

For Board Approval: July 24, 2017

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Board Meeting
June 12, 2017

The Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Deborah Sargent at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Union Township Municipal Building, 3904 Finleyville-Elrama Road, Finleyville, PA. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Board Members in Attendance by roll call were Larry Spahr, Charles Trax (present by phone pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Board permitting any Supervisor to participating remotely), Paul Chasko, Heather Daerr and Deborah Sargent.

Also in attendance, Mr. Gary Sweat–Solicitor, Mr. James Harshman–Township Engineer (leaving early as requested by Board), Judy Taylor–Treasurer.

Motion in Debbie Nigon’s absence due to illness to appoint Heather Daerr to be the Assistant Secretary only for this meeting
Motion by Deborah Sargent, Second by Paul Chasko
Roll call vote: Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Sargent-yes, Daerr-yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Matt Vibostak, 19 Lake Drive, Finleyville, commented on the unfinished embankment between his property and that of Ralph Opferman, 3 Airport Road, continuing to erode causing his driveway to slide.

Motion to authorize the engineer to review the Vibostak embankment issue
Motion by Deborah Sargent, Second by Heather Daerr
Roll call vote: Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Sargent-yes, Daerr-yes. Motion carried.

Ronald Broglie, 11 Mingo Circle Road, appeared before the Board to notify the Township that he has applied for a holding tank permit as required by the notice of violation placed on his property by Jarrod D’Amico for a discharge of gray water into the Township storm water system. Mr. Broglie was dismayed by the posting of the placard, and his costs of several thousand dollars in order to comply. He stated that their gray water discharge does not contribute to the current pooling area on Mingo Circle Road.

Barbara Stover, 135 Viareggio Way, asked about the current status of the Tuscan Estates bonding and escrow account. Mr. Harshman noted that the current bond is due to expire this month, and the Treasurer stated that all allowable charges had been deducted from the escrow account, leaving a low balance.

Catherine Porter, 5109 Hill St, commented on the poor condition of Marwood Lane, which lies off the intersection of Meadow and Hill Street, and asked why maintenance is sporadic. Larry Spahr stated that the road had never been adopted into the Township’s road system.

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Motion to authorize the engineer to research the original subdivision, ROWs, etc., in the area of Marwood Lane

Motion by Deborah Sargent, Second by Heather Daerr

Roll call vote: Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Sargent-yes, Daerr-yes. Motion carried.

George Powell, 4229 Finley-Elrama Road, addressed township scrapping procedures, dumping asbestos at Nike site, laser level purchase, weed spray, and road crew safety harness.

Mr. Spahr addressed spraying of weeds.

Motion to purchase a laser level from Thomas Fastening in the amount of \$1,350.00 as the lowest written quote received

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Deborah Sargent

Roll call vote: Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Sargent-yes, Daerr-yes. Motion carried.

Hal Brienig, 44 Finley Avenue, addressed the taping of meetings, past Zoning Hearing meeting, ordinances and growth of township, requiring Board Meeting attendance for appointed positions, and Planning Commission voting for Tomko.

Robert Usnick, Finleyville Airport, commented that Gateway Engineers reviewed the location of the dirt pile Tomko placed near the runway. Mr. Coppula, attorney for Tomko, reported that the dirt was not in violation, but would be moved. Mr. Coppula also reported that WCCD had approved Tomko's NPDES permit renewal.

Frank Latorre, of 7 Boyka Drive, addressed Tomko email, growth of township, and Tomko.

Departmental Reports

The road report had been provided to the Board. Mr. Mellor noted he supplied three quotes for truck tires that will be needed by the end of the year. He also noted that he met with a contractor on the advisability of crack sealing or micropaving various roads in the Township.

The engineer addressed several items in this written report.

Representatives of Walsh Granite appeared before the Board to request the Board approve the agreements for the use of Patterson Road as the detour route for the Rt. 88 bridge replacement project at the legislative meeting.

The engineer reported that he and Paul Chasko were evaluating the alternatives to move forward with the Mingo Circle Road sewage options in response to DEP's 30-day time limit. The sewage pooling is currently being pumped out as needed.

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Motion to execute the Cooperation Agreement with the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington for administration of the LSA grant funds for the Act 527 Plans
 Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Deborah Sargent
 Roll call vote: Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Sargent-yes, Daerr-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise for request for proposals for engineering consultants to perform Act 537 planning for the Mingo Circle and Finleyville-Road areas for the LSA grant
 Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Deborah Sargent
 Roll call vote: Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Sargent-yes, Daerr-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to return the \$2000 holding tank escrow to Ron Broglie and to authorize the engineer to write a letter permitting the solution of redirecting his gray water back into the on-lot septic tank
 Motion by Deborah Sargent, Second by Paul Chasko
 Roll call vote: Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Sargent-yes, Daerr-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to authorize the engineer to do an inspection at Tuscan Estates to determine if performance bond amount is adequate
 Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Deborah Sargent
 Roll call vote: Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Sargent-yes, Daerr-yes. Motion carried

Officer Harris read the monthly statistics from his written police report to the Board.

Jarrold D'Amico, CEO, highlighted several items from his written report regarding Union Gardens, Mingo Circle sewage, 7 Pumpkin Center cats, permits issued, distribution of nuisance vehicle ordinance, and fee schedule update.

The Solicitor had submitted his written report, but will add further remarks on discussion of agenda items.

Mr. Chasko inquired on the status of the purchasing manual addendum, and added some more detail on his meeting and conversations with the DEP concerning the Mingo Circle Road area sewage concerns.

