

*For Board Approval: October 26, 2015*

Union Township Board of Supervisors  
Regular Board Meeting  
September 28, 2015

The Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Larry Spahr at 7:05 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 Stephen Parish, Larry Spahr, Charles Trax, Paul Chasko and Ed Frye. Also in attendance, Dennis Makel—Solicitor, Mr. Carl DeiCas—Township Engineer, Judy Taylor—Treasurer, Debra Nigon—Secretary, Harold Ivery—Building Code Official, and Peter Grieb—Code Enforcement Officer.

Public Comment

Matt Vibostak, 19 Lake Drive, complained about a situation with his neighbor in regard to chickens and a steep drop off in his back yard. Mr. Ivery provided an update. Washington County Conservation District was at the site and the owner will have to make adjustments. The owner was cited. Mr. Ivery will send to Mr. Vibostak copies of the report and the notifications which were sent to Mr. Opferman, the owner of 3 Airport Road.

Pete Guido, 125 Viareggio, asked for an update on the hearing before the magistrate in reference to the citations issued to Earl Danielson relative to property issues at Tuscany Estates. Mr. Grieb said that he received a Hearing Notice today for October 20, 2015. He has cited for the trash and a boat left on-site. He will continue to cite the owner every weekday. Mr. Makel said that these hearing dates are often postponed but that he will attend the hearing should it occur as scheduled.

Barbara Stover, 135 Viareggio Drive, had questions about the bond which was reinstated by Mr. Danielson in the sum of \$138,000. She said that the finishing of the roads was determined by the Township engineer to be in the range of \$157,000 and that the roads are beginning to show wear. Also, she is concerned about what can be done before winter. The developer is currently working on the community house and they can't imagine the pool being done before the weather turns. Mr. Makel will check on the construction schedule which was supposed to be supplied.

Gail Glanneman, representing Ringgold School District PTA, noted that she is a candidate for School Board but attended today's meeting as a representative of the PTA to announce a Meet the Candidates Night on October 20, 2015 at 5:30 at the Ringgold High School. She left a stack of flyers for anyone who was interested in attending.

Departmental Reports

Mr. Ivery reported that there is an issue on Harvest Lane and another on 3 Airport Road which he would like the engineer to look at in regard to reports from the Washington Conservation District which were received and an expired NPDES permit which needs to be updated.

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Mr. Makel added that the Planning Commission reviewed the Big Box Ordinance and made a recommendation to the Board for review

Mr. Jason Jaki gave the report for the Recreation Board. Mr. DeiCas met with him at Brownsville Park to review the parking situation. Mr. DeiCas said that it is his current understanding that the baseball field is not being utilized for baseball. Widening the road into the park was discussed. Mr. DeiCas suggested that the Recreation Board pursue grants which could cover some of the work. In another Township a \$200,000 grant was recently received. Mr. Parish mentioned that any new work should be compared against the master plan for the park which was developed in the past. Mr. Jaki noted that he had seen the plan and that the park now closely resembles in his estimation what was shown in that plan. Mr. DeiCas said that the needs 20-25 years ago often change; so, the plan should be reviewed. Mr. DeiCas also asked for permission to show Mr. Mellor the issue with the road at the park to see if there is anything that could be done within the Township to widen the road. The Board approved Mr. Mellor going down to look at the road into the park. Mr. Mellor said that the road may need paved or may require repair. Funding would have to be discussed. Mr. DeiCas mentioned an option of widening the road enough to meet PennDot requirements and adding a turn-around at the bottom of the road. He could have Rick Skovensky look at the project to see if it could qualify under Liquid Fuels. He has been able to do this at other parks.

Ed Frye said that he spoke with Elrama Fire Company who is interested in the playground equipment received from Ringgold earlier this year. Elrama VFD would like to place one of the playgrounds near their building on the Township right of way. Mr. Mellor noted that the playground would need to be inspected and installed by a certified individual. Jason Jaki added that he has learned that a certified installer can supervise a group of volunteers to install the playground equipment. Mr. Frye will talk to Elrama VFD about setting up a meeting in regard to transferring the equipment.

Mr. Frye also reported that the Phase I assessment by the Redevelopment Authority of the former chrome plate factory property in Elrama is now complete. He is working with Susan Morgan and he will call her tomorrow to see if we can move on to Phase II. Whether the Redevelopment Authority is willing to undertake Phase II is unknown. Susan Morgan may be able to supply contacts for the Township to pursue grant funds to transform the property into a park.

Mr. Makel spoke to Larry Gasparato in regard to the funding required for the sewerage project in the Overlook Street area. He is not available until October 25 or 26. If he agrees to meet with the Board, it will be after that time in the offices in California, PA.

