

Union Township Board of Supervisors  
Public Meeting  
January 12, 2022  
5:30 pm

The Union Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Heather Daerr at 5:35 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendees at the meeting were: Heather Daerr, Chairperson; Charles Trax, Vice Chairman/Roadmaster; Richard Lawson, Supervisor/Treasurer; David A. Esken, Supervisor/Roadmaster; Michalle Dupree, Supervisor/Roadmaster.

Also, in attendance were: Roberta Singer, Secretary/Ass't Treasurer; Terri Gladus, Project Manager; Gary Sweat, Solicitor, and Sarah Scott Esq., Sweat Law Offices; Sean O'Dell and Jamie Harshman, Engineers from Harshman CE Group LLC, XXXXX, City of Monongahela Police Department.

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**Moment of Prayer** by Pastor Ken

**Public Comment:**

George Powell – Finleyville Elrama Road – stated that the Road Crew did an excellent job during the last snow event and the guys need to know that they did a fantastic job.

Steve Parish – 47 Airport Road – commented about the 102 Airport Road on lot sewage treatment facility. He expressed his disapproval when he felt there were other options. He stated he does not want the effluent on his property.

Representative from Tuscany Estates – thanked the road crew for the great work during the last snow event. He asked if there was an update on Tuscany Estates  
Sweat commented that he and Harshman will be meeting tomorrow.

Officer Jeff Toth introduced K-9 Officer Mitch. Officer Toth let the Township know the status of his training and that he has already been used. He is trained in patrol, tracking, and narcotics.

**Executive Sessions:**

December 21, 2021 and December 29, 2021

**Department Reports:**

Animal Control

Building Code

Chairman's Report- None

Engineer's Report – will comment when items come up. And, to comment on Mr. Parish's comment, the agreement he was discussing was a different one than the one that was discussed last meeting,

GIS/Project Manager Report- will comment when items come up

Police Report- Officer Taylor read the report

Road Crew Summary

Solicitor's Report- pointed out two important judicial opinions. One was regarding a 12- page decision on the application of Linda Evans Boren to the Office of Open records regarding Sweat Law's bank statements. It was ruled that this is not public record. Secondly, a decision was made regarding PCSA versus Richard Lawson and their ongoing efforts to remove him from the board and to stop relatives of board members from serving in the future. It was ruled that Mr. Lawson was not in conflict and it was unlawful for PCSA to amend their bylaws, as it is a strict legislative function. He reiterated that they are meeting with Tuscany Estates tomorrow. He also will comment as other items come up.

Zoning Report

**Vacancies**

-Parks and Recreation Board

-WESA Board

Ms. Daerr stated these vacancies and noted that the office is advertising.

Motion to go into executive session.

Motion: Dupree

Second: Daerr

Deliberation: None

Roll: Daerr: yes    Trax: yes    Lawson: yes    Esken: yes    Dupree: yes

Motion Carried

The Board of Supervisors returned from the executive session and resumed the public meeting at 5:55 pm. Personnel was discussed and no decisions were made.

Motion to table approving the minutes from December 21, 2021 Board of Supervisors Public Meeting.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

Deliberation: Daerr stated that she wished to table these minutes due to an administrative oversight which resulted in the minutes not being included in the BOS packets for review.

Roll: Daerr: yes Trax: yes Lawson: yes Esken: yes Dupree: yes

Motion Tabled

Motion to table approving the minutes from January 3, 2022 Board of Supervisors Reorganization meeting

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: Daerr stated this was for the same reason stated above.

Roll: Daerr: yes Trax: yes Lawson: yes Esken: yes Dupree: yes

Motion Tabled

Motion to approve the replacement of Rooftop Furnace for Township Building on the conference room side of the building by Beverly Services for \$9,304.00

Motion: Lawson

Second: Esken

Deliberation: Lawson stated that he reviewed these bids and talked to each of the vendors. He stated that he was assured this was industry standard. He verified the numbers with the vendors, and he recommends going with Beverly due to them being the lowest price and they have been in existence for a long time. He also states that the Township should also produce a maintenance proposal for these furnaces moving forward.

Roll: Daerr: yes Trax: yes Lawson: yes Esken: yes Dupree: yes

Motion Carried

Discussion regarding SEO Alternate Options, Daerr stated that there was previous debate at the Reorganization meeting on this topic. So, it was asked that Gladus looked into this and presented facts to the Board.

