

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Legislative Meeting
October 23, 2017
07:00p.m.

The Board of Supervisors Legislative 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, Deborah Sargent, Heather Daerr, Charles Trax, and Paul Chasko.

Also in attendance, Mr. Gary Sweat-Solicitor, Robert Balogh-Manager, Nicole Dooley-Secretary and Andrew Sweat-Attorney.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Frank Lattore: 7 Boyka Drive, Finleyville PA. Meet the candidates night will be Wednesday night behind Mineral Beach from 6:00-9:00 anyone running for office is welcome to join. A good place to meet the candidates, find out what they are about and ask to questions. Tomko permit extension. The reason for that is that finally there is some progress where it is being controlled and not out of hand. After all we do have ordinances. If you are going to do things right they have to be done by the ordinance is and what the property is zoned for. The junior high building. There was no vision for the youth of this township. Start thinking about the youth of the township that is the future.

Barbara Chacko: 6105 Roy Street, Finleyville PA. Concerns regarding garbage bills and pick up. How can you have garbage if no one lives in a house? Why do I have to pay a garbage bill when there is no garbage coming from a house?

Lori Kenavey: 6088 Brownsville Road Extension, Finleyville PA. Concerns regarding agenda item H. Approve/Deny temporary part time hiring of Jamie Schaller for Treasurer at a rate of \$25.00 per hour. Up until this time who is the Treasurer for this township?

Stacy Monahan: 28 Aber Road, Finleyville PA. Concerns regarding the construction noise made by EQT next to the Hartson Station . Concerns regarding clearing the ridge of trees. The entire ridge is now cleared. The noise is constant, back up alarms, and squeaking from the tracks. What can we do about the noise? It is so bad you can hear it with the windows and doors shut and the TV on. The noise goes on until 7:00pm which is within ordinance. Can we get a sound barrier?

George Powell: No address given. We have a beautiful park on Brownsville Road. There is not enough parking. We have a Nike site, a nice level area where the building was torn down. Why don't we put in a couple of soccer fields for the kids? It would cost next to nothing.

Kevin Daerr: No address given. Does the board have any plans on reviewing having a company review security system and security cameras? To see exactly what we have and what capabilities are there with the cameras? Are there any thoughts of updating those with the technology that is available today? Technology has changed you can now monitor on your cell phones and home computer. We might even have that capability and not sure if it even has been looked into. There is the camera on Brownsville Road. We paid a lot of money for it. Any thoughts on it?

Jamie Williams: 2 Elrama Avenue, Finleyville PA. Concerns regarding sewerage bills. I have a house it was a duplex at one time is now a single family home. I have been paying double sewerage bills since 2011 and, I only have one water meter.

Motion to table the minutes that are on tonight's agenda that they be tabled until each board member has the time to appropriately review the minutes.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Paul Chasko.

Roll Call Vote: Spahr-YES, Trax-YES, Chasko-YES, Sargent-Yes, Daerr-YES. **Motion carried.**

Motion to approve Payroll #21 dated October 6, 2017 in the amount of \$11,823.37 presented by the Manager and Secretary subject to being true and correct.

Motion by: Heather Daerr, Second by Charles Trax.

Roll Call Vote: Spahr-YES, Trax-YES, Chasko-YES, Sargent-Yes, Daerr-YES. **Motion carried.**

Motion to approve Payroll #22 dated October 20, 2017 in the amount of \$12,281.72 presented by the Manager and Secretary subject to being true and correct. For the record Mr. Spahr wanted noted assuming all calculations are correct.

Motion by: Heather Daerr, Second by Deborah Sargent & Larry Spahr

Roll Call Vote: Spahr-YES, Trax-YES, Chasko-YES, Sargent-Yes, Daerr-YES. **Motion carried.**

Solicitors Report:

Mr. Sweat gave the Board of Supervisors an update on a couple of open matters. First, being the Diliscia case. Mr. Sweat was contacted by the adjuster. He informed him all that has been filed to date has no complaint. The board has instructed its Engineer to do an evaluation and report back to the board. Tomko issues, Mr. Sweat is still contingent on the month to month basis recommendation for the grading permit. Mr. Sweat also stated he spoke to Jarrod D'Amico confirming the Airport fees were paid. There is a balance still due for Tomko's fees. A letter was sent to Mr. Coppola regarding the balance due. Next, Mr. Sweat touched base on Tuscany Estates. He stated a letter was dropped off by Earl Danielson agreeing to the terms set forth by the letter sent by Mr. Sweat. Immediate preparation has begun for revised subdivision for phases six and seven. Deletion of the lots that are of record and designate those lots as vacant land. Mr. Sweat informed the board that attorney Michael Cruney is prepared to meet with the Planning Commission this Thursday. The top of the agenda is to review the oil and gas ordinances. Mr. Cruney is prepared to discuss what can be improved upon and address new amendments. Mr. Sweat noted he will review the conditional use opinion and look for any violations by EQT, regarding sound, noise and buffers.