Mr. Parish inquired as to whether the Local Share grant applications are filed. Mr. DeiCas reported that they are complete but not yet filed. He will need the signed LSA Resolutions from the Board.

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**Motion** to approve the Minutes of the August 24, 2015, Regular Board Meeting, as presented by the Secretary, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Ed Frye

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Frye-yes. Motion carried.

**Motion** to approve the Minutes of the September 2, 2015, Workshop as presented by the Secretary, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Ed Frye

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Trax-abstain, Chasko-yes, Frye-yes. Motion carried.

Larry Spahr inquired about the information Ms. Taylor was to receive from South Park. She expects that the materials/information will be supplied this week or at the meeting which will be held shortly.

**Motion** to approve the Minutes of the September 14, 2015, Regular Board Meeting as presented by the Secretary, as presented by the Secretary, subject to being true and correct, with two revisions on Page 5: the inclusion of the sum dollar total of real estate taxes to be reimbursed to Mr. Oravec by the Township, and the addition of "road system" to a comment made by Mr. Spahr in regard to development.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Paul Chasko

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Frye-abstain. Motion carried.

Officer Schwartz was asked about traffic controls. It was suggested by Mr. Spahr that Halloween night may be a good time to run an extra detail.

**Motion** to approve Payroll #18 dated August 28, 2015, in the sum of \$9,951.42, as presented by the Treasurer, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Charles Trax

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Frye-yes. Motion carried.

**Motion** to approve Payroll #19 dated September 11, 2015, in the sum of \$10,966.54 as presented by the Treasurer, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Paul Chasko

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Frye-yes. Motion carried.

**Motion** to approve Payroll #20 dated September 25, 2015, in the sum of \$9,760.33 as presented by the Treasurer, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Paul Chasko, Second by Ed Frye

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Frye-yes. Motion carried.

**Motion** to approve general fund bills in the sum of \$9,795.92, as of September 28, 2015, as presented by the Treasurer, subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Charles Trax, Second by Ed Frye

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Frye-yes. Motion carried.

The Treasurer explained that approximately \$26,000 is generally due to SWRPD prior to the first of the month; however, she did not receive the invoice in time for approval. Ms. Taylor

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expects that it will arrive tomorrow and requested permission from the Board, which she received, to prepare that check, calling in the necessary number of supervisors for signature.

Mr. DeiCas suggested to the Board that they may want to look at a hand-held GPS so that Mr. Mellor can begin working on requirements for the MS4 stormwater program. The MS4 program will be enforced more stringently now that the requirements have been in place several years. Also, Mr. DeiCas noted that if an intern were used from California University, the locations for MS4 could be sent to the University for creation of a digitized database. However, an Arc-View viewer may need to be purchased for the Township to access that data.

**Motion** to advertise a public hearing on October 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. on the Amendment to the Big Box Ordinance which the Board will consider for possible adoption at a regularly scheduled meeting to be held following the hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Paul Chasko

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Frye-yes. Motion carried.

**Motion** to place back on the table the Motion awarding a contract for the Airport RFQ covering sections BCE&F and ratifying the phone poll vote conducted on September 18, 2015, awarding the contract to Arbor Tree Service.

Motion by Paul Chasko, Second by Charles Trax

Roll call vote: Parish-abstain, Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Frye-yes. Motion carried.

Only one contractor bid on the Airport RFQ Section A which was Arbor Tree Services. Mr. Chasko directed the Board to the quote which was included in the Board's packets. He also provided the Board with an additional sheet of information which contained more detail on the quote. Mr. Chasko explained that the contractor will be done with sections BCE&F in the next few days. There was discussion of obtaining more quotes. Charles Trax asked for a report on the work thus far by the contractor. Paul Chasko informed the Board that the contractor had a reasonably sized crew who went through the contract quickly. Mr. Gries, representing Finleyville Airport, offered his opinion which was that the contractor did "a perfectly good job."

**Motion** to approve the award of the Airport Tree Hazard Removal Project RFQ – Section A in the sum of \$13,700.00 to Arbor Tree Service pursuant to their proposal submitted on Friday, September, 25, 2015.

Motion by Paul Chasko, Second by Charles Trax

Roll call vote: Parish-abstain, Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Frye-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Gries commented about the way things were left by the former contractor which he described as a disaster. Mr. Makel said he spoke with Ryan of Sidelines Tree Service about the Township's offer to pay everything remaining aside from approximately \$2000 due to the work which was left. A meeting was scheduled with representatives from Sidelines Tree Service for 8:00 a.m. on Friday, October 2, 2015, to discuss final payment. Mr. Makel asked Mr. Gries to attend as an independent observer of the work.

Once Section A is done, PennDot will come back and survey again. What happens, however, is that when trees come down which have been obscuring other trees, it may uncover more violations.