Gladus described what she found in Act 537, and through conversation with Sweat Law offices, stating municipalities must have primary and secondary SEOs. Also, it is the duty of the municipality to ensure that sewage issues involving SEOs are taken care of in a timely manner. There is no additional cost to appoint an alternate SEO officer to the Township, and it would give the opportunity for choice should the primary be busy or non-responsive. Citizens and the Township could choose who to hire for SEO needs. Lawson stated that he believes the Township needs an alternate SEO especially due to past issues with the Sewage Council and he thinks Harshman should be the alternate. Dupree stated that in the Act 537 that she believes the agency refers to Washington County Sewage Council so they must have the alternate, not the township. She stated she was unsure if Harshman had to have more than one on staff.

Gladus stated that she confirmed the facts in her memo through Sweat law offices and is sure that there is no prohibition of having an alternate SEO as municipality at the very least.

Ms. Dupree stated that she thought if Harshman was their alternate, it would create more work for the staff and the Township would have to pass an ordinance and a fee schedule. She stated she sees no reason to absorb all of these costs if there is not a serious reason.

Lawson stated he still believes that we need an alternate and stated examples of ongoing sewage issues in the Township that could have been avoided if they had another SEO at the time.

Harshman stated in the recent past his company decided to get several people certified as SEOs to fill a need and just wanted to let the Township know that they are available, and their fee schedule matches that of WCSC very closely.

Sweat stated there is no prohibition and it is probably a good idea to do as a matter of policy and it gives the opportunity for property owners to select who they would like to use in the interest of creating an equitable playing field in the Township when it comes to sewage issues. He also highly commends Mr. Cassidy. He stated he has been seen at a lot of meetings and it tells him there is a new personality at the Sewage Council and he believes there will not be as many problems in the future as there has been in the past. He stated that this is a professional appointment, but he does not believe that there is a necessity to approve an ordinance. In addition, he clarified that there is no reason for the Township to collect the fees.

Dupree asked if something goes to the magistrate, does the Township have to pay that? Harshman stated that there is already a zoning officer going to those so it would actually cut down on the redundancy.

Dupree asked if the insurance will all go through Harshman  
Harshman stated yes.

Motion to approve Harshman Group LLC as the Township SEO Alternative

Motion: Esken

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: none

Roll: Daerr: yes    Trax: yes    Lawson: yes    Esken: yes    Dupree: No

Motion Carried

Motion to approve the Auditor fee schedule for working supervisors (Roadmasters) at \$18.75/hour.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: none

Roll: Daerr: yes      Trax: yes      Lawson: yes      Esken: yes      Dupree: yes

Motion Carried

Motion to approve the hiring of Mr. Frank Sever for the open position of Operator for the Road Crew.

Motion: Esken

Second: Lawson

Deliberation:

Roll: Daerr: yes      Trax: yes      Lawson: yes      Esken: yes      Dupree: abstain

Motion Carried

Dupree abstained because she was not part of the interview process

Motion to approve PSATS Webinar 1-year subscription for all Township Elected Officials and employees for 2022.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: none

Roll: Daerr: yes      Trax: yes      Lawson: yes      Esken: yes      Dupree: yes

Motion Carried

Motion to approve the COVID policy which will be resolution No. 1 of 2022.

Motion: Esken

Second: None

Deliberation: Daerr stated that she has reservations about the policy and regulating personnel in this way. She stated she is not interested in this policy in front of them at this time.

Lawson stated that he agrees and asked Sweat for comment.

Sweat stated that it is a combination information from PSATS and the CDC. The workplace must be safe and there is liability associated with this. He stated that the purpose is to let the employees know what the boundaries are: if you're sick, go home. If you have COVID, there are options as to what they can do. If there is a problem with it, it should be tabled for discussion.

Dupree stated that this seems stricter than current guidelines and she thinks with a small staff it isn't super necessary.

Sweat stated that he only advises as it pertains to liability and if someone gets sick or god forbid dies, the township will be blamed.

Esken stated that the has stricter policies at his work.

Motion to table the COVID policy which will be resolution No. 1 of 2022 as it sits until further discussions can be had.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Daerr

Deliberation: Gladus stated that as an employee she would feel comfortable knowing procedurally what she should do if she does feel sick.

Daerr stated this policy just seems too detailed and she wants to look at something paired down from the policy on the table.

Roll: Daerr: yes    Trax: yes    Lawson: yes    Esken: yes    Dupree: yes

Motion Tabled

Discussion ensued regarding Finleyville Elrama Sewage to go out for bid.

Sweat commented that due to the urgent nature, this will allow this project to get done as quickly as possible as soon as judicial decisions are made. He stated that this is essential.

