

**Union Township Board of Supervisors
Public Meeting
May 26, 2021
5:00 p.m.**

The Union Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Heather Daerr at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Attendees at meeting were: Heather Daerr, Chairperson; Richard Lawson, Supervisor/Treasurer; Hal D. Breinig, Supervisor/Roadmaster; David A. Esken, Supervisor

Also, in attendance were Karen Brown, Administration; Gary Sweat, Esquire, and Sarah Scott, Esquire, Sweat Law Offices; Officer Jeff Toth, City of Monongahela Police Department; James Harshman and Sean O'Dell, Harshman CE Group, LLC,

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Moment of Prayer (Pastor Ken announced he is retiring in 2 weeks).

Public Comment:

Michalle Dupree – 6178 St. Rt. 88 – Agenda #13 - re: Pulse Point – reached out to Washington County and currently do not have interface for Pulse Point. Looking into about 18 months but not available now. Proposed Ordinances – no response – wanted to come and review – Please try to call Karen per Heather.

Larry Spahr – 188 McChain Road – speeding in the Township – thank Officers to try and get traffic slowed down. Specifically speeding along McChain and Rt. 88. Discuss with Board speeding along Airport Road, along Rt.88, and speeding is a disaster waiting to happen. Supervisor Daerr stated that we have been slowly trying to regain and rebuild since financial insolvency back in 2004 of about \$100,000.00 in general funds.

Terri DeWitt – 6049 State Route 88 – regarding flooding – Township came through for us and came and fixed street in 2017 – wanted to thank everyone on the Board for their help in stopping flooding and have not had a drop of water since. Thankful for this Township and what has been done. New Law in place “Slow Down – Move Over” became law on April 27, 2021 and if you have a disabled vehicle on this side of the road, you must have cones, flares or flashers (two of the three to be covered). Bill #1281 as signed by Governor Wolfe.

Kevin Daerr – 6187 State Route 88 – Addressed subject in every meeting – bashing of police. Police in this Township are good police – full time police – a question was asked here tonight “where the h___ is the police” – they are there through the night. They cannot be everywhere at once. I did that job for a lot of years – the problem of speeding does not exist in just in Union Township – police are there for midnight call – breaking

into your car. We need to support our police. My wish is that the residents would quit bashing our police department and do good work in this Township. State police are not designed to handle Townships and/or municipalities.

POWER WENT OUT – LOST ZOOM CONNECTION WHEN WIFI WENT OUT –
POWER RETURNED AND RECONNECTED.

Executive Sessions:

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 (Personnel & Litigation)
Monday, May 24, 2021 (Personnel & Litigation)
Wednesday, May 26, 2021 (Personnel & Litigation)

Department Reports:

Solicitor's Report – Will discuss topics as they come up throughout the meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Board of Auditors – 1 Vacancy
PCSA Board Representative – 1 Vacancy (will be decided next month [June])

Action Items:

Motion to table 11 bids for Pleasantview Slide Repair. Engineers need more time to review for comparison.

Motion: Daerr
Second: Breinig
Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – absent Lawson – yes Breinig – yes Esken - yes
Motion Tabled

Motion to table 6 bids for Coal Bluff Drainage Program. Engineers need more time to review for comparison.

Motion: Daerr
Second: Lawson
Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – absent Lawson – yes Breinig – yes Esken - yes
Motion Tabled

Motion to approve bids for McChain Road and Thompson Street intersection safety. Engineer Sean O'Dell spoke regarding bids received. Awarded to Back Road Solutions. All bid requirements have been met. Award Amount - \$1,050.00.

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

Motion to approve bids for Gun Club Road signing and delineation safety improvements. Geo Energy Tech Services won bid at \$1,485.00.

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

Motion to approve bids for Gary Avenue drainage. Sluzarcic Excavating won bid \$3,325.00.

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

Motion to approve reaffirmation and approval of the Co-operation Agreement with the Washington County Redevelopment Authority for the DCED/LSA Grant in the amount of \$27,500.00 related to the Act 537 Plan.

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

Motion to approve Pay Application #2 for the Cardox Road Drainage Project for \$6,886.00 to JR Contracting.

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

Motion to approve purchase of new heater control unit (head and labor) for \$895.00 from Behanna Auto & Tire for 2016 Ford 550.

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

Motion to approve Fireworks Display on Friday, July 23, 2021, by Finleyville Volunteer Fire Dept. Fireworks display to be launched by Pyrotecnico Fireworks. (See letter dated May 11, 2021, from Douglas Detig, Carnival Chairman)

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

Motion to approve increase in the compensation rate of Roberta Singer, Secretary/ Treasurer to \$28.00 per hour or \$12,000.00 per year to become effective in the next full payroll cycle.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Breinig

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – absent Lawson – yes Breinig – yes Esken - yes

Motion Carried

Motion to approve mailing out the sewage billing introduction letter to the residents included in the Overlook Sewer System.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Esken

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – absent Lawson – yes Breinig – yes Esken - yes

Motion Carried

Motion to approve acceptance of settlement terms for Grievance Nos. 2020-0321 and 2020-0224, thereby terminating any scheduled arbitrations.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Breinig

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – absent Lawson – yes Breinig – yes Esken - yes

Motion Carried

Motion to approve Sweat Law Offices to send a letter to Washington County 911 regarding discussion and implementation of Pulse Point (a public CPR 911 connected mobile application that alerts CPR trained citizens to someone nearby having a sudden cardiac arrest).

