

**UNION TOWNSHIP
3904 FINLEYVILLE-ELRAMA ROAD
FINLEYVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA 15332**

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**UNION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
LEGISLATIVE MEETING**

April 24, 2019

7:00 pm

The Union Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Heather Daerr at 7:00 pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Pastor Ken Barner, from Crossroads Ministries, delivered a moment of prayer

Board members in attendance by roll call were Richard Lawson, Charles Trax, Robert Dooley, Paul Chasko, and Heather Daerr.

Also in attendance, Gary Sweat-Solicitor, Joan Carmen-Asst. Secretary/Treasurer, James Harshman-Engineer

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

Larry Spahr from 181 McChain Road, brought to the Boards attention two articles that appeared in the Observer-Reporter dated March 10, 2009 and April 18, 2009, suggesting that these articles are also relevant to Union Township. Mr. Spahr stated he wanted to address Union Township's audits and the Supervisors providing financial information to the residents of the township concerning where this township stands financially

Linda Evans-Boren from 22 Parkview Drive, stated her topic for tonight was the Quality of Life Ordinance and expressed her concerns regarding the same

Lori Kenavey from 6088 Brownsville Road Ext., also stated that her topic was the Quality of Life Ordinance and expressed her concerns regarding the same.

Kevin Daerr from 6187 State Route 88 stated he was very happy with this Board. Mr. Daerr continued stating that one of the reasons is when this Board is confronted with problems, they try to solve the problems. Mr. Daerr explained a couple years ago a lot of people got flooded and this Board looked for ways to help the people. Richard Lawson got his own machine out and cleaned out the creek bays and tried to elevate the problems. Other Supervisors went door to door to get

easements so this could be accomplished. A couple year prior Mr. Daerr got flooded and he came to the Township meeting with a different Board of Supervisors and Mr. Daerr asked what could be done. The lady that just got up and left was the chairman of the Board had the audacity to say she can't help you, people, because you bought in a flood zone, you bought in the wrong spots so you just have to deal with flooding. Mr. Daerr feels we need to compare Boards and what this Board does for the community. Not a Board that sits on a pile of money and denies people in your township services such as a police department. Mr. Daerr continues to explain we did not have a police department at all until this Board today came in. This Board put in a full-time Police Department for this township because the Township knows what happened when we did not have a police department, it went downhill very quickly. Mr. Daerr stated he is here to tell us he witnessed it first hand by being a resident and a state trooper. Mr. Daerr feels it's a shame that Mr. Spahr got up her today and wants to talk about the budget and the money he saved by sitting on the money and not giving the township the services they deserved such as good roads and a police department. Mr. Daerr ended with stating the people of Union Township appreciate what this Board today are trying to do, the reason he knows is by going back to the last Supervisors election.

Solicitor Gary Sweat reserved his comments.

Engineer James Harshman was sitting in for Engineer, Jessica Barringer tonight. Mr. Harshman updated the Board of supervisors on the 2019 Paving program, the budget for the 2019 Paving Program, the Canton and Garvin well pad as well as the Tomko Grading Permit.

THE FOLLOWING UNFINISHED BUSINESS WAS ON THE AGENDA FOR THE BOARD TO REVIEW:

- A. Approve/Deny the request of EQT for Conditional Use approval to construct a drill pad and conduct oil and gas operations on the Lecko property located in an R3 Zoning district in Union Township.
- B. Approve/Deny Adopting Quality of Life Ordinance
- C. Approve/Deny Restoration of Property Amount for Nikola and Tammy Diliscia in the amount of \$2000.00
- D. Approve/Deny Security Systems Quote #1244 Nike Site of \$2,861.21
- E. Approve/Deny Security Systems Quote #1231 Additional Cameras \$1,865.00
- F. Approve/Deny John Briggs Ham Operator Outing June 22/23, 2019
- G. Approve/Deny Consideration of Harshman CE Group Preparing a Cost Estimate-Elrama Park
- H. Approve/Deny Consideration of Adopting a Resolution for the DCNR's GTRP Grant (15% Match) Subject to a Cost Estimate and Scope of Work for the Next Phase of the Proposed Elrama Community Park (Due Date May 3, 2019)
- I. Approve/Deny Consideration of Authorizing Sweat Law Offices to Discuss Options with Ringgold School District in Regard to Former Ringgold Middle School Property
- J. Discuss Sunoco-UT Patterson Road Pavement Cost Agreement/Preparation Work Required Prior to Paving
- K. Discuss Paving Project
- L. Discuss Pleasant View Slides Next Steps
- M. Discuss Coal Bluff Slides Next Steps
- N. Discuss Next Steps-Veterans Memorial Park Proposed Ball Field Fence, etc.