The Board placed the gas bids received on the legislative agenda and asked the engineer to review them.

The purchasing manual addendum was placed on the legislative meeting agenda.

Motion to approve general fund bills in the amount of \$28,707.02 as of June 12, 2017 as presented by the Treasurer/Asst Secretary subject to being true and correct
 Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Paul Chasko
 Roll call vote: Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Sargent-yes, Daerr-yes. Motion carried.

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Motion to approve Elrama Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$7,445.49 as presented by the Treasurer/Asst. Secretary subject to being true and correct

Motion by Deborah Sargent, Second by Paul Chasko

Roll call vote: Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Sargent-yes, Daerr-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Street Light Fund bills in the amount of \$1,486.32 as presented by the Treasurer/Asst. Secretary subject to being true and correct

Motion by Deborah Sargent, Second by Paul Chasko

Roll call vote: Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Sargent-yes, Daerr-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to authorize payment to the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington in the amount of \$333.74 to maintain budget of \$150,000 in the LSA grant for the Union Valley Watershed Phase I project

Motion by Deborah Sargent, Second by Heather Daerr

Roll call vote: Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Sargent-yes, Daerr-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2017 regular Board meeting and the May 8, 2017 regular Board meeting as presented by the secretary, amended as follows: April 24, 2017 minutes page 4 of 10, remove duplicate paragraph; May 8, 2017 minutes page 6 of 9, correct spelling of name of Mr. Vibostak and page 7 of 9, Ms. Daerr received the information on the 50% proportion of the Township being sewerred from the WCSC not the PCSA

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Deborah Sargent

Roll call vote: Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Sargent-yes, Daerr-yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Daerr stated that she is in favor of applying for a PA Small Sewer Grant for the Overlook Street sewer project.

The fee schedule was placed on the legislative agenda.

Mr. Sweat stated that the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local #205 is ready for reading and approval at the legislative meeting and presented four copies for signature.

Motion to approve the contract with KU Resources for environmental consultant services in relation to the Elrama Brownfield Remediation Project

Motion by Deborah Sargent, Second by Paul Chasko

Roll call vote: Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Sargent-yes, Daerr-yes. Motion carried.

The Board placed the Manager resolution on the legislative agenda.

Motion to approve the agreement with Ringgold School District for the Township's 25% share of the attorney fees and appraisal costs for the selected commercial tax appeals

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Charles Trax

Roll call vote: Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Sargent-yes, Daerr-yes. Motion carried

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The Board set a date of June 19, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. to interview road crew candidates, and set the wage for prospective summer laborers at \$12.00 per hour, with a pre-employment physical required, and no operating of Township equipment.

Motion to approve the Bethel Park Printing quote of \$1,640.00 as the lowest quote received for printing of the Township newsletter with the addition of some Code Enforcement information and the opening on the PCSA Board
 Motion by Deborah Sargent, Second by Heather Daerr
 Roll call vote: Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Sargent-yes, Daerr-yes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed purchasing a cell phone for the use of the Road Superintendent. Officer Kevin Harris offered to supply the township with information on government contracts available through Verizon and Sprint/AT&T.

The Board added setting a date in July for the mid-year budget review and possibly changing bank accounts for the Elrama Sewer Fund and the Huntington CD to the legislative agenda.

Motion to approve the replacement Greenways grant Resolution No. 10-2017 and accompanying letters adjusting amount of grant funds requested
 Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Deborah Sargent
 Roll call vote: Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Sargent-yes, Daerr-yes. Motion carried.

The Board placed the Resolution for approval of the Sewage Planning Module for the Hidden Hollow subdivision on the legislative agenda.

Public Comment

John Matola, 21 Maple Street, commented that the road crew's ditch repair of the ponding water at Aber and Lobbs Run Road had improved the situation, but there was still an area where puddles are occurring. He also suggested a sign for announcements.

Motion to go to executive session for personnel reasons and possible litigation at 10:15 p.m. and to release Judith Taylor from completing the minutes and excused her from the meeting
 Motion by Deborah Sargent, Second by Heather Daerr
 Roll call vote: Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Sargent-yes, Daerr-yes. Motion carried.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 11:41 p.m.

Motion to terminate Tom Mellor's employment effective 6-13-17 based upon failure to obtain CDL license as required in his 2015 contract, making false claims against Supervisors, fits of anger, general distain, refusal to work with female supervisors.
 Motion by Deborah Sargent, Second by Chuck Trax
 Roll call vote: Spahr-Abstain based upon wanting a chance to talk to Tom, Trax-yes, Chasko-no-based upon wanting a chance to talk to Tom, Sargent-yes, Daerr-yes. Motion carried.

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Consistent with Mr. Silvestri's recommendations, it is in the best interest of the township to make sure all positions are filled by the most qualified and competent individuals and the salaries should be more competitive.

Motion based upon Mike Silvestri's recommendation to advertise for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer including the recommended pay tier.

Motion by Deborah Sargent, Second by Heather Daerr

Roll call vote: Spahr-no, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Sargent-yes, Daerr-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise for the Road Superintendent position including the recommended pay tier

Motion by Deborah Sargent, Second by Heather Daerr

Roll call vote: Spahr-no, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Sargent-yes, Daerr-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 11:50pm.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Deborah Sargent

Roll call vote: Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Sargent-yes, Daerr-yes. Motion carried.

Heather Daerr, Acting Secretary

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