

**Union Township Board of Supervisors  
Non-Legislative Meeting  
September 9, 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; Harold D. Breinig, Supervisor; 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 attend in person at the Township Building.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:**

Public Attendees who signed in:

George Powell  
Doug Drusbasky  
Bob Kostelic

**Insert public comments**

George Powell – 4297 Finleyville Elrama Road, Finleyville, PA 15332

Mr. Powell stated that he was unhappy with outburst at last meeting and the language used (by residents) was not acceptable.

Executive Sessions were held on Thursday, August 27, 2020 and Monday, August 31, 2020 and discussions were regarding personnel and litigation matters.

Motion to Approve payroll for September 4, 2020 in the amount of \$5,572.53 for 2 admin personnel, 1 road crew and tax collector.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Roll Call: Daerr – yes    Trax – yes    Lawson – yes    Breinig - yes

Motion Passed

Motion to Approve Minutes of the following meeting: April 22, 2020

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig - abstain

Motion Passed

Motion to Approve Minutes of the following meetings:

June 8, 2020; June 24, 2020; July 8, 2020; July 22, 2020; July 29, 2020; August 12, 2020; August 26, 2020; August 31, 2020

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig - abstain

Motion Passed

Presentation from Energy Transfer for Mariner Pipeline Construction. Just to say thank you to the Township for their cooperation for the past 5 years on 2 major pipelines in the area.

Present were: Josh Ward, Chris Koop and Matt Crocco from Bravo Group.

Engineer's Report – copies provided and will comment as meeting proceeds.

Solicitor's Report - copies provided and will comment as meeting proceeds.

Oath of Office – delivered to Township Secretary.

One Item to have placed on Agenda – filed Relief from Stay and Declaration of Taking for Mader property. Requests for Board to add Motion to Authorize that 2<sup>nd</sup> Declaration of Taking is a temporary taking and payment of \$1,500.00 to be deposited into Sweat Law Offices Escrow Account.

Motion to Add Attorney Sweat's Agenda Item (Relief from Stay and Declaration of Taking) to New Business.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig - yes

Motion Passed

Motion to Approve acceptance of resignation of Frank Massari from the Board of Supervisors.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig - yes

Motion Passed

Motion to Approve acceptance of resignation of Dr. Shana Garrett from Union Township Zoning Hearing Board.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig - yes

Motion Passed

Motion for acceptance for Tuscany Estates to use Township Building Board Room for their HOA meeting. Dates are: September 22, 2020; September 29, 2020; October 13, 2020; October 29, 2020; and November 12, 2020.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig - yes

Motion Passed

Motion to approve Sweat Law Offices to advertise a public hearing for proposed Conditional Use Application for EQT Mingo Well Site.

Hearing set for 10/28/2020 @ 3:30 p.m.

Motion: Lawson

Meeting Stopped at this point.

Motion for Executive Session

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig - yes

Motion Passed

Executive Session from 5:15 p.m. until 5:34 p.m. and discussion regarding pending litigation.

Motion to rescind prior Motion regarding advertising for Conditional Use Application for EQT Mingo Well Site.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Daerr

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig - yes

Motion Passed

Motion to table advertising public hearing and advertising by Sweat Law Offices for the Conditional Use Application for EQT Mingo Well Site.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig - yes

Motion Passed

Discussion regarding Tanner Smida withdrawing his proposal for ambulance service in the Township.

Discussion regarding SEREMS Board appointment.

Discuss subcontracting ambulance consultant. Proposals to be placed on Legislative Agenda.

Discussion regarding Tuscan Estates Phase 5, Lot 501 Subdivision Plan that was submitted to the Township on August 6, 2020. More clearly define plot lines between units. On next meeting Agenda for Approve / Deny.

Motion to table KidsCents program (return of prescription drugs) to lockbox in building and to have police officer here to explain process.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig - yes

Motion Tabled

Discussion regarding American Rock Salt and issues with storage of same. Recommendation to take 251 ton pushed up in salt bin, tarp same. Change order for 2020-2021 season. Current order should be cut down to 300/350 ton. To be worked out and getting figures for Legislative Meeting.

