

Board Approved: March 28, 2016

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Special Meeting – Review of Business – Open Items
February 29, 2016 and continued until March 14, 2016

The Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Larry Spahr at 6:03p.m. 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, Charles Trax, Paul Chasko, Heather Daerr, and Deborah Sargent. Also in attendance, Judy Taylor–Treasurer, and Debra Nigon–Secretary,

Public Comment

Mr. Spahr announced that, due to the fact that there were many items to review, comments from the public would not be taken until the next public meeting. Following this meeting, a Workshop is scheduled to occur at 7:00p.m.

Regarding the Elrama Chrome Shop Property, Mr. Chasko reported that Susan Morgan from the Redevelopment Authority to follow-up to see if we can get it wrapped up. Transfer of the ownership of the property is the next step. A playground area is being discussed. The Township has playground hardware which was donated by Ringgold High School. The property is overgrown and covered by a lot of brush. Ms. Hohman, the owner of the property, has some back taxes which may need to be paid. The second spot where the equipment could be used is by the Finleyville Fire Department. Per the Redevelopment Authority, the property is 99% cleaned up.

Motion to contact Makel & Associates and have them start the paper work towards acquiring the former Elrama Chrome Shop property owned by Mr. Hohman.

Motion by Paul Chasko, Second by Deborah Sargent

Roll call vote: Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Sargent-yes, Daerr-yes. Motion carried.

Judy Taylor will contact Mr. Makel to tell him to get started on the purchase.

The Overlook Street area sewage project was discussed. Someone broke a line down in South Park and an illegal line was discovered sending sewage from Union Township to South Park. This was about a year or so ago. At this point, the Township is working on an agreement to address sewerage of a small confined area. There will be no expansion of the sewerage. A correction still needs to be made in that they were described as all being single family homes, but there is one exception identified. Carl DeiCas' estimate is \$750,000 for 25 homes. There are double lines due to the topography. If there are no other funds found, the cost per home could be \$150 per month. Once the Act 537 goes for comments, and Carl says the Act 537 is ready, then we could go to PennVest who meets 3 times per year.

Unresolved items include, South Park's request that Union Township pay their legal fees.

Regarding sewerage costs, Mr. Trax noted that the Township needs to start bringing the affected home owners up to date on what is going on and the cost. It may be necessary to wait until after Penn Vest reviews it so that we have a dollar figure. An Action Item will be added for a resident outreach letter. There is a minor correction to the Sewage Agreement Contract, Ms. Taylor will check with Dennis if he heard from Mr. Cooper.

After we go to PennVest, Union Township can try Local Share Grant option for funding.

Union Valley Flood Plain Project

The engineer said it would take a year to get the General Permit. Inclement weather has stalled surveyors. Mr. Chasko proposed project management software to work with the engineer which requires all the steps to the permitting process by laid out with notifications to the Board, so that nothing falls under the tracks.

Stonechurch Road Trailer Park

Nuisance abatement ordinance was used in the past but not with mobile homes. Legal Services will have to determine whether that can be used.

Hiring Road Worker

Possible candidate is making more than what would be offered per the Union due to his past experience. However, he will not need training and is experienced with all equipment. The Board will have to discuss this in Executive Session. It is possible that a Memorandum of Understanding could be prepared in terms of the Union Contract.

Overdue Items

A work session is needed with the Engineer to review the items outstanding in engineering which include Elrama sewerage as-builts, zoning map, drawing for easements, Brownsville park widening, WESA plans, stormwater consistency, and Patterson Road damage.

Overdue Zoning Issues

The Township's CBDG Money was designated for use for demolition. A list of properties to demolish is overdue. Demolition does not have to be in a low to moderate income area. It's possible the funds can be used to demolish vacant and unusable buildings at the old Nike Site. Kerry Fox from the Redevelopment Authority will look at the buildings and determine whether demolition of these buildings can be done or not. Heather Daer wanted to know if the funds could be used for the Overlook Street area sewerage project. A problem is that the money has to be used within the next 8-10 months. Income surveys would be required to determine whether it is a low to moderate income area. An open question is whether the money could be used for engineering costs.

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Some new items include The Planning Commission's recent approval of development of Phase 8 of Tuscany Estates. Also, EQT is moving forward with their Compressor Station project planned on their current site off Finleyville-Elrama Road.

Meeting ended at 6:57 p.m. to begin Police Services Workshop.

Following the Police Services Workshop the meeting was resumed between 8:45 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. for another period of time.

The Item for Police Services was discussed in regard to soliciting a quote from Monongahela / SWRPD and any other police departments such as adjoining municipalities like Peters Township. The need for a specific RFP or procedure was discussed. Also, it will need to be determined:

- (1) Where the officer is located for the shift?
- (2) Whether the officer will be acting on code enforcement and to what extent and with what approval

Paul Chasko will write and RFP for the Board's review.

The issue involving the new road crew worker will be handled in Executive Session.

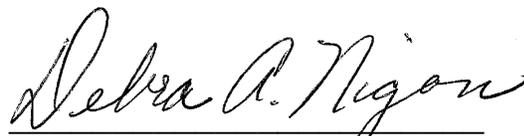
Motion to continue the Special Meeting on Open Items – Review of Business at 6:00p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2016, prior to the Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by Paul Chasko, Second by Deborah Sargent

Roll call vote: Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Sargent-yes, Daerr-yes. Motion carried.

The meeting ended at 9:30 p.m.

On March 14, 2016, the Open Items discussion resumed at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Regular Board Meeting. It was determined that the best route forward was for Mr. Chasko to update the list of open items. The meeting ended at 6:30 p.m.


Debra A. Nigon, Secretary