

**Union Township Board of Supervisors
Public Meeting
June 23, 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; Charles E. Trax, Jr., Vice Chair; Richard Lawson, Supervisor/ Treasurer; Hal D. Breinig, Supervisor/Roadmaster; David A. Esken, Supervisor

Also, in attendance were Roberta Singer, Secretary; 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,

Proof of Publication Confirmed

Moment of Prayer (Pastor Ken)

Public Comment:

Michalle Dupree – 6178 St. Rt. 88 – Clarified Right to Know Request about receiving copies of Supervisor's Packet. Hard for audience member to understand what you are voting on – request is for informational purposes. As packets are made - can I get duplicate of same.

George Powell – Finleyville Elrama Road – regarding Powell's getting gas well and then one on his sister's farm. Water over dam – that was about 6 years ago. Technically she is not a Powell – get it straight and keep it off of Facebook. Also gas right away about through my farm or on Maple Street – gas company laughing since none of it is true. The one well – Sarah Well – under Puglisi property - and she accepted money. License is expired – pulled from DEP and it is expired.

Kevin Daerr – 6187 State Route 88 – Public comment reserved for persons at podium – and be respectful of person speaking. Do not interrupt person speaking and not interact with person speaking. This is not the proper way to make public comment.

Executive Sessions:

- Wednesday, June 9, 2021 (Personnel & Litigation)
- Thursday, June 17, 2021 (Personnel & Litigation)
- Wednesday, June 23, 2021 (Personnel & Litigation)

Solicitor's Report:

Mr. Sweat does not have anything to add to report to Supervisors but would like to address issue that has been circulating throughout Township. The matter is Frank Latorre's appointment to the Peter Creek Sanitary Authority Board to fill the unexpired term of Kevin Dearr. Different individuals contacted the Secretary and the Solicitor of PCSA and stated that Mr. Latorre is a felon and is ineligible to serve in any position either elected or appointed. Unless there is proof otherwise, he is eligible to serve.

Reopen public comment for anyone to speak regarding Mr. Latorre's position with PCSA.

Mr. Spahr spoke about his knowledge and contacting Mr. Binotti. Mr. Spahr has docket run from the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County. He reviewed and confirmed that this is a copy of what he has in his possession. He stated he spoke with Mr. Binotti and that he had a page that stated he entered a guilty plea. Stated he received by an attorney and voluntarily submitted to Mr. Spahr. The propriety of that appointment was discussed since Mr. Latorre was guilty of a felony conviction. He never revealed information to anyone other than Mr. Binotti. He stated he did not remember if he conveyed information to Carla Mader.

Lori Kenavey – Brownsville Road Extension – Did search through computer and docket – after reviewing it a few weeks ago- discussed car accident with DUI and back in 1988 or 1989. It is written on that document it was a felony. Did not post on Facebook. Reviewed Mr. Sweat's document and she stated she forwarded same to Ms. Scott. It may possibly be the same document but after review – it is not the same document. Ms.Scott confirmed it was the same document.

Mr. Spahr spoke again regarding executive session – brought issue up and propriety up in the circumstances under that appointment – Mrs. Sargent's opinion was or her interpretation that it was a misdemeanor and you, Mr. Sweat, stated it was a felony.

Mr. Sweat questioned Mrs. Puglisi about her knowledge of situation.

Michalle Dupree said this is a dog and pony show. Mr. Sweat is attacking residents on Mr. Latorre's behalf. Shame on all of you.

Kevin Daerr – I am sure Mr. Latorre does not want to relive all of this. There are certain people in this community that continue to attack. Ms. Dupree stating about Mr. Sweat vetting an appointee. The Board is trying to make peoples lives very bad, they are very bad, and I have been labeled by people in this room – shame on all of you.

Ben Mollard – questioned Mr. Sweat about doing background checks. If handling money for any political office, you cannot hold political office.

