

**Union Township Board of Supervisors  
Non-Legislative Meeting  
July 8, 2020  
5:00 p.m.**

The Union Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Heather Daerr at 5:00p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited. A moment of prayer was offered by Pastor Ken.

Attendees at meeting were: Heather Daerr, Chairperson; Charles Trax, Vice Chairperson; Richard Lawson, Supervisor/Treasurer; Frank Massari, Supervisor/Roadmaster; Roberta Singer, Secretary/Ass't. Treasurer; Linda Roach, Code & Zoning Officer; Gary Sweat, Solicitor; Jessica Stiner, Harshman CE Group, Engineer.

We also had several residents/persons connected into the meeting through Zoom.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:**

Public Attendees:

Lori Kenavey  
Karen Schang  
Barbara Walton  
Carla Mader

Ms. Schang spoke on the widening of Cardox Road in front of Walton property.

Ms. Walton spoke on the widening of Cardox Road in front of her property and thanked the Township for the guard rail and French drain to be installed.

Ms. Mader spoke about the Cardox Road project and doing a road study, the 3 various easements that were executed and need to do a new road survey.

Mike (Barna) (through Zoom) spoke about dye testing and sewage issues on Finleyville-Elrama Road near his property.

Executive Sessions were held on June 20, 2020 and July 2, 2020 regarding personnel and litigation matters

Chairperson Daerr read a public statement regarding various issues in the township at the present time.

Solicitor Sweat – gave his report/update on various well-pads in the Township. He would weigh in on other matters as they come up throughout the meeting.

Engineer Jessica Stiner – gave her report/update on various projects throughout the Township. More specifically the 2020 paving program, CDBG Bathroom project at the Township Building;

Overlook Sewer Project; Circle Avenue Sidewalk bids/project; Finley Ave Stormwater Complaint; Cardox Road/South Park Township 5 ton / 10 ton weight limit sign; Cardox Road speed humps and working with PennDot requirements; Cardox Road Trail Cams; McChain Road, Thompson Road and Jefferson Road PAWC Paving (starting on Friday, July 10, 2020); Jason and VMP Park repairs; Veterans Memorial Park upgrades; Turkeyfoot Drainage issues.

City of Monongahela Police Department – Officer J. Toth gave monthly report for June 2020.

Tanner Smida, Jeremy Keenan, Ryan Seibert and Sarah Suchko gave their presentation on Advanced Life Support Vehicle for the Township and hopeful future plans for an ambulance service in Union Township.

Discuss ongoing capital improvement projects and potential impacts to the Township budget due to COVID 19. Engineer Stiner reviewed chart and explained same. Statement given about Financial status of township as presented by Engineer Stiner – statement given by Ms. Daerr and past and current financial situation.

Motion to deny reducing Cardox Road widening program – from 24’ to 22’.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Massari – yes

Motion Passed

Motion to approve Circle Ave sidewalk repair bid from MACUGA Construction, LLD at a cost of \$3,750.00

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Massari – yes

Motion Passed

Motion to approve Hapchuck to clean out wet well at Elrama Pump Station with a limit of \$900.00.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Massari

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Massari – yes

Motion Passed

Motion to approve Declaration of Taking pursuant to Title 26 PCSA §101 et. seq. for a 437 sq. ft. permanent stormwater easement on Parcel #640-0001-00-00-001300 to prevent road icing and a potential public safety concern.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Massari – yes

Motion Passed

Motion to approve placing \$250.00 into Township Solicitor's client trust account as just compensation for taking permanent stormwater easement on Parcel #640-0001-00-00-0013-00.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Massari

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Massari – yes

Motion Passed

Motion to approve 2020 Road Program Contract with Ten Mile Paving for \$481,979.73, as bid and awarded at June 24, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Motion: Massari

Second: Lawson

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Massari – yes

Motion Passed

Motion to approve Change Order #1 for \$18,981.60 for the 2020 Road Program (including French drain, guard rail and Airport Road curb).

Motion: Lawson

Second: Massari

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Massari – yes

Motion Passed

Motion to approve hiring additional temporary personnel, when necessary, to assist in document preparation for various requests.

Motion: Massari

Second: Lawson

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Massari – yes

Motion Passed

Motion to table removing 13 Mingo Circle Drive from real estate listing. Need to resolve mortgage / foreclosure issues. To be discussed in more detail with status at next meeting.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Massari – yes

Motion Passed

Motion to table the cleanout of 13 Mingo Circle Road due to black mold issue. Discussion whether mold remediation or demolition of property would be the best action.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Massari – yes

Motion Tabled

Motion to table this item until next meeting.

Motion to table quote for \$945.28 from Mike Campitella to replace conference room doors with solid core. Motion to table and keep on agenda for next meeting due to financial concerns.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Massari – yes

Motion Passed

Motion to approve Nike Site Lease as prepared by Sweat Law Offices for staging and/or use.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Massari

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Massari – yes

Motion Passed

Motion to approve emergency repair of failed gas tank meter and alarm by Petroleum Technical Services for \$2,314.00.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Massari – yes

Motion Passed

Discussion regarding Greg Adams wanting to use VMP for girls' softball league. The Township would need written proposal with details and liability. Why not using school fields? Diocese field not available. Can we let them use field, he is responsible for social distancing, cleaning, disinfecting, cleaning restrooms, etc. How is he to handle order of no more than 25 persons at a gathering. Our concern is safety. Relieve Township of any liability.

Discussion regarding Rankintown Road remediation. Code/Zoning Officer Roach to follow up with resident. Trying to get property in safe condition for resident who is homebound.

Motion to approve possible Town Hall Meeting to address residents' concerns, where questions can be presented prior. Questions to be submitted prior to on Facebook and answered at Town Hall Meeting setting. Discussion of various formats for possible town hall discussions.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Massari

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Massari – yes

Motion Passed

Solicitor Sweat mentioned that an Executive Session will be held on Friday at 1:30 p.m. to discuss personnel and litigation matters.

Supervisor Massari also mentioned about getting roof over gas tank and cause of vapor lock. Formulate different ideas to keep sun directly off of tank – possibly a lean to.

Engineer gave update on Union Gardens grading permit and court date. Defendant did not show but they paid the citation that was issued.

Supervisor Lawson spoke about traffic / speed monitor. Not sure about counting cars, etc. Engineer Stiner to look further into piece of equipment.

Chairperson Daerr made statement about comments appearing on Facebook and character assassination.

Supervisor Lawson responded as well regarding accusations and Board of Supervisors getting attacked.

George Powell spoke up as well about the job the Board of Supervisors are doing and the persons running their mouths are no longer outside protesting.

Kevin Daerr also stated about the good job that is going on and to keep doing the job.

Mike Barna asked that the following statement be read: "By no means should character assassination be tolerated. Social media is the root cause, not Heather. It is an outlet for power. Stay strong. He wants added to the minutes."

Executive Session starting at 7:50 p.m.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Massari – yes

Motion Passed

Executive Session ending at 8:05 p.m.

Adjournment of Meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion – Daerr

Second – Massari

Roll Call: Daerr – yes; Trax – yes; Lawson – yes; Massari – yes

Meeting ended 8:07 p.m.



ROBERTA J. SINGER, Secretary