- O. Discuss Next Steps-Ridge Avenue Culvert Cement Plate
- P. Discuss Next Steps-Meadow Avenue Curb Installation Storm Inlay & Drains/PennDOT Permits
- Q. Discuss Next Steps-Lobbs Run Road Drainage
- R. Discuss Next Steps-Plaques Dedication Projects
- S. Discuss Stormwater Issue on 64 & 74 McChain Road
- T. Discuss Tuscany-Robert Mihok
- U. Discuss Police Contract
- V. Discuss Police Pension Fund
- W. Veterans Memorial Park Damage Next Steps

Motion to approve the Garvin Well Pad Conditional Use Application of EQT Production Company to conduct oil and gas drilling and development operations and to construct an oil and gas well pad on properties owned by Michael A. Leco and Ann M. Leco in Union Township. (TAX PARCEL NO. 640-012-00-00-0002-00)Based on the Decision of the Union Township Board of Supervisors approved this date which contains the Findings of Fact of the Board based upon the testimony and evidence presented at the public hearings held on October 10, 2018 and November 14, 2018, subject to the requirements of the Union Township Zoning Ordinance and Township Code at Chapter 280 - §102(4) concerning oil and gas activity, and specifically subject to the conditions set forth under Section V – Conditions of Approval, Paragraphs 1 through 34 of the Board’s Decision.

Motion by: Heather Daerr

Second by: Richard Lawson

Roll Call: Charles Trax – YES, Heather Daerr – YES, Paul Chasko – YES, Robert Dooley – YES, Richard Lawson – YES.

Motion to hold the adoption of the Quality of Life Ordinance in abeyance

Motion by: Heather Daerr

Second by: Paul Chasko

Roll Call: Charles Trax – YES, Heather Daerr – YES, Paul Chasko – YES, Robert Dooley – YES, Richard Lawson – YES

Motion to allow Engineer, James Harshman’s firm and Solicitor, Gary’s Sweat firms to act as mediators with the Diliscia property and the Bursinskys property in finding a mutually agreeable solution to the water runoff.

Motion by: Heather Daerr

Second by: Richard Lawson

Roll Call: Charles Trax – YES, Heather Daerr – YES, Paul Chasko – YES, Robert Dooley – YES, Richard Lawson – YES.

Supervisor, Heather Daerr ask it to be put on the record that this is another historical negligence problem that landed in the laps of this township and we are still able to stay in budget while fixing another problem.

Motion to approve Security Systems Quote #1244 Nike Site of \$2,861.21 for cameras up at the Nike Site.

Motion by: Richard Lawson

Second by: Robert Dooley

Roll Call: Charles Trax – YES, Heather Daerr – YES, Paul Chasko – YES, Robert Dooley – YES, Richard Lawson – YES.

Motion to approve the Security Systems Quote # 1231 in the amount of \$1,865.00 for additional cameras at the Township Building.

Motion by: Richard Lawson

Second by: Robert Dooley

Roll Call: Charles Trax – YES, Heather Daerr – YES, Paul Chasko – YES, Robert Dooley – YES, Richard Lawson – YES.

Motion to deny John Briggs Ham Operator Outing on June 22, 2019 based on it being a liability

Motion by: Heather Daerr

Second by: Richard Lawson

Roll Call: Charles Trax – YES, Heather Daerr – YES, Paul Chasko – YES, Robert Dooley – YES, Richard Lawson – YES.

Motion to approve Harshman CE Group preparing a cost estimate for Elrama Park

Motion by: Heather Daerr

Second by: Richard Lawson

Roll Call: Charles Trax – YES, Heather Daerr – YES, Paul Chasko – YES, Robert Dooley – YES, Richard Lawson – YES.

Motion to approve the consideration of adopting a resolution for the DCNR's GTRP Grant (15% Match) subject to a cost estimate and scope of work for the next phase of the Proposed Elrama Community Park (Due Date May 3, 2019)

Motion by: Heather Daerr

Second by: Richard Lawson

Roll Call: Charles Trax – YES, Heather Daerr – YES, Paul Chasko – YES, Robert Dooley – YES, Richard Lawson – YES.

Motion to approve the consideration of authorizing Sweat Law Offices to discuss options with Ringgold School District in regard to former Ringgold Middle School property.

Motion by: Heather Daerr

Second by: Richard Lawson

Roll Call: Charles Trax – YES, Heather Daerr – YES, Paul Chasko – YES, Robert Dooley – YES, Richard Lawson – YES.

Supervisor Heather Daerr welcomed Ken Puglisi to Union Township and introduced him to the audience as our New Road Superintendent.

Motion to have Engineer, James Harshman and Solicitor, Gary Sweat work together with Sunoco and submit the Paterson Road pavement Cost Agreement and keep the Township Board of Supervisors in the loop and keep this moving.

Motion by: Heather Daerr

Second by: Robert Dooley

Roll Call: Charles Trax – YES, Heather Daerr – YES, Paul Chasko – YES, Robert Dooley – YES, Richard Lawson – YES.

Motion to approve allowing Harshman and Ken Puglisi to go and identify the issues on 64 & 74 McChain Road and follow up with an email to Gary Sweat and the Board.

Motion by: Heather Daerr

Second by: Richard Lawson

Roll Call: Charles Trax – YES, Heather Daerr – YES, Paul Chasko – YES, Robert Dooley – YES, Richard Lawson – YES.