Mr. Sweat then revealed documents that he was not charge with a D.U.I. and was not charged with a felony. Documents revealed that Mr. Latorre did unintentionally cause the death of another person, Mr. Robert Schaffer, while operating a 1981 Jeep vehicle

in violation of PA Vehicle Code Title 75 §3322 vehicle turning left. No mention whatsoever of alcohol or D.U.I. Mr. Sweat continues on to explain further pages and there were no convictions or violations. Everything is marked as misdemeanor 1. Mr. Latorre received sixty (60 months) of probation. He was approved for ARD and cannot get ARD if you are convicted of a felony. And the record is expunged at the end of 5 years if you successfully complete the ARD Program. Last document is the Certification of Criminal Proceeds from the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office. Charge, count, homicide by vehicle I – Misdemeanor 1. Here is the statement: The actor unintentionally caused the death of Robert Shaffer while the actor was engaged on a highway or traffic way of the Commonwealth while in violation of a law of this Commonwealth of Municipal Ordinance except under §3731 relating to driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance – that effectively takes it out and a violation was a cause of death was an illegal left turn.

Based upon this finding, he is eligible to serve as Union Township's representative on the Peters Creek Sanitary Authorities Board. And a lot of you owe Mr. Latorre an apology.

Further Public Comment:

Lori Kenavey – In light of this and this has been an ongoing issue – I think this Board of Supervisors should think about – not think about but should – where if you are going to serve in any capacity of this Township – you must go through background checks – all 3 of them. If there had been an Ordinance, that would have cleared this up many years ago.

Kevin Daerr – 6187 Route 88 – it can be done State Police Form SP 4164 Request for Criminal Background Check – it should be on them to produce that record to the Board. The Board is under no obligation at all to do any kind of criminal background checks. If they want to be on the Board, it should be on their criminal history and then submit it to the Board. There are bad people – some maniacal people – and people with bad intentions. This could have been cleared up.

Frank Latorre – 7 Boyka Drive – Spoke to Mr. Spahr – that he has been humiliated, drug through the mud – spoke to Ms. Kenavey and Ms. Evans. I am going to let this drop because I have something good to say.

Mr. Latorre continued about speaking about horses for hope. Spoke about new facility and the time and equipment and work of Mr. Richard Lawson for his time, his equipment and even offered his son to lend a helping hand and his generosity. Portions of the audience applauded at this point.

Mr. Lawson spoke. He apologized to Frank Latorre for having to go through the humiliation and embarrassment that was presented here today. Brought up past incidents alleged against Mr. Lawson and embarrassment. Some people in this Township think they are judge, jury, and executioner.

Opening of Bids for the Elrama Center Park Phase 1 Development

See attached Bid Sheet for results.

Unfinished Business:

Board of Auditors – 1 Vacancy

Action Items:

Motion to approve filling Board of Auditors Vacancy – Lori Kenavey

Motion: Daerr

Second: Breinig

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve NVR / Mineral Beach Revised Master Plan to construct 112 units on the NVR site.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Breinig

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve directing Township Engineer and Solicitor to amend Appendix II, Street Design Standards of Chapter 242 Subdivision and Land Development.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Breinig

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve Mineral Beach Sewage Facilities Planning Module.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve Resolution for new land development for Mineral Beach.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Breinig

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve final payment to JR Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$23,677.00 for Pay Application #2 – 2020 Drainage Improvement Program.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Esken

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve release of financial security of \$4,734.85 to George Cheplic which was posted for Heavy Hauling Permit on Mingo Circle Drive as part of a grading permit.

Motion: Breinig

Second: Esken

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

Motion Carried

Discussion Items:

McChain Road – speed limit signs, 10-ton weight limit signs, traffic study. Mr. Esken spoke of triaxles travelling road – tractor trailer trucks also travelling road as well. Needing more police presence to monitor traffic. Police can cite and weight trucks for violations. Supervisor Esken to work with Chief Harris to pull information from speed signs for traffic study. To be discussed on next Agenda.

