

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Monthly Board Meeting
June 25, 2012

The Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Linda Evans-Boren at 7:04 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, Carl DeiCas–Township Engineer, Harold Ivery–Building Code Official, Peter Grieb–Code Enforcement Officer, Judy Taylor–Treasurer, Debra Nigon–Secretary.

Public Comment

None

The Auditors, Cypher and Cypher, reported on the financial audit for year ending 2011 and reviewed the Auditor's Presentation handout which was prepared for the Township. They also reviewed the comments contained in the Management Letter which are designed to help strengthen the internal control and accounting systems. The report revealed that the Township is in good shape financially. The auditors also said that internal controls and accounting systems was of very good quality and commended the Board for good financial management.

Officer Haines gave the departmental report for SWRPD. He stated that there were 11 arrests, 4 criminal complaints, 7 non-traffic citations, 24 vehicle stops, 5 traffic citations, 19 warnings and 4 vehicles towed. Mr. Spahr announced that rotating traffic details will be beginning in the very near future as part of a plan laid out by Chief Hartman to assist the Township in reducing speeding. Ms. Evans-Boren also announced that just today a crack house had been busted in the Township due to tips from residents, and she encouraged residents who suspect criminal activity to report incidents and consider attending neighborhood watch meetings.

Motion to approve minutes of the May 29, 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-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes of the June 4, 2012, Regular Board Meeting Continuation of May 29, 2012, as presented by the Secretary, subject to Mr. Tullai being added to the list of attendees, and 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 June 4, 2012, Hearing for Union Gardens Re-Zoning Request, as presented by the Secretary, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Larry Spahr, 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 June 11, 2012, Regular Board Meeting, as presented by the Secretary, 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 minutes of the June 18, 2012, Regular Board Meeting Continuation of the June 11, 2012, 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-abstain, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes of the June 18, 2012, Multi-Municipal Plan Workshop with Carroll Township and the Washington County Redevelopment Authority, as presented by the Secretary, 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-abstain, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Ivery delivered the Zoning / Code Enforcement report. He acknowledged that the Planning Commission had received their packets for review of the Multi-Municipal Plan.

Mr. Dei-Cas reviewed the Engineer Report and said that he is waiting for bonds and insurance from Metzinger Construction so that he can begin scheduling the Coal Bluff Road slide repair work.

Ms. Audrey Dorsen provided the report for the Recreation Board. She said that four requests for quotes had been sent out for cleaning of Brownsville Park facilities. She also said that they were trying to get some ideas for fund raising together and were hoping to have more information by the next Board meeting.

Motion to approve payroll #12 dated June 8, 2012 in the amount of \$7,658.40 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 #13 dated June 22, 2012 in the amount of \$12,192.05 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 June 25, 2012 in the amount of \$11,346.48 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.

The solicitor announced that the decision on the Union Gardens Re-Zoning Request will be held until the Regular Board Meeting on July 9, 2012.

The bids for the 2012 Union Township Paving Project were opened.

Ellis Asphalt Paving, Inc.	\$342,464.00
A. Folino Construction	\$318,434.05
Alex E. Paris Contracting Co.....	\$344,108.00
Morgan Excavating, LP	\$270,996.40
El Grande Industries, Inc.....	\$296,425.00

Motion to table the award of the 2012 Pavement Project per further review by the Township Engineer.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Mr. Parish mentioned that Scott Road may need to be taken off the list of roads to be paved for the 2012 paving project because Pennsylvania American Water will be laying pipe down the middle of that road and they will need to inform us how they intend to repair the road following that work. Mr. Parish and Mr. DeiCas will meet with PA American on this matter prior to the next Board meeting.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-04, the Resolution for Adoption for Plan Revision which adopts Alternative 1 of the Peters Creek Sanitary Authority Act 532 sewage facilities plan, directing all flow to Clairton Municipal Authority.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Selection of a billing services provider for the Elrama Sewage Project was tabled because another proposal was being delivered that the Board may review. Also, Mr. Makel will review the Act 20 Ordinance supplied by Jordan Tax Service which would need to be adopted by the Township should Jordan Tax Service or PAMs be contracted.

Motion to advertise a Mid-Year Budget Review Workshop on Wednesday, July 25, 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.

Ms. Evans-Boren announced a household chemical collection being held through Washington County Planning Commission with the date to be announced ~~at a cost of \$75.00.~~

Motion to authorize the Secretary to attend Municipal Budget Training being held in Greensburg, August 6, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at a cost of \$75.00.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

Motion to accept the 2011 Cypher & Cypher Audit and advertise the same as presented.

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. Spahr reported expenditures pertaining to the Finleyville Airport from 2006 to present were approximately \$41,000, and the Township is working toward an equitable conclusion to the matter.

Motion to go to executive session for personnel reasons and possible litigation at 8:20 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.

Mr. Parish exited Executive Session at 8:32 p.m.

The Board returned at 8:45 p.m. The solicitor indicated that the Board discussed litigation involving Mr. Corace on McChain Road, a case involving Mr. Troyer, litigation involving Mountainview Oil and Gas, and Finleyville Airport litigation.

Motion to authorize Carl DeiCas to stake out the property owned by Mary Parish for the purposes of negotiations.

Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 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.

Debra A. Nigon, Secretary