Annual Community Outreach Meeting being held on March 15, 2012, at the Washington County Maintenance Office.
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 lack of response to Union Township's letter requesting the Department of Environmental Protection call a meeting regarding Peters Creek Act 537 Plan was discussed. Since Peters Township had expressed an interest in the meeting and had suggested dates, the Treasurer was requested to confirm the March 21, 2012 date with Peters Township and to contact local legislators, other impacted municipalities, and Peters Creek Sanitary Authority.

Motion to approve flagger training for the road crew and all other interested and available Union Township staff on March 26, 2012 at 8:00 a.m., at the Nottingham Township municipal building at a nominal cost per trainee.
Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Steve Parish
Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Board Approved: 3/26/12

Motion to go to Executive session for personnel issues and possible litigation at 9:21 p.m.
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 10:10 p.m..

Mr. Makel stated that issues of personnel were discussed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 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