

**Union Township Board of Supervisors
Legislative Meeting
October 24, 2018
6:30 pm.**

The Union Township Board of Supervisors Legislative meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Heather Daerr at 6:30 pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Pastor Glenn McClelland, from Mingo Creek Presbyterian Church delivered a moment of prayer.

Board members in attendance by roll call were Richard Lawson, Paul Chasko, Charles Trax, Deborah Sargent and Heather Daerr.

Also, in attendance Gary Sweat-Solicitor, Nicole Dooley-Secretary/Treasurer, James Harshman-Engineer, and Jarrod D'Amico-Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

Susan Price: 813 W. Main Street, Monongahela. Ms. Price expressed the Monongahela Area Library need for donations. Ms. Price asked the Board of Supervisors to consider a \$3,000.00 donation. Ms. Price also stated the Monongahela Area Library is open to welcome a member from our community on their Library Board.

Motion to approve minutes for September 26, 2018 Legislative meeting.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Richard Lawson

Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daerr-YES. **Motion Carried.**

Motion to approve minutes for October 10, 2018 Non-Legislative meeting.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Paul Chasko

Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daerr-YES. **Motion Carried.**

Motion to approve payroll #20 dated October 5, 2018 in the amount of \$9,161.20 presented by the Secretary/Treasurer subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Richard Lawson, Second by Heather Daerr

Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daerr-YES. **Motion Carried.**

Motion to approve payroll #21 dated October 19, 2018 in the amount of \$9,070.13 presented by the Secretary/Treasurer subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Richard Lawson

Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daerr-YES. **Motion Carried.**

Solicitor, Gary Sweat stated he had nothing additional to add to his Solicitors report. He noted he would provide comment on agenda items as needed when they were discussed.

Engineer, James Harshman stated himself and Mr. Lawson met with representatives from the Finleyville Airport regarding their Grading Permit, Stonebridge and drainage issues. Mr. Harshman reports it was a productive discussion however, he does not have any results now to report on. Next, Mr. Harshman reported Attorney Chris Cuppola from W.G. Tomko was also present at the meeting with the Finleyville

Airport. The Airport has issues with the fact Mr. Tomko did not finish grade the top of the hill. It does not have a proper crown as the grading plans had showed. They are having issues with drainage. The storm water is not going where it was intended to go. Mr. Harshman reported Attorney Coppola will relay the Airports concerns to Mr. Tomko and take care of the issues. Next, Mr. Harshman reported of having two responses to the letters sent out for the first four Stormwater ponds. The responses were from the Finleyville Airport and Giant Eagle. Mr. Harshman noted both parties seem willing to cooperate. Moving forward the DGLVR grant project on Garvin Road is just about complete. Next, Mr. Harshman reported Supervisors Lawson, Chasko and himself met with representatives from EQT regarding the potential use of the Nike Site for a truck staging area. Mr. Harshman suggested to EQT a possible workshop to present their plan to the public and address concerns of residents. Mr. Harshman noted EQT will still need to obtain an HOP Permit and NPDES Permit for erosion control and Stormwater. Next, Mr. Harshman reported Union Township was unsuccessful in securing the PA Small Water and Sewer Grant for the Overlook Sewerage Project. He reported the next step would be applying for the necessary permits. Once the permits are secured the bid package can be put together and the project will be put out for bid. Supervisor, Heather Daerr questioned Mr. Harshman regarding the responsibilities on the drainage issues between the Airport and Stonebridge. Mr. Harshman stated drainage between two property owners is a civil matter. However, there is an apparent ordinance violation. The pipes directing discharge towards the Stonebridge development should not have been permitted without some type of Stormwater management review and approval by the Township. The Finleyville Airport has been put on notice there is an apparent ordinance violation. Supervisor, Deborah Sargent stated she has heard the Airport Board has no plans to correct any of the issues. She stated the Finleyville Airport is in financial trouble with multiple agencies. Solicitor Sweat stated if that is so the case the Board would need to consider correcting the issue and placing a lien on the property. In depth discussion ensued amongst the Board of Supervisor, Engineer and Solicitor regarding the Finleyville Airport.

Unfinished Business:

Agenda items under unfinished business included the following:

- A. Approve/ Deny Union Township Veterans Memorial Park Rental Form Changes.
- B. Approve/ Deny 2018 Fall Leaf Collection on November 14th & 26th 2018.
- C. Approve/ Deny Camera Proposal
- D. Approve/ Deny Resolution for Errors on the Veterans Memorial Honor Roll.
- E. Approve/ Deny Reschedule of December 26, 2018 Legislative Meeting to Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 6:30 pm.
- F. Approve/ Deny Quotes 2018 DCED Audit.
- G. Approve/ Deny Updating Township Directory and Map for 2019.
- H. Approve/ Deny a 50/50 Division of Foreign Fire Funds to Finleyville VFD and Elrama VFC. (\$13,845.11 Per Fire Company)
- I. Approve/ Deny Finleyville Borough Request for Payment of Workers Compensation Insurance.
- J. Approve/Deny Permanent Lighting Option for Union Township Veterans Memorial Honor Roll and Flag Pole.
- K. Discuss 64 McChain Road Stormwater Pipe.

