

Union Township Board of Supervisors

May 16, 2019

5:30 pm

The May 16, 2019 Union Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Heather Daerr. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Board members in attendance by roll call were Richard Lawson, Charles Trax, Robert Dooley, and Heather Daerr. Supervisor, Paul Chasko arrived at 5:35 pm.

Also, in attendance Michael Cruny-Attorney, Nicole Wright-Secretary/Treasurer, Jessica Barringer-Engineer, and Ken Puglisi-Road Superintendent.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

No public comment was made

Engineer, Jessica Barringer updated the Board of Supervisors on numerous open items. Ms. Barringer would like Joan Carmen to get in touch with her contact at the PUC regarding the repairs done by the Railroad at Railroad Street. Ms. Barringer stated the drainage work completed by the Railroad was not correct. She stated it is not daylighted properly and the water is ponding not draining. Also, they Railroad was to fix the railroad ties, that work has not been completed. Next, Supervisor Lawson questioned why the water company paved Belmont Street, without permission, permits, or our Engineers inspecting the work. Next, Ms. Barringer reported she will be forwarding quotes for the Sound Engineer, for the Board to review and possibly approve at the Legislative meeting.

Attorney, Michael Cruny reported he had a list of updates for the Board, many are agenda items. Mr. Cruny reserved the right to speak about the items while they were being reviewed.

Agenda Items:

The following items were on the agenda for discussion or approval

- A. Approve/Deny Accounting Action Recommendations
- B. Approve/Deny Pleasant View Slide Repair
- C. Approve/Deny Coal Bluff Slide Repair
- D. Approve/Deny Updating to QuickBooks 2019
- E. Approve/Deny Window Cleaning Quote for Municipal Building.
- F. Approve/Deny Frye Hand Delivery of Resignation from WESA Board on May 10, 2019.
- G. Approve/Deny Soccer use of Veterans Memorial Park for Fundraiser Movie Night on 6/14/2019 (rain date 6/21) and 7/19/2019 (rain date 7/26)
- H. Approve/Deny Plaque Quote.
- I. Approve/Deny Chartiers Township Request for Consideration-LSA Resolution Legislation (Resolution #5 of 2019)
- J. Approve/Deny Closing NPDES Permit for Elrama Sewerage System
- K. Approve/Deny Sending Container One Invoice Payment
- L. Approve/Deny Employee Comp Time.
- M. Approve/Deny Messenger Article
- N. Approve/Deny Lobbs Run Road Slide Repair
- O. Approve/Deny Moving Forward on Elrama Sewerage Liens
- P. Approve/Deny Union Township's GTR Application Request and Corresponding Exhibits to the DCED, in the amount of \$84,924 with matching funds totaling \$14,986.60 - Total Project cost being \$99,910.60.
- Q. Approve/Deny Union Township's GTR (Greenways, Trails, and Recreation) Program Grant Resolution #6 of 2019
- R. Approve/Deny Police Contract Extension
- S. Approve/Deny Refund to Debbie Lawson in the Amount of \$17.03 for Copies of Keys Made for Road Superintendent.

- T. Approve/Deny Tool Purchase Request from Road Superintendent
- U. Discuss Professional Service Attendance at Meetings
- V. Discuss 2019 Paving Project Status
- W. Discuss Moving Forward on Uncollected Tap Fees for Elrama Sewerage
- X. Discuss Release of Ed Vero/Carla Mader 65 Cardox Road Escrow
- Y. Discuss Possible Sale of CMA
- Z. Discuss WESA Rate Increase
- AA. Approve/Deny Meeting with WESA & Jefferson Hills Borough Regarding WESA Rate Increase.
(Available Dates 5/21 @ 10:00am, 5/22@1:00pm, 5/29 anytime)
- BB. Discuss Tomko Dust Complaint and Citizens Committee.
- CC. Discuss Finleyville-Elrama Road Dye Tests
- DD. Discuss Quality of Life Door Hangers & Tickets
- EE. Any Additional Items.