Discussion regarding “touchless” fixtures for bathroom fixtures, paper towel holders and drinking fountains for renovated restrooms. Touchless will delay project about 6-8 weeks. Move to Legislative Meeting.

Discussion regarding 15 Snowden Road and demolition of trailer. Complaint placed by neighbor across street. Home falling off of foundation – no water to unit – cannot be physically moved. Only option would be to demolish same. We can place lien on property and recoup when property may be sold. Need letter from Engineer stating home is uninhabitable and unlivable.

Discussion regarding Paul Calderone regarding MicroGrid.

Paul Calderone – address not able to hear

Questions regarding pricing, taxes, zoning, 2.5 acres.

Discussion regarding FEMA Survey and top 5 flooding issues. Streamline to identify flooding issues and problems within the township. Linden Street, by State Bridge, 88 Corridor, bridge near 88 South, bottom of Airport Road near Rt. 88, entrance to Mingo Park.

Discussion regarding Fire Contracts Extension Agreement with same price and includes original conditions per original Agreement. Effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Put Extension Agreement on legislative meeting.

Discussion regarding budget workshop dates. Have workshops prior to Legislative Meeting from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. September 23, 2020, October 21, 2020 and November 25, 2020.

Motion to schedule budget workshop meetings on September 23, 2020, October 28, 2020 and November 25, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig - yes

Motion Passed

Discussion regarding security doors with button behind desk to entrance. Plavchak quoted \$11,000.00 which is below the 3-quote threshold. Get 3 separate quotes. Engineer Stiner to get additional quotes.

Discussion Plavchak Construction quote for replacing of carpet and floor tiles in vestibule and hallways. Plavchak quote \$23,100.00 for actual carpet square replacement. This will be held off until we get through the budget process.

Discussion regarding Plavchak Construction quote for relocating kitchenette. Sewage and plumbing issues have cut pipes of and not connected with sewage system. Plavchak Construction quote was \$700.00 for this. Discussion regarding kitchenette camera the drains/pipes and do it now instead of waiting. Either move drain or reconnect. To be placed on Legislative Agenda for consideration.

Motion to authorize Sweat Law Offices to amend their Declaration of Taking to confirm that the 2<sup>nd</sup> taking is a temporary taking for purposes of providing the Township and its Contractors with a Construction Easement to complete the widening of the road and paving. The sum would be \$1,500.00 as just compensation into Sweat Law Office Client Trust Account.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig - yes

Motion Passed

Motion to approve Bill Payment List in the amount of \$73,621.48.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Trax

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig - yes

Motion Passed

Supervisor Lawson spoke about relocation of c-container. Mr. Lawson will take over the project and make arrangements to have c-container moved to Township Building from Nike Site.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Maryann Garrison – 44 McChain Road: Concerned about renovations to the building but wants to know what we are doing about the roads. Courtney Hill is a state road and we can't touch it. Coal Bluff grant applied and turned down. It was explained that there is a \$511,000.00 road program progressing and they will be starting within the week. The money from Liquid Fuels funds will be allocated after we review all of the roads.

Larry Spahr – 181 McChain Road – part of Courtney Hill is township road.

Michelle Dupree – 6178 route 88 – Minutes from April 8, 2020 – will get put online within the next few weeks.

Also mentioned a \$1.2 million dollar in-kind gift from private sector – there was a check from Sunoco for damages to Patterson Road.

Bob Kostelli – 4828 Finleyville Elrama Road – preparing to settle the estate of Uncle who passed away in March. Property failed septic dye test and property can not be used until dye test requirements fixed. Home sits on 2.5 acres and needs to be tied into sewer system if Township ever puts one in. Getting estimates for holding tanks as well. Wants agreement with Township about holding off on septic / holding tank. Attorney Sweat to speak with Engineer and try to come up with a plan to move forward. To be placed on Legislative Meeting Agenda.

Motion to Executive Session to discuss litigation at 6:23 p.m.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig - yes

Motion Passed

Return from Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn


Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig - yes

Motion Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

  
ROBERTA J. SINGER, Secretary