

**Union Township Board of Supervisors
Non-Legislative Meeting
October 14, 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; Jamie Harshman, Harshman CE Group, Engineer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Schneider – 19 Cedar Lane – condition of Pleasantview Road – pretty soon unable to maneuver on road, especially fire truck, ambulance, etc. Also, employee status, grass cut on Pleasantview Avenue and maintenance and grass having over ends. Also litter is a disaster. Dangerous to drive on road at night because of grass.

Larry Spahr – 181 McChain Road – how many attorneys / legal firms do we have presently? How are they being paid?

Deborah Connell – Rebecca Drive – regarding transparency, term of Supervisors, Coal Bluff Road issues.

Kevin Daerr – 6187 Route 88 – thanking Board for job done at Sugarcamp and Turkeyfoot Road – done to increase sight distance and took a while but glad it is done. Can possibly save lives.

Michalle Dupree – 6178 Route 88 – more detailed financial reports – wanted to know what meeting on October 8, 2020, was all about. Wants Agenda and minutes. Got upset when asked if she was a resident. Mr. Sweat asked to control temper or she will be removed by police officer. All Right to Know requests are to be sent via certified mail.

Denise Puglisi – 4057 Heath Road, Finleyville, PA 15332 – regarding Right to Know that she submitted and has not received documents requested. Copies of Sworn Statements – copies of repairs estimates from Golden Eagle. Estimates for Massey Ferguson – not John Deere – estimate from B & B Auto. Can do a better timeline. September letter was pretty sh**ty. Had

copies of her Right to Know requests. Wanted copies of employee file and sent all kind of crap that she did not ask for. Also wanted to know about heroin problem in meeting. Not sure what the heroin comment was for and the police officer did not know. Transparency is very important and so am I. Handed over Ken Puglisi's file to Gary Sweat.

Executive Sessions having been had on Thursday, October 8, 2020 and Wednesday, October 14, 2020, and all sessions consisted of personnel and litigation issues.

Motion to approve payroll dated 10/2/2020 in the amount of \$7,789.33 which included 2 admin personnel, 1 road crew and Supervisor 3rd quarter pay.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve payroll dated 10/16/2020 in the amount of \$5,052.03 which included 2 admin personnel and 1 road crew.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Breinig

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

Motion Carried

Solicitor's Report, Sweat Law Offices, was reported on, more specifically appearance in front of Judge Emery; Relief from Stay in the Mader action.

Engineer's Report, Harshman CE Group.

City of Monongahela Police Department Report.

SEREMS Report.

Animal Control Report.

Motion to approve minutes of September 23, 2020 Non-Legislative Meeting

Motion:

Second:

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

Motion Carried

Mention of Vacant Positions:

1 – Zoning Hearing Board

1 – Board of Auditors

1 – SEREMS Board

REVOTE:

Motion of August 26, 2020 vote to Deny Mary Jubic's request to issue waiver for the consolidation of two parcels into 1 parcel (UT Code Chapter 242-14).

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve calling back road crew employee Ron Lovrich from furlough beginning October 19, 2020.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Breinig

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve Road Program Change Order #4 for \$3,867.00 to restore lawn and driveway areas affected / damaged through the Road Crew's work on the bridge.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Trax

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

Motion Carried

Motion to Approve authorization of overtime on an as-needed basis for Ten Mile Paving due to delays from the Township on Cardox Road. Township would pay the extra half-time at a rate of \$146.67 an hour for full crew (9 workers)

Motion: Lawson

Second: Breinig

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve traffic study on Thompson / McChain intersection to Stahl Sheaffer for \$1,850.00.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Daerr

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve awarding website design/consultant to Design Rules Everything proposal in the amount of \$6,899.00.

Motion: Breinig

Second: Trax

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve advertisement of drainage bid package (Mingo Circle, Highland with add/alternates on Meadow and Union).

Motion: Daerr
Second: Trax
Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig – yes
Motion Carried

Motion to Approve ratification of emergency phone vote taken on October 1, 2020 to authorize Mr. Otterman to do exploratory dig to change connection point with South Park Township on the Overlook Sewer Project. Original Vote was: Daerr-yes; Trax-yes; Lawson-yes; Breinig-yes. (\$500.00/hr. for full crew)

Motion: Daerr
Second: Lawson
Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig – yes
Motion Carried

Motion to approve purchase of mirror for Maple Street / Finleyville Elrama Road.

Motion: Daerr
Second: Lawson
Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig – yes
Motion Carried

Motion to approve purchase of blinds for front window for secretarial area at a cost of \$777.25 by Gotcha Covered located in Bethel Park, PA.