Motion to approve Union Township Veterans Memorial Park Rental form changes.

Motion by Deborah Sargent, Second by Charles Trax

Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daerr-YES. **Motion Carried.**

Motion to approve 2018 fall leaf collection on November 14th & 26th 2018.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Paul Chasko

Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daerr-YES. **Motion Carried.**

Motion to approve purchase of camera system for \$199.00 from Sam's Club.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Charles Trax

Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daerr-YES. **Motion Carried.**

Motion to approve a resolution plaque for omissions and spelling errors on the Veterans Memorial Honor Roll and for permanent lighting to be installed for the Veterans Memorial Honor Roll and flag not to exceed \$1,500.00.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Charles Trax

Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daerr-YES. **Motion Carried.**

Motion to appoint myself, Heather Daerr as chairperson of the Veterans Memorial project.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Charles Trax

Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daerr-YES. **Motion Carried.**

Motion to reschedule the December 26, 2018 Legislative Meeting to Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Paul Chasko

Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daerr-YES. **Motion Carried.**

Motion to approve Clifton Larson Allen quote for the 2018 DCED Audit.

Motion by Richard Lawson, Second by Deborah Sargent

Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daerr-YES. **Motion Carried.**

Motion to approve updating the Township directory map for 2019.

Motion by Deborah Sargent, Second by Heather Daerr

Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daerr-YES. **Motion Carried.**

Motion to approve a 50/50 division of the Foreign Fire Funds to Finleyville Volunteer Fire Department and Elrama Volunteer Fire Company \$13,845.11 per fire company.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Charles Trax

Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daerr-YES. **Motion Carried.**

Motion for Solicitor, Gary Sweet to contact Timmer Berggren, Solicitor for Finleyville Borough regarding contribution for workers compensation insurance.

Motion by Deborah Sargent, Second by Charles Trax

Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daerr-YES. **Motion Carried.**

Motion to put 64 McChain to in abeyance until Supervisor Daerr contacts the Redevelopment Authority.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Deborah Sargent

Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daerr-YES. **Motion Carried.**

New Business:

Agenda items under new business included the following:

- A. PA Small Water & Sewer Grant Denial. Discuss Next Steps-HOP/NPDES Permitting Phase for Overlook Sewerage.
- B. Discuss Restrictive Covenant on the Old Elrama Chrome Shop Property.
- C. Discuss Use of CDBG Funds.
- D. Discuss Appraisal of Former Ringgold Middle School.
- E. Discuss Corace Slide.
- F. Approve/Deny Tuscany Estates Use of Meeting Room on October 29, 2018 at 6:30 pm.
- G. Approve/Deny Advertising the Intent to Contract for a CPA to Perform the 2018 DCED Audit
- H. Discuss Office Space for Potential New Employees.
- I. Discuss Tomko Citizens Committee.
- J. Approve/Deny Southnet Computers Monthly Computer Maintenance Agreement.
- K. Approve/Deny Server Maintenance Agreement.
- L. Approve/Deny Hiring Consultant Frank Siffrinn to Prepare 2019 Budget.

Motion to approve James Harshman to proceed on the next steps of the permitting phase for the Overlook Sewerage project.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Deborah Sargent

Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daerr-YES. **Motion Carried.**

Agenda item B. Discussion amongst the Board, Engineer and Secretary ensued. Supervisor, Heather Daerr will contact Kerrie Fox from the Redevelopment Authority to clarify if there was a deed restriction found or if the Township needs to take the final steps regarding filing the deed restriction on the property of the old Elrama Chrome Shop with the help of KU Resources.

Agenda item C. Supervisor, Paul Chasko reported he had a meeting with Kerrie Fox from the Redevelopment Authority regarding the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds. Mr. Chasko suggested using CDBG funds for improvements to Kennedy Road. Engineer, James Harshman questioned the Board if they had a plan B for the Grant funds in the case this area does not qualify. Supervisor Chasko recommended using the funds for demolition of blight properties in the Township. Zoning/Code Enforcement Office, Jarrod D'Amico assured the Board he would be able to identify addition blight properties.

Motion to approve Supervisor, Paul Chasko to work with Jarrod D'Amico for a mailing list for as part of the CDBG fund process on Kennedy Road to see if the area qualifies and for plan B to identify addition blight properties for demolition.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Deborah Sargent

Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daerr-YES. **Motion Carried.**

Agenda item D. Discussion ensued amongst the Board of Supervisors, Engineer and Solicitor regarding the appraisal of the former Ringgold Middle School. Engineer Harshman, reiterated to the Board of Supervisors the former Middle School is in an R1 Zoning District.

Agenda item E. Long discussion occurred between the Board, Solicitor and Engineer regarding responsibilities, stabilization and repair of the Corace Slide on McChain Road. Supervisor, Heather Daerr

asked the Board to consider the Township Budget regarding fourth quarter expenditures. Engineer, James Harshman also noted final payments for the Paving Project, McChain Road Slide Retainage, Stockyard Roof Project and Drainage Project will all be due. Engineer, James Harshman asked the Board before any decisions were made to allow him to look at the slide area. Mr. Harshman stated he would not be charging the Township to look at the area.