Lawson agreed. He stated that there is no reason to wait for the judges and we should get the documents done as soon as possible. He requested to see the bid documents before they are mailed out. The Township absolutely must be ready to go as soon as they are allowed.

O'Dell stated there are just a few items that need to be finished, including an item on the agenda about allowing Harshman to apply for HOP permits. He stated that there also needs to be one or two workshops with the public due to slight changes made to the plan and tell the citizens what they can expect financially.

Dupree asked if the design work is done.

Harshman stated yes the plans are made, but there are some outstanding pieces of the plan that needs to be signed off on.

Dupree stated that she didn't understand what this meant on the agenda ahead of time and she didn't have enough time to reach out prior to educate herself.

Motion to approve advertisement for bid of the Finleyville-Elrama Sewage due to the emergent and serious nature of the project, contingent upon the Supervisors reviewing the contract, contingent upon getting all necessary easement agreements, HOP contracts are secured, and a public workshop takes place.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: Dupree asked what contingent upon meant

Daerr clarified.

Roll: Daerr: yes Trax: yes Lawson: yes Esken: yes Dupree: no

Motion Carried

Motion to approve setting the EQT – Sarah Well Site Conditional Use Hearing Date for February 16, 2022 at 6pm. The Township staff is to advertise.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Esken

Deliberation: none

Roll: Daerr: yes Trax: yes Lawson: yes Esken: yes Dupree: yes

Motion Carried

O'Dell gave a summary of the legal right-of-way contract.

Motion to approve the legal right-of-way between Union Township and Steven & Imogene Mahlberg.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Deliberation:

Roll: Daerr: yes Trax: yes Lawson: yes Esken: yes Dupree: yes

Motion Carried

O'Dell stated the bonding for heavy road agreements are standard Sweat elaborated on collateral agreements with oil and gas companies, which requires a preapplication review to assess the roads that they are traveling on. It was an agreement produced by Sweat Law offices.

Motion to approve the execution of Road construction agreement between Union Township and EQT for the Garvin Road Improvements.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: none

Roll: Daerr: yes Trax: yes Lawson: yes Esken: yes Dupree: yes

Motion Carried

Motion to approve the execution of the 102 Airport Road Inspection Agreement – Single Residence Sewage Treatment Plant

Motion: Lawson

Second: Esken

Deliberation: Sweat commented that every township had an Act 537 plan that is on file with the DEP. Because the Township is liable for sewage, in order to allow this approved and recommended system in our Township, the Township must recognize it as part of their 537 Plan. This document only amends the Township's plan but inspection and permitting is all done through the DEP, not the Township.

Parish – 47 Airport Rd – stated that it is not a single family living there but it is a group home. He expressed concerns over the contract being negotiated not in a public meeting

Sweat stated that lawyers can negotiate contracts in private. The contract is then a public record once it is signed.

Roll: Daerr: yes Trax: yes Lawson: yes Esken: yes Dupree: No

Motion Carried

Motion to approve 102 Airport Road Sewage Facilities Planning Module Component 3s (Small Flow Treatment Facilities)

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: Parish asked why this had to be done if the Township says it has no say in it.

Harshman stated that this question has already been answered by Sweat, this is a 537 document

Roll: Daerr: yes Trax: yes Lawson: yes Esken: yes Dupree: no

Motion Carried

Motion to approve Resolution No. 02-2022 as a revision to the "Official Sewage Facilities Plan" for the Small Flow Treatment Facility at 102 Airport Road

Motion: Lawson

Second: Esken

Deliberation: none

Roll: Daerr: yes Trax: yes Lawson: yes Esken: yes Dupree: no

Motion Carried



Motion to approve Road Use and Bonding agreement between Union Township and EQT Production company for Garvin Road

Motion: Lawson

Second: Trax

Deliberation: none

Roll: Daerr: yes Trax: yes Lawson: yes Esken: yes Dupree: yes

Motion Carried

Motion to approve Road Use and Bonding agreement between Union Township and Y&B Logging Lumber Company LLC for Lobbs Run Road

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: Lawson asked if there have been any issues with the loggers in the Township over the past year

Harshman stated that he has not heard of any issues with logging in the Township

Roll: Daerr: yes Trax: yes Lawson: yes Esken: yes Dupree: yes

Motion Carried

Motion to approve Resolution No 3 of 2022 which authorizes the relinquishment of condemnation proceedings filed for acquisition of property as part of the Mingo Circle Sewage Project

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: Sweat commented, to make the record clear, that this is for the Banahasky eminent domain issue which has been moved to the other property. This is giving the title back which requires a

Roll: Daerr: yes Trax: yes Lawson: yes Esken: yes Dupree: yes

Motion Carried

Motion to approve Resolution No. 4 of 2022 PennDOT form M-945R authorizing Chairperson Daerr to sign PennDOT form M-950AA

Motion: Esken

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: O'Dell stated that this resolution states that the person signing the M-950AA form has the authority to sign it. The M-950AA form states that Harshman can apply for HOP permits on behalf of the Township.