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – absent Lawson – yes Breinig – yes Esken - yes

Motion Carried

Motion to approve Union Township hiring Tanner Smida as a Summer Intern for \$15 an hour with his schedule to be determined.

Motion: Esken

Second: Breinig

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – absent Lawson – yes Breinig – yes Esken - yes

Motion Carried

Motion to approve Harshman CE Group to advertisement for bid of Elrama Central Park Development Project Phase 1.

Motion: Esken

Second: Breinig

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – absent Lawson – yes Breinig – yes Esken - yes

Motion Carried

Motion to approve Harshman CE Group to advertisement for bid of Veterans Park Memorial Park Phase 1.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Esken

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – absent Lawson – yes Breinig – yes Esken - yes

Motion Carried

Motion to approve further repairs on the Massey Ferguson Flail Mower - not to exceed \$9,000.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Esken

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – absent Lawson – yes Breinig – yes Esken - yes

Motion Carried

Motion to table Scarmazzi PRD Request for Pavement Modification from 12" of 2A or 2RC to 6" 2A or 2RC stone subbase, 4" to 3" of 25 mm base course and 1.5" to 1.0" of 19 mm. binder course.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Breinig

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – absent Lawson – yes Breinig – yes Esken - yes

Motion Tabled

Discussion Items:

Discuss Charles H. Wilson's interest in the open position on the Board at Peters Creek Sanitary Authority. Holding open to gather more interest and give residents a chance to respond.

Discussion regarding increasing police presence in Union Township. Mr. Esken spoke regarding starting a task force. More police in our area.

Motion to approve Bill Pay List from the General Account in the amount of \$71,809.73.

Motion: Esken

Second: Breinig

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – absent Lawson – yes Breinig – yes Esken - yes

Motion Carried

Correspondence: None

Public Comment:

George Powell – Finleyville Elrama Road – McChain Road speeding situation. Why don't we put in another stop sign at Chevy Chase intersection? Can slow traffic a bit. Regarding Massey Ferguson – costs are high – but common maintenance would have eliminated the majority of the problems. Also, Cardox Road – is it ready to be finished? What were the legal fees charged that the residents costs taxpayers to defend this?

matter? Residents caused this matter – the Supervisors did not. Can we go back and recoup some of the fees?

Linda Evans Boren – 22 Parkvue Drive – re: McChain Road – bid for installing road signs or just some other things. Why can't our road department install signs? Tanner Smida – approved hiring summer intern and what would he be doing? Not heard why or what specifics are. Mr. Sweat responded that it is personnel and was discussed in executive session. Also, on Bill Pay List – Harshman - \$40,499.70 – is that for one month?

Frank Latorre – 7 Boyka Drive – involved in other projects and giving update on Horses for Hope. Thanks to the Board for getting ballfield its due to youth to get Township moving. The youth is driving this country. Not many people here to help the youth. Struggled to keep project going. Facility at Bush Run Road – taken over (inaudible) Farm on Rt. 19 – historical society and a total of 40-50 acres that we will have use of for \$15.00 for 15 years donation. Will make our project more visible and something good for the kids with disabilities (any kids not just autistic).

Michalle Dupree – State Route 88 – Never heard a problem about housing developments going on. Pulse Point – discouraged. Workshops for ambulance service – Now paying Mr. Sweat to contact Washington County regarding Pulse Point. Paying Mr. Smida for intern. Charging ambulance service \$1,000.00 per month.

Supervisor Daerr - Ambulance never vacated because of lease. Renting space with gentleman's agreement for \$1.00 per month for years. Ambulance service chose to leave of their own volition.

Ms. Dupree was questioning costs and ambulance service specifics.

Regarding meeting minutes – Cardox Road situation – easement agreements signed before project started. Not necessarily residents' fault that legal ramifications.

Kevin Daerr – 6178 State Route 88 – present during meeting that no call volume to sustain ambulance service here. He also stated that the call volume was not there in the beginning either. Never had call volume to have 24-hour manned EMS garage. It cost money to run Township – offer residents and non-residents to Pulse Point. It does work in Allegheny County. Stating about engineering bills – look at what they are doing? Police Department – yes, it costs money. Former Boards sat on a big pile of money and there were no projects happening. Pulse Point is a good thing and technology is here – spend money so you can save lives. People of Union Township deserve that – people of Washington County deserve that.

Nobody on Zoom to speak or make statement.

Jill Esken – I am inspired – need to inspire kids to give them hope and get them involved. The Pulse Point is a fantastic idea. Our Grandson we almost lost him – 9 mos. old – just turned colors and we almost lost him. Had seizure and ambulance after

dialing 911 – It took 30 minutes for ambulance to get to our house – just takes time and it will work out.

Executive Session:

Entered Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Esken

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – absent Lawson – yes Breinig – yes Esken - yes

Motion Carried

Exited Executive Session at 6:35 p.m.

Personnel Matters / No Decisions

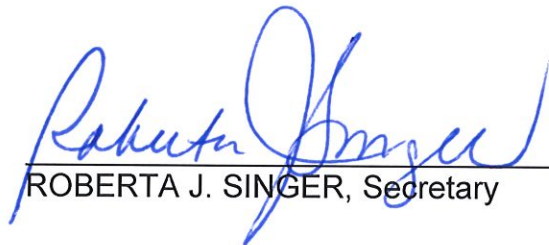
Motion to Adjourn @ 6:35 p.m.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Breinig

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – absent Lawson – yes Breinig – yes Esken - yes

Motion Carried



ROBERTA J. SINGER, Secretary