Discussion regarding Harshman CE Group being granted permission to contact PennVest for funding Finleyville-Elrama Road Sewage Project. To be discussed on next Agenda.

Discussion regarding Popp & Fellabaum Subdivision Plan. To be on July's Planning Department and regular Board of Supervisor's meeting.

Accounting Report – Supervisor Daerr to do accounting record from 2000 thru present with one snapshot sheet where we stood each year and where we were spending in each department.

Motion to approve Supervisor Daerr to contact Frank Palermo, Jr. of Palermo/Kissinger Associates to assemble Accounting Report / Snapshot for publication on Township Website.

Motion: Trax

Second: Lawson

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

Motion Carried

Discussion regarding meeting with Chief Harris regarding increasing police presence in Township. Mr. Esken met with Chief Harris, Ms. Daerr and Mr. Sweat. Mr. Esken spoke to getting additional police coverage on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday overnight as special detail. Waiting for proposal to get an idea of additional cost. Possibly placing magnetic Township seals on police car.

Discussion regarding Emergency Disaster Plan. Mr. Esken to meet with Finleyville and Elrama Fire Department Plan, police department, ambulance service, road crews, etc. Mr. Esken to circle back once meetings haven taken place.

Discussion regarding paying each volunteer for attending fire calls. Ms. Singer and/or Ms. Brown to contact fire departments to get necessary information. To be discussed at next meeting after obtaining numbers.

Motion to approve Bill Pay List from the General Account in the amount of \$63,815.71.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Trax

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve Bill Pay List from the Elrama Sewage Account in the amount of \$6,279.52.

Motion: Breinig

Second: Lawson

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve Bill Pay List from the Overlook Sewage Account in the amount of \$716.79.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Esken

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve Payroll dated June 25, 2021, in the amount of \$10,104.36 which includes 1 Admin, 1 LGA Intern, 2 Road Crew and 1 Roadmaster.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Trax

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

Motion Carried

Correspondence: - Ms. Daerr reported that Tanner Smida actively working on PulsePoint initiative. He will be at next meeting to report his findings.

Public Comment:

Frank Latorre – 7 Boyka Drive – Thank the Board for appointment to the PCSA and if anybody has any objection, speak now or forever hold your peace.

Kevin _____ - Don Street – Mineral Beach Master Plan and holdings plans and possible fixes for flooding, etc. Also speeding on McChain – double fine for driver and company should they get caught overweight or speeding.

Michalle Dupree – 6178 State Route 88 – questions regarding magnetic signs and would it be going over Monongahela Police sign. Putting signs above or below or on side of fender if we get additional police coverage. Also, regarding rains and Scarmazzi development property – retention ponds and amount of rains and water coming down the hill onto Martik property.

Kevin Daerr – 6187 State Route 88 – regarding rains and flooding the other day – McClelland Road – several ponds that were muddied and water coming down middle of road – Bebout pond also totally muddy – when there are storms that big we are going to have a run-off.

Supervisor Daerr - Thank you to Frank Latorre for service and we are sorry you had to go through the scrutiny like you did and it is not normal and uncalled for and something from your past which you should not have had to be brought out. Just a shame and happy you are serving on the PCSA Board.

We all have livelihoods and it is very damaging to our character and earning potential to be completely cast out.

Inaudible chatter from audience.

Dave Esken also gave update on tractor. It is completed and around \$7,000.00 to get fixed. Possibly delivered to Township Building on Friday.

Also, Mr. Esken mentioned about arrow for back of tractor for safety measures.

Mr. Breinig spoke to Mrs. Kenavey about Mr. Breinig being paid for what he does, how he gets paid. He does not punch in every time and the past supervisors who took thousands of dollars out of this community. His accomplishments through the years. It is a privilege to serve.

Mr. Lawson spoke to Don Street resident – regarding ponds on Bebout – ponds come down through Finleyville – all has to work together and it is a complicated system – Township did not design – Washington County Conservation did design.