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The WESA Delinquency Agreement was tabled until the next meeting.

**Motion** to reschedule the Budget Workshop scheduled for November 17, 2015, to November 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., just prior to the regular Township meeting.

Motion by Ed Frye, Second by Charles Trax

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Frye-yes. Motion carried.

**Motion** to adopt a Resolution, No. 2015-09, sponsoring and approving the application of PCSA for a Local Share grant.

Motion by Paul Chasko, Second by Ed Frye

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Frye-yes. Motion carried.

**Motion** to adopt Resolution No. 2015-10 adopting the Washington County 2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of Union Township.

Motion by Ed Frye, Second by Paul Chasko

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Frye-yes. Motion carried.

The Treasurer said that she must file the 2016 MMO's (Minimum Municipal Obligation) for the two pension plans: the Teamsters Pension Plan which applies to the bargaining road crew workers and the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System (PMRS) Pension Plan which applies to the road superintendent and treasurer. Ms. Taylor asked for the Board's direction on making the calculations since she does not know the Board's intentions on hiring. The Township currently has three Teamster employees on the road crew. The Board directed Ms. Taylor to make payment for the Teamster Pension Plan MMO based on four union employees. It was discussed that the Township may decide to hire and begin training a new crew member since the current crew members are either at or nearing retirement age.

**Motion** to approve an MMO for the Teamsters Pension Plan for 2016 based on four possible employees, not binding the Township to hire another employee for 2016.

Motion by Ed Frye, Second by Charles Trax

Roll call vote: Parish-no, Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Frye-yes. Motion carried.

**Motion** to approve an MMO for the PMRS Pension Plan for 2016 for two employees, Mr. Mellor, Road Superintendent, and Ms. Taylor, Treasurer.

Motion by Ed Frye, Second by Steve Parish

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Frye-yes. Motion carried.

The Road Superintendent, Mr. Mellor, reported on the condition of buildings at the two Nike Site locations. Photographs of the buildings had been supplied to the Board showing the dilapidated condition of the buildings. Mr. Mellor noted that a building at the location on Finleyville-Elrama Road is currently used to store mowers which is in desperate need of repairs and doors. Also, there was a break-in at the Maple Street site. There are at least five buildings and two silos there. Standing water is in one of the silos. Mr. Mellor asked the Board if they wanted to demolish the buildings or repair them. Mr. DeiCas was requested to look at the buildings and give the Township an estimate. He was also requested to research

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what type of funding could be used to clean up that area. An open question is whether Liquid Fuels funds could be used if equipment is stored in one of the buildings.

Mr. Makel requested that the office staff schedule a meeting with Representative Tim Murphy, Senator Camera Bartolotta and/or State Senator Rick Saccone in regard to obtaining funding to clean up the site. Mr. Parish noted that a long-range plan is needed for the Nike Site as well as a plan to solicit funding. It was also suggested that funding related to brownfield rehabilitation should be checked to see if there is funding available to clean up the site. Mr. Spahr commented that the buildings are hazardous and a liability and will need to be taken down.

Liability insurance was discussed. The Township's carrier is currently BMW. A renewal quotation will be coming soon but has not yet been received. The Treasurer said that it will expire on November 30.

**Motion** to approve replacement of the battery charger which is overcharging on the generator at the Elrama Pump Station.

Motion by Charles Trax, Second by Steve Parish

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Frye-yes. Motion carried.

**Motion** to approve a Heavy Hauling Agreement with Yarborough Development for College Avenue and Meadow Avenue.

Motion by Ed Frye, Second by Paul Chasko

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Frye-yes. Motion carried.

**Motion** to schedule the Fall Road Inspection at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 17, 2015, which can also be done at the leisure of each Supervisor if he/she cannot attend.

Motion by Charles Trax, Second by Ed Frye

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Frye-yes. Motion carried.

**Motion** to schedule Trick-or-Treat on Saturday, October, 31, 2015, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Steve Parish, Second by Charles Trax

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Frye-yes. Motion carried.

**Motion** to schedule October 26, November 2, and November 9 as Fall Leaf Pick-Up Dates with leaf pick-up to be performed by the road crew.

Motion by Ed Frye, Second by Steve Parish

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Frye-yes. Motion carried.

There was a reminder of the meeting to be held at South Park on October 7, 2015 in regard to sewerage of the Overlook Street area. Ms. Taylor will send a reminder of everything needed for the meeting.

There was no Executive Session.

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**Motion** to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Motion by Steve Parish Second by Ed Frye

Roll call vote: Parish-yes, Spahr-yes, Trax-yes, Chasko-yes, Frye-yes. Motion carried.

  
Debra A. Nigon, Secretary

