

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Monthly Board Meeting
September 10, 2012

The Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Linda Evans-Boren at 7:20 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 Larry Spahr, Linda Evans-Boren, Andrew Tullai and Brenda Cushey. Also in attendance, Dennis Makel–Solicitor, Judy Taylor–Treasurer, Debra Nigon–Secretary. Mr. Parish did not attend due to illness.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

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

Motion to approve minutes of the August 1, 2012, Special Meeting, as presented by the Secretary, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion to approve minutes of the August 13, 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-absent, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes of the August 27, 2012, Budget Workshop, as presented by the Secretary, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

Motion to approve minutes of the August 27, 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-absent, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Departmental Reports

The Road Superintendent, Ed Frye, delivered the Road Report. Mr. Frye reported that the slide repair contractor looks to be nearing completion and paving of those two roads could take place next week.

Mr. Frye suggested taking Scott Road off the paving project for 2012. In his conversation with the contractor for PA American Water, it may take some time for Scott Road to be ready to pave as PA American has to install taps once the main line is laid. The solicitor suggested contacting the Township engineer and writing a letter to Morgan Excavating.

In regard to the drainage issue on Davidson Street, all residents passed the dye test and the sewage has since dried up in the catch basins.

The Superintendent reported some vandalism to the soccer goals at Brownsville Park which had been pulled and dragged out of place. Mr. Frye said that there had been spikes on the goals owned by the Soccer Association and some of the spikes had been broken off. However, if the Soccer Association wants the road crew to mow inside the goals, then spikes cannot be used. He recommended sand bags. Mr. Tullai will verify with the referee what the rules are in terms of spiking the goals as it may be that spikes are not in compliance with the rules anyway. The age appropriate stickers which were recommended for both playgrounds as a result of the Playground Inspection had been ordered and were in place. In addition, animals have been getting into the garbage at Brownsville Park and spreading it around. The Secretary was requested to look into obtaining a dumpster for the park.

Mr. Frye reported that Pleasantview Park is being undermined in certain areas near the creek by turtles and muskrats and the overall appearance of the park is something that needs attention.

Mr. Frye also reported that he had obtained two quotes on a temporary salt shed which are attached to his written report. There was discussion as to whether the Land Use Agreement with the Army allowed for a temporary salt shed to be placed on the property since the property has yet to be turned over to the Township. The solicitor will call the Army and find out. The written road report also contains other details concerning the work performed and items requiring attention.

The solicitor brought to the Board's attention the letter from the DEP which stated that there appeared to be no benefit in eliminating WESA and carrying the effluent from Jefferson Hills to Clairton Municipal Authority. This seems to negate any purpose in having the meeting requested by WESA with the DEP and Jefferson Hills.

Motion to approve the general funds bills presented as of September 10, 2012 in the amount of \$46,146.90 as presented by the Treasurer, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion to eliminate Scott Road from the Paving Project.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

Motion to authorize the solicitor to write a letter to Morgan Excavating concerning the Township's Notice to Proceed correspondence dated August 16, 2012, and Morgan Excavating's recently received correspondence to the Township which must be inadvertently dated June 5 instead of September 5, 2012.

Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Larry Spahr

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

In regard to the construction work continuing at Union Gardens, the attorneys for Mr. & Mrs. Paliotta, Blumling & Gusky, sent correspondence to the Township which stated that grading permits were extended by Act 46 of 2010. This correspondence was received in response to a cease and desist letter sent by the Building Code Official. The solicitor will verify the statements in this letter.

Per the request for a Letter of Intention regarding the balance remaining in the Police Services Pension, the solicitor will contact the Auditor General's office for a response on his recent correspondence.

The Parking Ordinance was held in abeyance for further review.

Ms. Cushey expressed some frustration with delays surrounding the clearing of debris from Peters Creek resulting from various issues concerning access points, permits, equipment failures and coordination and communication problems. On two occasions, the railroad flagger was on-site and the contractor was unable to do the work that day. Not wanting to lose the railroad's cooperation with another no-show, Ms. Cushey contacted a contractor recommended by the railroad. The new contractor agreed to begin work early this coming week at a cost of \$10K or less.

The painting quotes were opened.

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| Rich Cox: | Painting | \$3,720.00 | Ceiling | \$4,175.00 | Total | \$7,895.00 |
| Saints Painting: | Painting | \$10,900.00 | Ceiling | \$5,850.00 | Total | \$16,750.00 |
| Certa Pro Painting: | Painting | \$5,095.08 | Ceiling | \$4,058.69 | Total | \$9,445.77 |

Motion to award the painting job to Rich Cox in the sum of \$7,895.00, half down, half at completion.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion to approve the 2013 MMO for the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Pension Plan #63-177-5-N in the sum of \$6,040.00

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion to approve the 2013 MMO for the Teamsters Local Union #205 Non-Uniformed Pension Plan in the sum of \$16,598.40

Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion to designate Monday October 22, 2012, Monday October 29, 2012, and Monday November 5, as Fall Leaf Pick-Up Days for Union Township and advertise same.

Motion by Brenda Cushey, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion to designate October 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. as Trick-or-Treat night for Union Township.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

Motion to grant Cornerstone Christian Preparatory Academy the use of the Brownsville Park Soccer Field for 2013.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

Motion to charge the Union Finley Soccer Association and Cornerstone Christian Preparatory Academy Soccer Association each half a monthly fee of \$120 for custodian services for cleaning of the bathroom facilities.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

Motion to authorize the Union-Finley Soccer Association to use the Soccer Field at Brownsville Park for the Fall Season 2012 contingent upon insurance and fees being paid. Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey
Roll call vote: Parish-absent, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors decided to review the Burning Ordinance should they desire to make changes in the future.

Motion to advertise a Budget Workshop for Wednesday, September 26, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey
Roll call vote: Parish-absent, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Renewal of the Police Services Agreement was briefly discussed along with the fact that any changes must take place 90 days in advance per the contract.

Motion to authorize Union Township staff to contact the Board of Southwest Regional Police Department to schedule a tentative meeting for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 24, 2012, or at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2012.
Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Andrew Tullai
Roll call vote: Parish-absent, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Change Order #1 for the Coal Bluff Slide Repair Project for Area #2 and Area #4 on Coal Bluff Road in the sum of \$2,075.80.
Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Larry Spahr
Roll call vote: Parish-absent, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to make payment to Gary Metzinger for Estimate #1 for the Coal Bluff Slide Repair Project in the sum of \$71,455.24 and reimburse General Fund from the Capital Reserve Slide Account.
Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Brenda Cushey
Roll call vote: Parish-absent, Spahr-yes, Evans-Boren-yes, Tullai-yes, Cushey-yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Amber Frye, 4478 Finleyville-Elrama Road, discussed the empty seat on the Ringgold School Board since the death of Mr. Ellis. She explained that Maureen Ott would like to take the seat and is requesting letters of endorsement.

Maureen Ott, resident of Region III of Ringgold School District, addressed the Board and put forth her qualifications and reviewed her history of volunteerism and community involvement.

Board Approved: 9/24/12

Motion to adopt a Resolution supporting the appointment of Mary Ott as Region III School Director to complete the term of Mr. Ellis until the first Monday of December 2013.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Mrs. Stogden, 20 Stout Street, Elrama, is continuing to have issues with rats. In order to reduce the amount of garbage placed outside closed containers on pick-up day, she asked if the Township's recycling ordinance can be enforced with fines. The Township agreed to call Waste Management to see if they will pick up her recycling. The solicitor suggested a man used in Bentleyville for extermination and suggested calling Kym Seccret for his name.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 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