THE FOLLOW NEW BUSINESS WAS ON THE AGENDA FOR THE BOARD TO REVIEW:

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Announce Board Quarterly Financial Information Gathering Session-Frank Palermo 4/19/2019
- B. Approve/Deny Rescinding Motion to Appoint Bob Dooley to WESA Board
- C. Discuss 187 Pleasant View Property Drainage Issue
- D. Discuss Protocol for Utility Company Paving Projects
- E. Discuss WCCD Request for Submission of Notice of Termination-Elrama Sewerage 1/2010
- F. Discuss PennDOT 2019 Slide Repair Notifications/Scope of Work
- G. Discuss Consideration of Ipad Purchase for Township Supervisors
- H. Discuss Consideration of Pod/C-Can Estimates for Township Records
- I. Discuss Gun Club Road Guiderail
- K. Announce Board Quarterly Financial Information Gathering Session-Frank Palermo 4/19/2019

Motion Approve Rescinding Motion to Appoint Bob Dooley to WESA Board

Motion by: Heather Daerr

Second by: Charles Trax

Roll Call: Charles Trax – YES, Heather Daerr – YES, Paul Chasko – YES, Robert Dooley – YES, Richard Lawson – YES.

Motion to have Mr. Sweats office to draw up an easement for 187 Pleasant View to replace 60 feet of pipe.

Motion by: Robert Dooley

Second by: Charles Trax

Roll Call: Charles Trax – YES, Heather Daerr – YES, Paul Chasko – YES, Robert Dooley – YES, Richard Lawson – YES.

There was a discussion on record and a decision was made by the Board of Supervisors to turn the protocol for utility company paving projects over to Road Superintendent, Ken Puglisi.

Motion to have Engineer James Harshman work with the Washington County Conservation District on the submission of the Notice of Termination Letter and sign off for the Elrama Sewerage Project

Motion by: Heather Daerr

Second by: Robert Dooley

Roll Call: Charles Trax – YES, Heather Daerr – YES, Paul Chasko – YES, Robert Dooley – YES, Richard Lawson – YES.

Supervisor Heather Daerr asked Engineer, James Harshman for his opinion. Mr. Harshman responded, stating that it was good to know they are getting around to the slides in our Township. Mr. Harshman doesn't see any need for Union Township to spend any engineering money or have an involvement from an Engineering standpoint.

Motion to approve the purchase of five Ipads for the Board of Supervisors, not to exceed \$1,500.00.

Motion by: Richard Lawson

Second by: Robert Dooley

Roll Call: Charles Trax – YES, Heather Daerr – YES, Paul Chasko – YES, Robert Dooley – YES, Richard Lawson – YES.

There was a discussion on record regarding the Township getting Pod/C-Can Estimates for Township Records. A decision was made to have Road Superintendent; Ken Puglisi get quotes for the next meeting.

There was a discussion of record between the Board of Supervisors and Road Superintendent, Ken Puglisi regarding the issue with Gun Club Road Guiderail and it was determined that Mr. Puglisi should use his own discretion and do what is necessary to make the road safe.

There was a discussion on record about the Washington County Furlough Summer Help program and it was asked that Road Superintendent, Ken Puglisi to keep an open mind and think about considering utilizing this help.

Motion to approve the April 2019 Supplemental Bill Pay List in the amount of \$64,798.57.

Motion by: Heather Daerr

Second by: Robert Dooley

Roll Call: Charles Trax – YES, Heather Daerr – YES, Paul Chasko – YES, Robert Dooley – YES, Richard Lawson – YES.

Public Comments:

Bryan Spiegel expressed his concerns Union Township's agreement with Comcast. Mr. Spiegel has his own business and states that Comcast internet is too slow. Mr. Spiegel ask the Board of Supervisors to consider ending their agreement with Comcast and letting other providers come into the township.

Kevin Daerr from 6187 State Route 88, announced he would like to apologize to the Board for the comment he made. Mr. Daerr stated that he did not follow proper protocols and he is sorry. Mr. Daerr continued by stating that realizes the Chairperson tries to keep the meeting professional.

Motion to put the meeting minutes in abeyance until the second meeting in May.

Motion by: Heather Daerr

Second by: Richard Lawson Roll Call: Charles Trax – YES, Heather Daerr – YES, Paul Chasko – YES, Robert Dooley – YES, Richard Lawson – YES

Motion to go to Executive Session

Motion by: Heather Daerr

Second by: Richard Lawson

Roll Call: Charles Trax – YES, Heather Daerr – YES, Paul Chasko – YES, Robert Dooley – YES, Richard Lawson – YES

The Union Township Board of Supervisors returned from executive session at 10:29 pm and are now back on record. The Chairperson, Heather Daerr stated that in executive session the Board discussed personnel matters and litigation.

Motion to approve the payroll of \$13,536,49 Second by Robert Dooley

Motion by: Heather Daerr

Second by: Robert Dooley


Roll Call: Charles Trax – YES, Heather Daerr – YES, Paul Chasko – YES, Robert Dooley – YES, Richard Lawson – YES

Motion to adjourn at 10:30 pm.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Robert Dooley

Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-Yes, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Robert Dooley-YES, Heather Daerr-YES

Motion Carried.



Joan Carmen, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer