

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

The Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Linda Evans-Boren at 7:05 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, Dennis Makel–Solicitor, Harold Ivery–Building Code Official, Peter Grieb–Interim Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement, Judith Taylor–Treasurer, Debra Nigon–Secretary. Carl DeiCas arrived at 8:30 following his attendance at the Board of Directors Meeting of Peters Creek Sanitary Authority.

Public Comment

None

**Motion** to approve the general funds bills presented as of April 9, 2012 in the amount of \$23,617.62 as presented by the Treasurer, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Larry Spahr, 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 authorize the sale of the 1997 Ford Explorer, as is, to the Southwest Regional Police Department, for the sum of \$2500 plus cost of title transfer, in consideration of services to be rendered.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Mr. Parish stated he voted no because he believes the Explorer should have been sold out right and not in exchange for services.

The Board discussed purchase of a standard GPS unit for the road crew's use in keeping an inventory of signs for the sign management system. Mr. Parish indicated that other Townships have been using a GPS for multiple purposes, such as locating storm water drains, manholes, etc. He will obtain more information on the brands of GPS systems being used in other Townships, the price and purposes. The GPS purchase will be held in abeyance until next meeting.

**Motion** to accept the Washington County Joint Purchase Program Bid for summer materials as follows:

Hanson Aggregates:

- for 250 Tons, more or less, #8 Crushed Aggregate, Washed and Delivered(1B), at \$29.56 per ton; and
- for 250 Tons more of less, #57 Crushed Aggregate, Delivered(2-B), at \$21.56 per ton; and
- for 500 Tons more or less, SUPERPAVE Asphalt 9.5 mm PG 64-22 0 to 0.3million ESAL's SRL-G picked up, at \$59.50 per ton; and

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- 250 Tons more or less, SUPERPAVE Asphalt 25.00 mm PG 64-22 0 to 0.3million ESAL's SRL-G picked up, at \$52.50; and
- 2A Stone at \$19.81 per ton; and
- #4 Stone at \$21.56 per ton.

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 advertise for bids for 5000 gallons unleaded gasoline delivered and 6000 gallons of diesel fuel delivered, with bids to be opened at the May 14, 2012 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.

In regard to the Multi-Municipal Plan, Susan Morgan of the Redevelopment Authority, had suggested to Ms. Taylor that the map be modified and that there be a 45 day comment period, after which, the document be sent to the Planning Commission for comment. After that, she suggests adopting the portion of the plan for Carroll Township and Union Township only. The Secretary is to request Mullin and Lonergan Associates to modify the Future Land Use Map so that it shows zoning as Local Commercial for the Route 88 corridor and Mixed Use for the BDH properties. The Secretary and Treasurer are then to coordinate a workshop with Carroll Township, Susan Morgan, and Mullin and Lonergan Associates to discuss.

An update was provided by Mr. Makel, Mr. Spahr, and Mr. Parish in regard to the meeting with the DEP which was held on April 5, 2012. Only one representative from Peters Creek Sanitary Authority attended the meeting. The DEP communicated at the meeting their dissatisfaction that neither the solicitor or engineer for PCSA was in attendance, and stated that four years ago PCSA was informed that a sewage treatment plant would not be permitted in Union Township. The DEP told meeting attendees that, if no agreement is reached between Clairton Municipal Authority and Peters Creek Sanitary Authority, then no taps will be released for the whole watershed, even for those Townships which have signed the agreement with Clairton Municipal Authority. In addition, all the Townships which incorporate Peters Creek Sanitary Authority could be served consent orders and that each Supervisor of these Townships could be held liable and be made subject to fines or imprisonment. Unless an agreement is reached between PCSA and CMA, all new construction will be shut down.

**Motion** to adopt a Resolution of Union Township Opposing the Construction/Installation Of a Sewage Treatment Facility by the Peters Creek Sanitary Authority Within the Boundaries of Union Township and Any and All Act 537 Plans Authored by the Peters Creek Sanitary Authority.

Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Mr. Kirk, Finleyville Airport, mentioned that his attorney has some questions in regard to the appraisal of the property owned by Mary Parish. Mr. Makel assured him that he would address any questions from his attorney.

Mr. Makel delivered a Draft of the Findings of Fact for Chesapeake Well Pad "B," and indicated that he is still waiting for a transcript from the court reporter.

The Recreation Board reported that two sets of bleachers and some goal posts were pulled out of Brownsville Park on their clean-up day and that these need to be hauled away and scrapped. They also removed a lot of garbage from the park. Mr. Cecere stated that he would like to improve one baseball/softball field with dug-outs at the park to stimulate interest in using the park for that purpose. More frequent garbage pick-up, some required repairs and a playground inspection were mentioned. Mr. Spahr requested the Recreation Board write a formal memo to the Board stating what they believe should be done at the park.

Mr. Mark Baird, Director of External Affairs, GenOn Energy, answered the questions which had been sent to him by the Board in regard to what will happen with the property once it is put out of service in June. He stated that there are no current plans for the facility, but that they are entertaining ideas and offers. All ideas and offers can be sent to [genonproperty@genon.com](mailto:genonproperty@genon.com). Security will be continued and, he expects, that there will be employees in and out of the premises as there is equipment at the site which could be used at other facilities. A skeleton crew will remain for a time and maintenance of the grounds will be continued. The settling ponds will continue to be maintained as required by the DEP. He is not aware of any debris at the site, but if specifics are provided to him, the debris will be removed. The Board impressed upon Mr. Baird their concerns in regard to possible vandalism at the site.

**Motion** to authorize any interested Board member to inspect the roads with the road foreman.  
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 approve the use of Brownsville Park by the Soccer Association for their Spring Soccer program, subject to proof of insurance and provision of a soccer schedule.  
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 go to Executive Session at 9:55 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 9:32 p.m.

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

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**Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

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Debra A. Nigon, Secretary