Kevin _____ - Don Street – possibly deepen creek beds to alleviate flooding. Took excavators and deepened creek beds down on Streets Run Road near nursery.

We are being as proactive as we can and donating equipment and cleaning out creeks and someone turned me in.

Kevin Daerr – about flooding and posting on Facebook. These are good people and trying to help community.

Executive Session:

Entered Executive Session at 6:55 p.m.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

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

Motion Carried

Exited Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. - Personnel Matters / No Decisions

Motion to Adjourn @ 7:05 p.m.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

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

Motion Carried



ROBERTA J. SINGER, Secretary

ELRAMA CENTRAL PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
UNION TOWNSHIP, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PA

BIDS RECEIVED UNTIL: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 12:00 Noon
BIDS OPEN: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 5:00 PM

LIST OF BIDDERS

NO.	BIDDER'S NAME & ADDRESS	10% BID BOND		BASE BID - CONTRACT 1: GENERAL CONTRACTOR	BASE BID - CONTRACT 2: MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR	BASE BID - CONTRACT 3: ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR
		YES	NO			
1	Company: Westmoreland Electric Services, LLC Address: 193 Central Road Phone: (724) 696-4600 Fax: 0 Attn: Nikki Miller Email: nmiller@westmorelandelectric.com					
2	Company: Maccabee Industrial Address: 113 Water St Phone: (1724) 930-7557 Fax: 0 Attn: Don Fleszar Email: dfleszar@maccabeeind.net					
3	Company: El Grande Industries Address: 1600 Meldon Avenue, Donora, PA 15033 Phone: 724-379-4133 Fax: 724-379-6889 Attn: Joseph Alvarez Email: contactlegi@elgrandeindustries.com					
4	Company: TBI Contracting, Inc. Address: 1701 Boston Hollow Rd. McKeesport, PA 15135 Phone: 412-896-1455 Fax: 412-896-1815 Attn: Don Thornton Email: jrisker@tbicontracting.com	10%		\$126,700 ⁰⁰	\$39,775 ⁰⁰	\$35,000 ⁰⁰
5	Company: C.H. D. Enterprises, Inc. Address: 100 Brady Place, New Stanton, PA 15672 Phone: (724) 925-9832 Fax: 7249259833 Attn: Aimee Parquette Email: estimating@chdentinc.com					
6	Company: Murin and Murn Inc Address: 234 Oak Way, Glassport PA 15045 Phone: (412) 896-0031 Fax: 4128960033 Attn: Jonathan Murin Email: jmurin124@comcast.net	10%		\$160,000 ⁰⁰	\$39,500 ⁰⁰	
7	Company: MASCO Construction, Inc. Address: 506 Valleybrook Road Phone: (724) 941-8802 Fax: 7249418812 Attn: John Glesky Email: john@mascoconstruction.com					
8	Company: Plavchak Construction Co., Inc Address: 305 N. 2nd Avenue, Suite 2 Phone: (412) 384-3224 Fax: 4123846770 Attn: Kim Hancock Email: kim@plavchakconstruction.com	10%		\$197,800 ⁰⁰	\$44,800 ⁰⁰	\$32,800 ⁰⁰
9	Company: D Moore and Son Monument Address: 504 Washi Phone: (724) 255-3493 Fax: Konami Gaming Attn: david moore Email: todd.moore@mooremonument.com					
10	Company: WG Land Company, LLC Address: 2023 County Line Road, Champlon, PA 15622 Phone: (724) 593-8351 Fax: 724-593-8451 Attn: Kathy King Email: kathy@wglandco.com					
11	Company: Swede Construction Corp. Address: 890 Simpson Howell Road, Elizabeth, PA 15037 Phone: 412-384-3770 Fax: 412-384-3198 Attn: Kirk Sanderson Email: info@swedecon.com	10%		\$156,000 ⁰⁰		