Motion to approve Tuscany Estates use of the Township meeting room on October 29, 2018 at 6:30 pm.
Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Deborah Sargent
 Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daerr-YES. **Motion Carried.**

Motion to approve the advertisement for the intent to contract for a CPA to perform the 2018 DCED Audit.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Richard Lawson
 Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daerr-YES. **Motion Carried.**

Motion to appoint Janet O'Tool to the Tomko Citizens Committee to represent Union Township with Tomko Missionary Partners.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Deborah Sargent
 Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daerr-YES. **Motion Carried.**

Motion to approve Advent Communications quote for computer management services

Motion by Deborah Sargent, Second by Heather Daerr
 Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daerr-YES. **Motion Carried.**

Motion to approve Frank Palermo from Palermo/Kissinger to prepare the 2019 Union Township Budget.

Motion by Deborah Sargent, Second by Heather Daerr
 Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daerr-YES. **Motion Carried.**

Supervisor, Deborah Sargent noted to the public the Board of Supervisors has been working diligently to find a suitable Manager to fill the open position. Board members have met with ten different candidates. Conducted first and second interviews and offered the position to four individuals. All of whom which turned the position down. Mrs. Sargent also question Engineer, James Harshman regarding a recent email regarding MS4 compliance. Engineer Harshman stated at the next meeting, or soon he would like to take some time to present to the Board some capital projects for next year for the compliance with the MS4 program. Lastly, Mrs. Sargent asked the Board if they were going to review the six-month trial period of the Elrama Fire truck being stationed in the Township Garage. No representatives from the Elrama Volunteer Fire Company were present at the meeting.

Motion to approve expenditures for the month of October in the amount of \$107,476.09 as presented by the Secretary/Treasurer subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Deborah Sargent
 Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daerr-YES. **Motion Carried.**

Public Comments

George Powell (No Address Given) Mr. Powell expressed his opinion regarding the removal of grass areas and add additional stone areas for the lower parking lot.

Supervisor, Heather Daerr reported City of Monongahela Police Chief, Brian Tempest asked the Board to consider a request from District Attorney Gene Vittone for a prescription drug take back box to be placed in the Police offices of Union Township for residents to bring their unused medications.

Motion to approve prescription drug take back drop box to be located in the police offices.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Deborah Sargent

Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daerr-YES. **Motion Carried.**

Supervisor, Heather Daerr publicly thanked Mr. Charles Trax and Trax Farms for donating pumpkins and supplies for the Halloween Egg Hunt. Next, Mrs. Daerr introduced resident Joseph Reposky. Mr. Reposky spoke to the Board of Supervisors and audience regarding underground gas storage tanks located in Union Township, specifically located under Township property and a class action lawsuit.

Supervisor, Deborah Sargent reported earlier in the evening, the Board of Supervisors, Engineer and Solicitor had a workshop with representatives from the Ringgold School Board to discuss a possible Tax Abatement Program to help stimulate growth and development in Union Township.

Supervisor, Richard Lawson questioned the Solicitor if he had any additional information regarding the demolition of abandoned properties. Mr. Sweat spoke to the Board on the statue of accelerated foreclosure of abandoned properties.

Supervisor, Heather Daerr publicly thanked Lowes of Bethel Park for the beautification of Union Townships Pleasant Stream Park. She noted Lowes donated numerous yards of mulch, picnic tables and park benches.

Motion to go to executive session at 8:45 pm.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Deborah Sargent

Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daerr-YES. **Motion Carried.**

The Board of Supervisors returned from executive session at 9:51 pm and was back on record. Supervisor, Heather Daerr stated the Board discussed litigation and personnel.

Motion to hire Joan Carmen, full time Secretary/Treasurer at \$20.00 per hour no medical benefits, she will be full time Monday thru Friday 8:00-4:30 with ½ hour unpaid lunch.

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Deborah Sargent

Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-ABSTAIN, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daerr-YES. **Motion Carried.**

Motion to appoint Tom Kelly as new acting Road Superintendent/ Planning Consultant at \$55.00 per hour not to exceed twenty-four hours per week as directed by the Board

Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Deborah Sargent

Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daerr-YES. **Motion Carried.**

Motion to approve a raise for Nicole Dooley to \$22.71 per hour.

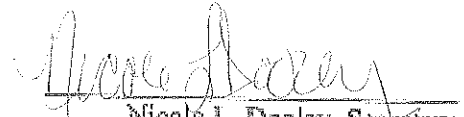
Motion by Heather Daerr, Second by Paul Chasko

Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daer-YES. Motion Carried.

Motion to adjourn at 9:55 pm.

Motion by Heather Daer, Second by Deborah Sargent.

Roll Call Vote: Richard Lawson-YES, Paul Chasko-YES, Charles Trax-YES, Deborah Sargent-YES, Heather Daer-YES. Motion Carried.


Nicole L. Donley, Secretary