Discuss Next Steps on Open Items:

- Stormwater Pond Progress
- Diliscia Property
- ~~Discuss Chartiers Township Request for Consideration-LSA-Resolution-Legislation~~
- ~~Elrama Sewerage Property Liens~~
- ~~Elrama Sewerage Uncollected Tap Fees~~
- Senate Engineering-Act 537 Plan
- Finleyville-Elrama Road Catch Basins
- Sunoco-Patterson Road Paving/Restoration of Road Project
- Ringgold Middle School
- Veterans Memorial All Purpose Field-Fence
- Abandoned Homes List
- Ridge Avenue Culvert Cement Plate
- Meadow Avenue Curb Installation, Catch Basins & Pipe
- ~~Plaque Dedications~~
- 64 & 74 McChain Road Drainage
- ~~Sexual Harassment Information Class Attendance List~~
- Maronda Home Lots in Tuscany Development
- ~~Police Contract~~
- ~~Paving Project~~
- Additional Road Signage-Cones-Blockades
- ~~Police Pension Fund-Moekenhaupt~~
- Consideration Adding Rental Property-Chapter 202 to Occupancy Permit-202.7
- Consideration Amending Fee Schedule for Rush Occupancy Permits
- VPN Access for Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer
- Park Cleaning
- Discuss Messenger Article
- Discuss Accident Procedures-Road Super/Master
- Nike Site Electrical Quotes
- Discuss Properties on Gilmore Road
- Discuss Employee Handbook Changes and Circulation
- Ray Lane Stormwater
- Ridge Avenue Drainage, Inspection and Recommendations
- FITS Program
- Drug Free Workplace Resolution
- Quality of Life Door Hangers and Tickets
- Veterans Memorial Plaque Quote

- IPADS

Motion to table any accounting actions until the Legislative Meeting.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Charles Trax

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

Motion Carried.

Supervisor, Richard Lawson reported he has looked at numerous slides on Pleasant View, Coal Bluff and Lobbs Run Road. Ms. Barringer reminded the Board, as part of the conditional use approval for the Caton Well Pad, Pleasant View must remain open and passable for emergency vehicles. Mr. Lawson noted he is prepared to discuss the cost for slide repairs on Coal Bluff and Lobbs Run Road. Supervisor, Lawson stated the drainage issue on Ray Lane needs to be addressed before dumping more money into slide repairs on Pleasant View. He stated the water coming from Ray Lane is causing the slides on Pleasant View Road.

Motion to table the Pleasant View slide repairs until the Legislative Meeting.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Charles Trax

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

Motion Carried.

Supervisor, Richard Lawson stated the Road Department could fix the slides on Coal Bluff Road, less the cost of paving for around sixty-four thousand dollars. Mr. Lawson reported there are eleven slide areas on Coal Bluff Road. He stated there is about twenty thousand dollars of guide rail that needs to be replaced. Mr. Lawson questioned the Board if they would like Mr. Harshman's firm to confirm his repair plans. Mr. Lawson noted Coal Bluff Road should be closed during the repair. Discussions amongst the Board and Engineer ensued regarding Union Township receiving funds from EQT as part of the conditional use decision for the Caton Well Pad, as well as funds the Township was supposed to receive from Sunoco, negotiated in 2017.

Motion to approve Richard Lawson to meet Engineer from Harshman to review his slide repair plans.

Motion by Richard Lawson, Second by Robert Dooley

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

Motion Carried.

Supervisor, Richard Lawson and Engineer both agreed the reason all the Township roads are failing is because historically they were paved and had no curbs or catch basins. Next, Supervisor Richard Lawson spoke about the necessary repairs on Lobbs Run Road that need to be completed. Mr. Lawson estimates repair costs around seventy thousand dollars, plus the cost of paving. Mr. Lawson noted the paving repairs on Lobbs Run Road should be put out to bid. Mr. Lawson also noted to the Board it will be cheaper to rent a mini excavator to and operator for the repairs on Lobbs Run. He stated and experienced operator is cheaper than one of our road department employees. Additionally, it will speed the job up and be completed sooner. Lastly, Mr. Lawson reminded the Board, the Road Department needs tools.

Motion to approve the purchase and update to QuickBooks 2019

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Robert Dooley

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

Motion Carried.