Engineers Report:

Engineer, James Harshman was not present at the meeting. Manager, Robert Balogh provided the Board of Supervisors with information included in the meeting packet. Mr. Balogh reported to the board regarding the enclosed recommendation by Mr. Harshman for awarding the bid regarding the Coal Bluff Road repair project.

Motion to add agenda item R for approval of the coal bluff bid to tonight's agenda.

Motion by: Deborah Sargent, Second by Heather Daerr

Roll Call Vote: Spahr-YES, Trax-YES, Chasko-YES, Sargent-Yes, Daerr-YES. **Motion carried.**

Managers Report:

Mr. Robert Balogh reported he attended the Union Township Board of Auditors meeting. He noted the Board of Auditors approved and agreed to move forward with Maher and Duessel to perform the exit audit on the Treasures office. Mr. Balogh stated a copy of the Board of Auditors Meeting minutes was enclosed in the evenings meeting packet for review. Mr. Balogh reported the accountants at Maher and

Duessel and Palermo/Kissinger were in the office last week devising the plan for the audit and also for moving the Township forward for the day to day business activity that need to be preformed. He noted Maher and Duessel had made the suggestion to present the Board of Supervisors a recommendation to expand the scope of the audit. Maher and Duessel requested this engagement be done through the Solicitor, Mr. Sweat. Next, Mr. Balogh updated the Board of Supervisors on the progress of moving to the Office 360 software and the approximate time it will take to be up and running. He stated he would give them an exact date and time in the near future.

New Business:

Robert Allridge, former resident of Union Township presented the township with a framed hand drawn map project dated back to 1960. The project was completed by current and former residents of the township.

Motion to approve the use of the meeting room for Tuscany Estates Board meeting on December 5, 2017 at 6:30p.m.

Motion by: Charles Trax, Second by Heather Daerr

Roll Call Vote: Spahr-YES, Trax-YES, Chasko-YES, Sargent-Yes, Daerr-YES. **Motion carried.**

Motion to set Township leaf collection dates for November 13 & 20 2017.

Motion by: Charles Trax, Second by Deborah Sargent

Roll Call Vote: Spahr-YES, Trax-YES, Chasko-YES, Sargent-Yes, Daerr-YES. **Motion carried.**

Motion to change the Board of Supervisors pay to be caught up in the month of December.

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 appoint Nicole Dooley as the Union Township Right to Know Officer.

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 temporary part time hiring of Jamie Schaller for Treasurer at a rate of \$25.00 per hour.

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 table the 2017 audit decision.

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 advertise public notice of the intent of the Board of Supervisors to retain an outside accounting firm to perform the 2017 annual audit with the understanding the appointment will be made at the 2018 Reorganization meeting.

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 accept the bid from Senate Engineering for Act 537 proposal for Mingo Circle and Finleyville-Elrama Road sewerage project.

Motion by: Larry Spahr, Second by Paul Chasko

Roll Call Vote: Spahr-YES, Trax-YES, Chasko-YES, Sargent-Yes, Daerr-YES. **Motion carried.**

Motion to approve Secretary, Nicole Dooley and Manager, Robert Balogh as authorized agents to Union Township for all banking and financial accounts.

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 Insight Pipe Contracting LLC pre & post CCTV video contingent upon manager, Robert Balogh have a satisfactory conversation with Jamie Harshman to answer any question of the Board of Supervisors. If question come up he has the authority to put it on hold.

Motion by: Paul Chasko, Second by Deborah Sargent

Roll Call Vote: Spahr-YES, Trax-YES, Chasko-YES, Sargent-Yes, Daerr-YES. **Motion carried.**

Motion to table any movement on the drain pipe issue for Don Street.

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 extend another month to month extension of the Tomko permit.

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 rescind the motion to send Secretary, Nicole Dooley to record the Union Township Planning Commission Meeting minutes.

Motion by: Larry Spahr, Second by Paul Chasko

Roll Call Vote: Spahr-YES, Trax-YES, Chasko-YES, Sargent-Yes, Daerr-NO. **Motion carried.**

Motion to award the Coal Bluff Road repair project to Strnisha Excavation Inc. in the amount of \$108,376.00.

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 the expenses by vendor summary for October 18 thru 23 2017 subject to being true and correct in the amount of \$94,427.96.

Motion by: Deborah Sargent, Second by Charles Trax

Roll Call Vote: Spahr-YES, Trax-YES, Chasko-YES, Sargent-Yes, Daerr-YES. **Motion carried.**

Public Comments:

George Powell: Mr. Powell commented on the nice calm meeting. Thanks to Mrs. Lawson for the food tonight. He stated as far as the old secretary goes we are beating a dead horse. The day she turned in her resignation the keys should have been taken off of her and walked out that door. I asked for some information regarding how much money was spent on the Airport. The paperwork she gave me you might as well put it back in the ladies or means room because that is all that it is good for. If that is the best she can do she doesn't deserve to be a Secretary. Enough is enough with this woman. Let's forget about her. Let's let it go.