Motion: Breinig
Second: Trax
Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig – yes
Motion Carried

David A. Esken gave short dissertation about his past and knowledge of the Township.

Motion to appoint David A. Esken to Board of Supervisors for the current unexpired term with conditions that he follows through with Sweat Law Offices and follows proper procedures. He is filling the current unexpired term that will lasts until 12/31/2021.

Motion: Daerr
Second: Trax
Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig – yes
Motion Carried

Discussion regarding security doors for front foyer area of Township Building to MacBracey Corporation in the amount of \$7,995.00.

Motion to approve MacBracey Corporation in the amount of \$7,995.00 for foyer security renovation.

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

Motion Carried

Motion to table award to Back Road Solutions for their bid for \$17,650.00 for the Veterans and Pleasant Stream Park Repair project.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Breinig

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

Motion Tabled until Legislative Meeting

Discussion regarding Tuscany Estates request for Union Township Team Member to judge Halloween and Christmas decoration contest.

Ms. Singer and Mr. Breinig to handle.

Motion to table until legislative meeting regarding Waste Management request to receive a listing of all real estate transfers for billing purposes.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

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

Motion Tabled until Legislative Meeting

Discussion regarding Right to Know Request and Secretarial request to Board of Auditors for any and all information for Township business from the Township Board of Auditors. Request included e-mails, text messages, etc. Mr. Sweat requested of Mr. Spahr regarding correspondence, etc. Mr. Spahr will need to sign Affidavit that he is not in possession of any correspondence, e-mails, etc.

Discussion regarding meeting days for November 11, 2020 and November 25, 2020. Is staff agreeable to change dates

Motion to reschedule November 11, 2020 meeting to Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at the same time, and changing Wednesday, November 25, 2020 meeting to Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at the same time.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Breinig

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

Motion Carried

Discussion regarding sewage billing and personnel. Possibly organize a workshop and explore further possibilities. Jamie Harshman did short explanation and possibility of our offices to be doing billing. He also stated that we have to wait until all connections are made. Possibly we can speak with Frank Palermo regarding his fees to take on billing on sewage billing. Mr. Harshman was also informed of grant monies available (\$500,000.00) for Mingo and a H2O2 grant in hopper again and possibility of \$1,000,000.00 grant will be a blessing. Usually comes through at end of December or January. Regarding the Finleyville-Elrama Road Act 537 grant, status of same given by Mr. Harshman and this will come through again either in December or

January. Once 537 Plan approved, we can get proceed with design and get bidding out. We can start the PennVest process.

Mr. Sweat asked regarding the Mingo Circle. On the drawing plan and a portion of the Banahasky property and declaration of taking and alternate site to determine viability of alternate site on this property for plant.

Discuss renewal of Advent Communications Consultant Contract for renewal. Item to be placed on Legislative Meeting Agenda.

Discussion regarding MMH Business Management Consultant Contract. Need for independent analysis of road department, documentation processes and services as consultant for Township. Matthew Harding is the Owner and retired from Canon-MacMillen School District. Met with Mr. Harding on October 8, 2020 to review processes. Will take about 2 weeks to perform analysis and report to the Board of Supervisors.

Motion to approve Sweat Law Offices to produce proposal to MMH Business Management as stated in proposal and at costs identified in proposal as well.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Trax

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

Motion Carried

Discussion revisiting door quotes and insulation of Executive Conference Room. Ms. Singer to update quotes and present to the Board.

Correspondence – None

Motion to approve bill pay list in the amount of \$68,815.12

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

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

Motion Carried

Remarks from Supervisors / Staff – None

Public Comment –

Larry Spahr – Can we get further explanation for Cardox Road cost at \$149.00 per hour – and was notified that it was a matter of litigation and it will be made public.

Michalle Dupree – Thank you to Mr. Esken for stepping up and becoming a supervisor. Commended the Board of Supervisors for their service as it is not easy. Also, she stated that she lost her temper about being questioned.

The meeting on the 8th of October, it was an executive session or a group here. Mr. Sweat explained that it was Executive Session according to the Sunshine Law. Ms. Dupree wanted to know why the public was not invited and why spend more money to have special executive session.

Kevin Daerr – 6187 State Route 88 – Mr. Trax sold home on 88 and bought home on Cardox Road – did you fill out and pay for all appropriate fees. Ms. Dupree interrupting Mr. Daerr – and Mr. Daerr questioning Ms. Dupree’s residence and if she has filled out the appropriate forms and permits if she had moved back into the Township. He felt that we have every right

Motion to Adjourn @ 7:10 p.m.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

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

Motion Carried




ROBERTA J. SINGER, Secretary