Motion to table agenda item E until the Legislative Meeting.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Richard Lawson

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

Motion Carried.

Motion to accept Ed Frye's resignation from the WESA Board

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Richard Lawson

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

Motion Carried.

Agenda item F. Supervisor, Heather Daerr noted Ed Frye's appointment to the WESA Board was appointed in December of 2016, not during a reorganization meeting. Discussions amongst the Board ensued regarding a Township representative being appointed to the WESA Board and expressed the necessity of that individual needing to be transparent and updating the Board of Supervisors what decisions are being made at the WESA meetings. Supervisor, Paul Chasko will discuss with Mr. Frye if he is still interested in sitting on the WESA Board and what the reports the Township expects.

Motion to rescind accepting the resignation of Ed Frye from the WESA Board until Paul Chasko speaks to Mr. Frye.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Robert Dooley

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

Motion Carried.

Approve RAYSA use of the Veterans Memorial Park for a fundraiser movie night on 6/14/2019 (rain date 6/21/2019) and 7/19/2019 (rain date 7/26/2019)

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Robert Dooley

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

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve Mike's Refinishing plaque quote in the amount of \$500.00.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Richard Lawson

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

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve Chartiers Township request for consideration of LSA Resolution Legislation, resolution 5 of 2019.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Paul Chasko

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

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the closing of the NPDES permit for the Elrama Sewerage System.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Richard Lawson

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

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve sending Container One payment invoice.

Motion by Charles Trax, Second by Richard Lawson

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

Motion Carried.

Supervisor, Richard Lawson stated the administrative staff needs to give instruction of how to mark the boxes going in to the container. Also, Mr. Lawson asked the Board to consider shelving for inside the container.

Motion to approve the purchase of shelves for the c can container not to exceed \$500.00.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Richard Lawson

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

Motion Carried.

Motion to put employee comp time in abeyance until we receive a recommendation from Sweat Law Offices.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Robert Dooley

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

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve messenger article

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Robert Dooley

Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Paul Chasko-ABSTAIN, Robert Dooley-YES, Heather Daerr-YES. Motion Carried.

Motion to move forward on the Lobbs Run Road slide repair to the Legislative meeting for approval.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Robert Dooley

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

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve Michael Cruny to move to the next step on Elrama Sewerage Lien notification letters. Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Richard Lawson

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

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve Union Township's GTR application request and corresponding exhibits to the DCED in the amount of \$84,924.00 with matching funds totaling \$14,986.60 total project cost being \$99,910.60.

Motion by Richard Lawson, Second by Paul Chasko

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

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve Union Township's GTR program resolution number #6 of 2019

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Richard Lawson

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

Motion Carried.

Motion to table the Police Contract Extension.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Robert Dooley

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

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve refund payment to Debbie Lawson in the amount of \$17.03 for copies of keys made for Road Superintendent.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Charles Trax

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

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve Road Superintendent tool request.

Motion by Charles Trax, Second by Richard Lawson.

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

Motion Carried.

Motion to table release of Ed Vero/Carla Mader 65 Cardox Road Escrow until the Legislative meeting and until all bills are finalized and we have a firm number.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Richard Lawson

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

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve Supervisors Daerr and Lawson meeting with WESA and Jefferson Hills Borough regarding the rate increase with James Harshman on May 29, 2019.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Richard Lawson

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

Motion Carried.

Discussions amongst the Board of Supervisors and Attorney Cruny regarding resident complaints regarding dust at the Tomko worksite. Discussions also ensued regarding the citizens action committee and lack of residents volunteering to serve. Pictures were provided by Zoning/Code Enforcement and a resident of the Boyka Plan. Attorney Cruny, stated Mr. Tomko's attorney, Steve Toprani has been in contact with Solicitor Sweats office trying to coordinate a meeting with Township Engineer, James Harshman and Solicitor Sweat.

Discussions ensued amongst the Engineer, Attorney, and Board of Supervisors regarding the meeting with the DEP and the consent order, Act 537 Plans for Mingo Circle. Mr. Cruny reported the DEP is not satisfied with Union Township or Senate Engineers progress. Engineer, Jessica Barringer discussed the DEP possibly approving the installation of a package plant, for the Mingo Circle area. More discussions ensued regarding Senate Engineering not completing the Act 537, and the cost to area residents for public sewerage.

