

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Monthly Board Meeting
May 29, 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, Dennis Makel–Solicitor, Harold Ivery–Building Code Official, Judith Taylor–Treasurer, Debra Nigon–Secretary.

Public Comment

Frank LaTorre, 7 Boyka Drive, made public comment concerning the dust and noise coming from Tomko. He said that the stone crushing noise began at 6:15 a.m. and that there was enough dust from the four hydraulic jackhammers at Tomko that residents could not open their windows. He said that the work continues on Sunday. The solicitor will contact Tomko to discuss the resident complaints.

Gary Gries, representing Finleyville Airport, asked whether the airport sign which had been on Route 88 and had disappeared about a year ago could be replaced. The Treasurer or Secretary will place a call to Penn Dot requesting that the sign be replaced.

Motion to approve minutes of the April 23, 2012, Regular Board Meeting, as presented by the Secretary, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Andrew Tullai

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

Motion to approve minutes of the May 14, 2012, Regular Board Meeting, as presented by the Secretary, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Andrew Tullai

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

Motion to approve minutes of the May 14, 2012, Workshop, as presented by the Secretary, 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.

Officer Schwartz delivered the SWRPD report based on April numbers. He stated that in March, there were 20 arrests, 7 were criminal, 13 non-traffic citations, 30 vehicle stops (10 citations, 20 warnings), 1 vehicle accident, and 1 vehicle towed. Officer Schwartz said that the nature of the drug arrests have changed. The out in the open activity has ceased. More investigation is being done which encompasses surrounding communities. Although there have been more thefts reported, this does not indicate an increase in that activity because some instances of theft may just be being noticed now that the warm weather is here and more

people are out and about in their sheds and garages. A thank-you was received from the Ringgold School District for Officer Brown's attendance at their Career Day.

Mr. Spahr made a suggestion to have Chief Hartman meet with the Board to discuss traffic enforcement. Officer Schwartz informed the Board that the number of timing lines were doubled. Mr. Spahr requested a list from the road foreman and the Officer of where the timing lines are located. Mr. Spahr also requested that Officer Schwartz make the Board aware of when and what roads are being patrolled for traffic. Officer Schwartz mentioned that the Union Township officers had partnered with the State Police and set up a DUI check point several times at Mineral Beach. Speaking for the one that he was involved with, the State Police had a few DUI arrests and Union Township had none. However, he stated that, for the number of people attending the car cruise event, the number of speeders was not that significant. For the most part, the stops were for careless driving, drivers laying tire and showing off in their vehicles, and not for driving while intoxicated. There have also been times when that area was being patrolled when the officer got called out on other police matters in the Township.

Harold Ivery made the Board aware of the June 4 hearing before the Board of Supervisors in regard to the Union Gardens re-zoning request. He also explained that the Zoning Hearing Board would meet on June 7 for a hearing requesting a deviation to allow for more parking spaces at the proposed Dollar General site. The Jaki subdivision which is on the agenda cannot be approved yet because he is still waiting on the requested mylar, and the sewage module has not yet been supplied.

Mr. Banahasky delivered the road report. Among the items completed, Mr. Banahasky made special note that the trucks are now ready for asphalt.

The Recreation Board reported that the playground had been inspected but that they had not received the inspector's report which they will provide once it becomes available.

Motion to approve payroll #9 dated April 27, 2012 in the amount of \$14,051.00 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 #10 dated May 11, 2012 in the amount of \$7,588.25 as presented by the Treasurer, 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 payroll #11 dated May 25, 2012 in the amount of \$7,658.40 as presented by the Treasurer, subject to being true and correct.
Motion by Brenda Cushey, 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 May 29, 2012 in the amount of \$14,559.58 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 award the bid for the Gilmore Road and Coal Bluff Road Slide Repair to Metzinger Construction for the lowest responsible bid of \$127,565.

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 advertise the 2012 paving project for a bid opening on June 25, 2012, with bids to be received no later than 3:00 p.m. and opened at 7:00 p.m. on June 25, 2012 for the following roads: Veronica Drive (T-505), Victoria Drive (T-504), Scott Road (T-859), Old Route 837 Road (T-697), Gun Club Road (T-709), Kennedy Street (T-849), Porter Road (T-856), Cardox Road (T-755), Linden Street (T-830), Old Route 88 Road (T-699), Norton Avenue (T-712), Boyka Street (T-708), Finley Street (T-916), Keenan Avenue, Walnut Street (T-710).

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

Discussion on proposals for billing services for Elrama sewage were tabled as not all the quotes were received.

Motion to authorize the sale of the 1974 Chipmore Brush Chipper at \$950 and the 1976 Huber Road Roller at \$950 to Mr. Gary Neff in an as is condition with the report from the road crew that their value was less than \$1000 each.

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 Peters Creek Sanitary Authority tap issue is moving forward. The solicitor's understanding is that they need to amend their Act 537 plan to conform with the requirements of DEP. PCSA is requesting us to adopt their Act 537 Plan Option 1.

Motion to authorize the sale of the chipper (1974 Chipmore Brush Chipper, Serial No. 1M16004) at \$950 and the roller (1976 Huber Road Roller Model T46H, Serial No. 3T3415) at \$950 to Mr. Gary Neff in an as is condition with the representation from the road crew that the items in question are valued at less than \$1000 each.

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 authorize the solicitor to draft a new per-capita ordinance and to make the penalty more consistent with the street light ordinance.

Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion to tentatively schedule a Workshop for June 18, 2012 to discuss the Multi-Municipal Plan with Susan Morgan of the Redevelopment Authority, Carroll Township Supervisors and Planning Commission.

Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion to advertise a Multi-Municipal Plan Workshop for June 18, 2012, at 7:00 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.

Linda Evans-Boren asked whether the Board wanted to obtain quotes for cleaning services for Brownsville Park. The solicitor suggested that there be a Facilities Use Permit and a fee to have the park cleaned. He will send a sample Facilities Use Permit. Audrey Dorsen of the Recreation Board will write a list of specifications for cleaning.

Public Comment

Ed Frye made public comment that the Ringgold School District has called a Special Meeting for May 30th at 6:00 p.m. for general purposes. He noted that May 30th would be the first day that they would be allowed to vote to close Finley Middle School which the Board opposed.

Motion to authorize the solicitor to attend the Ringgold School District Special Meeting being held in the Administration Building at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday May 30, 2012.

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 go to Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss issues of personnel and possible litigation.

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 returned from Executive Session at 9:30 p.m.

Mr. Makel stated that they discussed issues of personnel only.

Motion to modify the current job description for the position of Road Crew Superintendant / Road Master changing the two “must have” requirements in terms of experience supervising Union employees and supervising road construction activities so that it reads “should have experience or equivalent” supervising Union employees and “should have experience or equivalent” supervising road construction activities.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

Motion to reconvene the meeting on June 4, 2012, at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Linda Evans-Boren, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 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