

**Union Township Board of Supervisors
Legislative Meeting
September 23, 2020
5:00 p.m.**

The Union Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Heather Daerr at 5:00p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Prayer by Pastor Ken

Attendees at meeting were: Heather Daerr, Chairperson; Charles Trax, Vice Chairperson; Richard Lawson, Supervisor/Treasurer; Hal D. Breinig, Supervisor/Roadmaster

Also in attendance were: Roberta Singer, Secretary/Ass't. Treasurer; Linda Roach, Code & Zoning Officer; Gary Sweat, Solicitor, Sweat Law Offices; Jessica Stiner, Harshman CE Group, Engineer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Francis Kerr – Ridge Road – thank you for taking care of the bridge and water problem – red dog in my front yard - issues with his driveway and has been like this since April.

George Powell – 4297 Finleyville Elrama Road – how much have we paid to have lawn mowers fixed – cutting grass at Nike Site with lawn mower for 2 days. Regarding fixing of lawn tractors and how being handled/treated

Stephanie Koneski – Ray Lane (off of Pleasantview) – Cedar Rd. collapsed – put jersey barrier - please fix road – weeds need trimmed – can't see to pull out.

Richard Schneider – 19 Cedar Lane – moved in 2008 – weeds, grass along sides of road still need cut – oldest spot on the road still needs fixed – caving in – section of ¼ mile up to Ray Lane successfully but still need fixed. Tractor trailer came through and just about knocked jersey barriers just about off of where cave in is happening. Flail mower is still broken down. Grass needs cut.

Michalle Dupree – 6178 Route 88 – meeting minutes are posted – Right to Request has been in a couple of weeks – brought up issue from August 26, 2020 – Mary Jubic's request – only 2 Supervisors voted and Motion carried. Also about Cardox Road improvements – how much did this cost.

Motion to approve payroll dated 9/18/2020 in the amount of \$5,176.37 which included 2 admin personnel and 1 road crew.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve minutes of September 9, 2020 Non-Legislative Meeting

Motion: Lawson

Second: Breinig

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve minutes of September 17, 2020 Special Meeting

Motion: Lawson

Second: Breinig

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

Motion Carried

Executive Session(s) was held on September 23, 2020 regarding personnel and litigation matters.

Mention of Vacant Positions:

1 – Board of Supervisors

1 – Zoning Hearing Board

1 – Board of Auditors

1 – SEREMS Board

Discussion regarding return/destruction of prescription medications to place lockbox in building. Discussion from Mon City Police Officer on duty for meeting.

Motion to approve Hal Breinig as Roadmaster for Union Township.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve placing KidsCents Program box in lobby of Township Building for return/destruction of prescription drugs.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Breinig

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

Motion Carried

Motion to Pleasantview Heavy Haul and Road Use Agreement from EQT.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve Tuscan Estates Phase 5, Lot 501 Subdivision Plan that was submitted to the Township on August 6, 2020.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve 2021 Fire Contract Extension for Elrama Volunteer Fire Department and annual payment in the amount of \$15,750.00.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Trax

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve 2021 Fire Contract Extension for Finleyville Volunteer Fire Department and annual payment in the amount of \$15,750.00.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Breinig

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve payment for volunteer fire departments with funds from the Auditor General in the amount of \$30,686.75 for foreign fire relief. Elrama Volunteer Fire Department will get payment of \$15,343.37.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

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

Motion Carried

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Motion: Lawson

Second: Trax

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

Motion Carried

Approve hearing date for EQT / Mingo Well Site Conditional Use / Public Hearing for October 14, 2020 @ 2:00 p.m.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

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

Motion Carried

Approve EMS Consultant low proposal from Chris Dell for \$1,250.00.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Breinig

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

Motion Carried

Approve lowering salt order from American Rock Salt to 350 ton from the 1,000 ton originally ordered – which was in error.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Trax