Motion to approve Sweat Law to send a letter to the attorney of the Washington County Sewerage Council regarding the residents on Finley-Elrama road for failing enforcement.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Richard Lawson

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

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve Harshman CE Group, LLC to start a 537 Plan for Mingo Circle Road.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Richard Lawson

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

Motion Carried.

Supervisor, Heather Daerr questioned Attorney Cruny if Union Township can declare some type of emergency with PEMA. Mrs. Daerr stated the public is not aware of the numerous historical issues that were never addressed by prior Boards. She stated all these issues are coming to light and there are costs associated to remediate. Mrs. Daerr stated it is her opinion there are multiple manmade disasters in Union Township because of failure to act with tax payer funds by previous Boards. Supervisor Lawson stated the failing roads and sewers, Union Township has serious problems. Supervisor, Daerr stated something needs to be established on a state level, what Union Township is dealing with. Mrs. Daerr stated Union Township has not done anything with its infrastructure or quality of life for the tax paying residents until the election of this new Board. This new Board is faced with defending the financial decisions to fix problems that have been pushed aside for decades. Supervisor, Richard Lawson pointed out the Township was within budget the first quarter. However, it is his opinion that it will be nearly impossible to make budget moving forward. The Township is faced with having to remediate everything that has be neglected for decades. Supervisor, Heather Daerr stated there is a need for additional staffing, Township Supervisors are trying to manage projects, save tax payer dollars and it nearly impossible, all the while defending themselves against the public scrutiny regarding the money being spent.

Road Superintendent, Ken Puglisi expressed his concerns regarding Stormwater drainage on Ray Lane. Mr. Puglisi stated the water coming from Ray Lane has caused about ninety percent of the landslides on Pleasant View. Mr. Puglisi stated Ray Lane is a private road. The residents of Ray Lane should be held responsible for their stormwater runoff.

Motion to approve Code Enforcement to send letter to residents of Ray Lane regarding stormwater.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Richard Lawson

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

Motion Carried.

Public Comment:

Kevin Daerr: 6187 State Route 88, Finleyville PA. Mr. Daerr expressed his opinion and concerns regarding vacating Gilmore Road.

Supervisor Comments:

Supervisor, Richard Lawson questioned the Board what they want to do regarding the cameras at the Veterans Park. Next, Supervisor Lawson questioned if the tanks at the park have been pumped out since they were repaired. Next, Mr. Lawson questioned the Board regarding the final draft copy of the union contract. Moving on, Mr. Lawson questioned the Board of Supervisors if they would consider allowing him to research different banks for better interest rates. Lastly, Mr. Lawson questioned Attorney Cruny regarding the Road Department pension.

Motion to approve Supervisor, Richard Lawson to inquire with different banks regarding interest rates.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Paul Chasko

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

Motion Carried

Road Superintendent, Ken Puglisi asked the Board to consider allowing the Road Department to work four ten-hour days when they are completing large scale projects. Mr. Puglisi stated Road Foreman, Albert Banahasky was going to contact Local 205 to ensure there is no conflict with the current Road Department contract. Lastly, Mr. Puglisi asked the Board to consider the purchase of a service truck.

The Union Township Board of Supervisors entered executive session at 9:21pm.

The Union Township Board of Supervisors returned from executive session at 9:32 pm and was back on record. Supervisor, Heather Daerr stated the Board discussed personnel and litigation.

Motion to approve adding Secretary, Joan Carmen onto medical benefits.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Richard Lawson

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

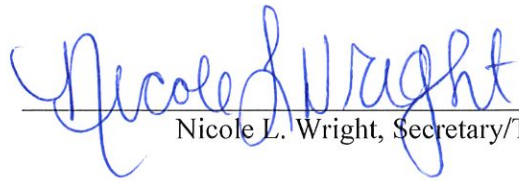
Motion Carried

Motion to adjourn at 9:34pm.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Paul Chasko

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

Motion Carried



Nicole L. Wright, Secretary/Treasurer