

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Monthly Board Meeting
September 24, 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, Harold Ivery—Building Code Official, Peter Grieb—Code Enforcement Officer, Carl DeiCas—Township Engineer, Dennis Makel—Solicitor, Judy Taylor—Treasurer, Debra Nigon—Secretary. Mr. Parish did not attend due to illness.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The SWRPD officer was permitted to provide his report first. The officer provided the monthly statistics on arrests and citations. He also said that traffic details had been running every week or every other week at positions where the Township has been receiving complaints or where residents have provided tips. The officers have been timing motorists, allowing for a liberal number of mph over the speed limit, and have averaged about 12 violators per shift.

Motion to approve minutes of the September 10, 2012 Conditional Use Hearing, as presented by the Secretary, subject to being true and correct.

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 minutes of the September 10, 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 the general funds bills presented as of September 24, 2012 in the amount of \$55,185.74 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 approve payroll #18 dated August 31, 2012 in the amount of \$11,093.60 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.

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Motion to approve payroll #19 dated September 14, 2012 in the amount of \$9,582.61 as presented by the Treasurer, 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.

Departmental Reports

The Building Code Official asked the Board to approve the Abel Subdivision Plan. Mr. Ivery also said that some changes were required on the Zoning Map and that he would provide these changes to Mr. DeiCas so that the zoning map can be finalized.

Mr. DeiCas reported that Coal Bluff and Gilmore Roads are open. A Change Order is necessary for the guard rails on Gilmore Road.

The Recreation Board had no report at this time.

Motion to approve Abel Subdivision Plan #7 at the recommendation of the Township engineer with Lot A being designated as 1.56 acres and Lot B begin designated as 11.82 acres, subject to all fees being paid.

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 accept the quote of James Cushey to clean the rest rooms at Brownsville Park at the cost of \$120 per month.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion to advertise for quotes for liability insurance.

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 advertise a Workshop to discuss the Police Services Contract on Wednesday September 26, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Andrew Tullai

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

The solicitor will send a letter to the Auditor General acknowledging in writing that Union Township is cognizant that monies remaining from disbursements to the Township for the purpose of funding the police pension fund cannot be used for any other purpose than possible future police pension fund expenditures.

Motion to advertise the adoption of the Union Township Parking Ordinance for the next scheduled Board meeting on October 8, 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.

The demolition of the abandoned properties in Elrama was discussed. Mr. Tullai requested the Township engineer look at the properties in Elrama and develop specifications keeping in mind that the stabilization of the hillside once the homes are removed is a concern of the Township.

The solicitor briefly summarized for the Board the correspondence and reports received from Jefferson Hills and WESA relative to Jefferson Hills Act 537 plan and the DEP's decision to continue conveying the effluent to WESA.

A newspaper article which reported on a road crossing agreement between Peters Township and M3 Appalachia regarding its gathering line project was discussed.

Motion to authorize the solicitor to contact M3 Appalachia for an easement agreement at \$10,000 per easement similar to what was agreed between M3 Appalachia and Peters Township.

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 Union-Finley Soccer Association had asked to be on the Agenda and Gwen St. Cyr addressed the Board in regard to the \$120 monthly custodian fee their Association had been asked to split with Cornerstone Christian Preparatory Soccer Association. Union-Finley was agreeable to pay their portion of the fee but requested a maintenance log at the building so that cleaning of the rest rooms could be tracked. The Soccer Association had formerly been in charge of cleaning the bathrooms during the fall and spring season and they will continue cleaning the concession area since this area is not being shared except for weekend rentals. Ms. St. Cyr also addressed her disappointment that she wasn't contacted first when vandalism was reported to the safety stickers recently installed at the park per the playground inspection requirements. The Board said that, procedurally, all vandalism, even minor, is reported to the police who had requested restitution in the amount of \$3 per sticker to prevent future occurrences.

Motion to allow the police officer to attend the Monongahela Valley Hospital Child Registry Program at the Ringgold Elementary School in Gastonville and have the officer's schedule changed to accommodate the program.

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 purchase six mountable rechargeable mag-light flashlights to be mounted in the vehicles used by the road crew.

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 adopt a Resolution Supporting and Sponsoring an Application for a Possible Grant from the Washington County Local Share Account for a garage addition to house police, fire truck and ambulatory service vehicles.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Andrew Tullai

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

The Secretary was requested to obtain updated letters of support from Jefferson Hills Ambulance Service and the Elrama Volunteer Fire Company.

Motion to adopt a Resolution Supporting the Application of Monongahela Area Library for a Possible Grant from the Washington County Local Share Account for a new entry and handicap accessible doors.

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 go to executive session for personnel reasons and possible litigation at 8:34 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.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:22 p.m.

The solicitor indicated that the Board discussed personnel issues and Finleyville Airport litigation.

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Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Motion by Andrew Tullai, Second by Brenda Cushey

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

Debra A. Nigon, Secretary