Frank Lattore: Mr. Lattore stated, good meeting, we are moving forward. Very professional. Mrs. Lawson again that's class. This board has moved forward in a lot of good ways. I just think we are beating a dead horse. Judy was here until September 11 why were the bill not paid? That was her job. Truth is truth. There are a lot of things that were done in the past that were done wrong. This township needs to move forward. The other thing is if you lose that school, what do you got? You got nothing.

Hal Breining: Mr. Breining commented on a good meeting. I heard all the innuendoes and finger pointing. I have had a request for right to know letter in the first part of August. Mr. Sweat said that has

to be answered within five days, I am still waiting. Regardless of what, I asked for, I asked right to know and I exercised that and all I got was a letter back that stated, I am so busy, I will get to it when, I can something to that affect. That is no way to run a business. If the work was too burdensome she should have come to the Supervisors. Not to throw stones at anyone neither Judy nor the old secretary is here to defend themselves, you come down here and look at their office and ask where the pin was at from the hand grenade they threw in there. I have never seen such disarray and disorganized office in my life. Excuses are like belly button, everyone has got one. Sitting up there pointing fingers at anyone isn't getting anywhere. This isn't like the NFL take a knee.

John Matolla: 21 Maple Street, On the topic of EQT the meeting here with power point presentation and one person brought up they couldn't sell their property because of the noise. I think I addressed this issue maybe six months ago. The noise has disappeared. I know people were saying put up a sound barrier or something to stop the noise. The gentleman that was there, I recall him saying no we are going to fix the problem. Construction noise, I think people in the township should humble themselves that we have this much business activity. Whether or not you like that noise that is there for a while, its only temporary, Think about the amount of food and fuel that is sold in the area. The wage tax that is collected. In the long run, I would rather them spending their money here. I think it's a plus.

Bernie Speer: Mrs. Speer addressed Finley Middle School. I read an article a few weeks ago in the Sunday paper, I am not sure where the boards position is, but when we are talking about Finley Middle School, and any opportunities for the township to secure that. The borough of Donor is negotiating with Community College of Allegheny County to put a satellite at the old elementary center. If we now have a township manager as part as his position, I think he should secure businesses or opportunities for us occupy Finley Middle so we can put it to good use.

Kevin Daerr: There was a comment made tonight about grass cutting and Kenny Puglisi. In my opinion this guy has done a very good job in our township. The grass has never looked better. I have watched him work on numerous occasions; I've seen him mow the grass over at Brownsville. Very Professional, very businesslike and works in a timely manner. This frees up our road crew to go out and address other problems for instance like the drainage McClelland Road. It frees them up to go out and do other things like cut the weeds on 88 that were such a problem earlier this spring.

Hal Breining: I see our road crew out there driving these dump trucks, I would like to know after the police was disbanded we were supposed to save \$500,000.00 a year we haven't seen that. The question, I want to ask is we had an Explorer, that was a police vehicle. I see it one day and the next day it was gone, I understand it went to South West, I want to know why? When that could have saved this township so much money instead of driving those big trucks everyday along the road to see how bad the roads are, going to get parts etc. That Explorer could have been used. Let's talk want to save money, where's it at? Somebody please answer me what the hell did we do with that Explorer.

Motion to go to executive session for personnel reasons and possible litigation at 9:34p.m.

Motion by Deborah Sargent, Second by Charles Trax

Roll Call Vote: Spahr-YES, Trax-YES, Chasko-YES, Sargent-Yes, Daerr-YES. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Balogh, Township Manger, made the statement that at 10:06pm we are back on the record.

Motion for the township to give Mr. Sweat the authority to work directly with Maher Duessel in expanding the scope of the audit for this township to be a forensic audit that will lead to where ever the investigation takes them and to execute the October 23 2017 engagement letter expanding the scope of the audit by Maher Duessel.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Charles Trax

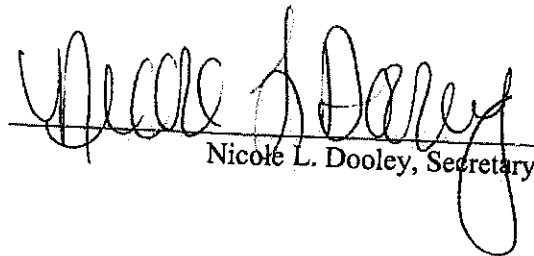
Roll Call Vote: Spahr-YES, Trax-YES, Chasko-NO, Sargent-Yes, Daerr-YES. **Motion carried.**

The solicitor stated that in executive session the Board of Supervisors discussed personnel issues, and expanding the scope of the audit and authorizing him to sign the engagement letter.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:16pm

Motion by: Heather Daerr, Second by Deborah Sargent

Roll Call Vote: Spahr-YES, Trax-YES, Chasko-YES, Sargent-Yes, Daerr-YES. **Motion carried.**


Nicole L. Dooley, Secretary