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

Motion Carried

Motion to Deny installing touchless faucets, paper towel holders and drinking fountains in restroom renovation project.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve Plavchak Construction relocation of kitchenette in Township Building at a cost of approximately \$700.00. Change Order #1 for bathroom project. Not to be done as change order – Township is paying for this change.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve Trick or Treat on Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve leaf collection for November 14, 2020 and November 28, 2020 – dependent upon weather.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Breinig

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve purchase of Sunshine & Right to Know Law Guide/Pa. Ethics from PSATS for secretarial office.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve Sweat Law Offices coordination of payment for Kathleen M. Orr tap-ins on Overlook Sewer project.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Breinig

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

Motion Carried

Motion to deny Change Order #4 for 2020 Road Program to replace inlet at 5006 Meadow Avenue at a cost of \$9,663.00 due to historical problem of improperly placed inlet potentially causing flooding issues.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

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

Motion Carried

Discussion regarding 13 Mingo Circle – Option #1 – sell as is; Option No. 2 – tear down and sell as lot; Option #3 – fix water issues in basement, put some money into it and use it as a flip option and wait until sewers get in and tap in.

Motion to obtain quotes for renovations, etc. to get ready for sale.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Breinig

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

Motion Carried

Motion to table discussion regarding Coslow / Airport Road Stormwater Complaint.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

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

Motion Tabled

Discussion regarding Waste Management and USPS delivery services – reached out to Waste Management and Post Office – advised that we will move vehicles and equipment to allow access to homes. Waste Management said they will continue service and USPS will not go on any roads with construction and residents will have to pick up their mail at the Post Office.

Motion to add to Agenda the Park Rehabilitation bids.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

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

Motion Carried

Two bids received:

Plavchak Construction	\$42,040.00
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J5 Construction	\$28,500.00
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Bid Threshold - \$21,000.00 -

Motion to reject all bids for Park Rehabilitation Project.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

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

Motion Carried

Motion to add to Agenda for Board to approve / deny traffic study at Thompson and McChain Road.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve a traffic study at corner of Thompson and McChain Road to improve site distance.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve Bill Pay List in the amount of \$186,883.06.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Trax

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

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Richard Schneider questioned plugging of well. DEP requires plugging of old, shallow wells before moving forward.

Stephanie Chemeski – 13 Ray Lane – regarding 13 Mingo Circle – what are taxes and sell house now – get the money and run. Get rid of house and take the cash.

Brian Phillips – 198 Pleasantview Road – road conditions are deplorable. With well site opening it is going to make the roads worse. Engineer Stiner gave explanation of how roads are observed and responded to regarding fix.

Motion to go into executive session.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

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

Motion Carried

More public comment.

Motion to reinstate meeting.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

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

Motion Carried

John Madaras – Pleasantview – what are we getting for our tax dollars. Is road crew still 1 person – weeds not done – other townships have 8 persons working – Coal Bluff absolutely a disgrace – in terrible shape. Why are we fixing Cardox and not roads in worse shape? The Supervisors responded and explained to Mr. Madaras that all of the grants that the Board applied for regarding drainage issues were not received. We did receive a big dollar grant to repair Coal Bluff and is in budgeting for the 2021 season. Applied for grant for drainage issues – did not receive grant to fix Coal Bluff and we need to set aside Township funds. The Board explained that there was no drainage in historic road repairing.

Ms. Daerr gave statement regarding sewage projects, paving projects and financial status of Township.

Ms. Stiner continued discussion regarding all projects going on and sewage plans installation. Must be continued or risk getting fined by DEP for non-sewage projects.

Adolph Shock – 194 Pleasantview Road – paying for cars getting damaged due to potholes, etc. Why weren't sewer drains put in when water lines were put in.

Mr. Spahr was answering – not intelligible.

Motion to go into executive session. 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

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

Motion Carried

Executive Session started at 7:24 p.m.

Discussions regarding personnel and litigation.

Executive Session ended at 7:24 p.m.




ROBERTA J. SINGER, Secretary