Roll: Daerr: yes Trax: yes Lawson: yes Esken: yes Dupree: yes

Motion Carried

Motion to approve executing PennDOT Form M-950AA authorizing Harshman CE Group, LLC to submit highway occupancy permits on behalf of Union Township for the year 2022.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: none

Roll: Daerr: yes      Trax: yes      Lawson: yes      Esken: yes      Dupree: yes

Motion Carried

Discussion Items:

Discussion regarding Tax Collector, Bernadette Speer, who requested that a discussion take place regarding the possibility of using the Township facilities for taxpayers to make in-person payments.

Speer stated that she is presenting a petition signed by citizens who want the tax office to stay in the building. She stated that in the past the Township had ample room for many employees. She is asking the Board to consider, for the residents, allowing space in the building for the tax office. She stated that she only needs 18 days in the office so she would be willing to use the board room for those days and she is willing to give up .5% of her compensation to cover rent for her to be a tenant of the space.

Lawson asked if she asked about office space in the School District building

Speer noted that that building is not centrally located. She could do that, but the residents would not be happy with that.

Lawson stated that they do have plans for the building that they need to consider, and he noted that currently tax mailings encourage online payments.

Dupree stated that she believes older residents like to pay their taxes in person. Online is great for some people but not necessarily all residents.

Daerr clarified that the .5% is off of her commission for union township taxes collected

Speer stated yes it would only be on Union Township taxes because that's what they regulate

Dupree stated that she is in favor of taxes being collected at the Township building to keep it easy and not confusing for residents.

Esken stated that until there is a covid policy in place, he is concerned about the building needing to be shut down as he has experienced the businesses that he deals with in his job.

Speer stated that that could be dealt with if that occurs and she feels consistency is important for residents.

Daerr posed a question to the board regarding a resident that handed Singer an envelope full of cash for tax payment because the tax collector told her to do so. This was concerning to Singer. In the compensation package that was deliberated on, there was a no cash policy enacted. Daerr stated that she just wanted to make that known and she has no other comments. It will be on the next agenda.

Discussion regarding the Borough of Finleyville Letter to Representative Puskaric & Senator Bartolotta regarding Rapid Bridge Replacement. Letter Authorized by President of Borough of Finleyville Council, Jeff Lawrence.

Daerr outlined some of the history associated with this project. She stated that this project was about to occur, but the project was pulled from the area due to citizen pushback. She stated the bridge is rapidly deteriorating and she is concerned the bridge will not sustain. She requested that Gladus write a letter of support for this project to be voted on at the next meeting.

Lawson and Trax agreed.

Discussion regarding SEREMS, Gladus reiterated the key points of her memo which requests a meeting between Township administration, one UT Board member, and the president of SEREMS so that all of the facts of the new funding request can be parsed out. She read through her memo regarding SEREMS at the request of Chairperson Daerr

Dupree stated that she feels they have talked this topic to death and the Township either needs to pay them the requested money or not because she feels like it is clear that it is a fee schedule.

Gladus stated that it was not clear from the documents and research she is presenting if it is a bill for service or a donation request.

Lawson stated that he has questions he still needs answered.

Esken stated that he wants to know where the subscription money is going and how many people go.

Mr. Madaras stated he knows it is about 12% subscription rate.

Gladus stated that specifically for Union Township in the report there was two different numbers stated.

Dupree stated she feels we just need to vote because they aren't going to do anything different for us than they do for the other communities. And she stated dissatisfaction with not appointing a SEREMS representative

Gladus stated that in the funding proposal it does state "board of directors" which was the phrasing that Sweat law offices had liability concerns over.

Daerr stated that she is curious to know who makes up the board and what Singer's position was exactly especially as compared to Mr. Fry.

Gladus stated that she welcomes questions from the Board to make sure they all get answered.

Dupree asked if the board was unclear as to Singer's position when appointed

Daerr stated this is a private company and \$30,000 is a lot of money and she wants to have all of the research

Dupree stated we better start looking at other options.

Daerr stated that Mr. Pasco stated he was unsure if he could guarantee service if \$30,000 was not paid and the board did not take that lightly. She wants to know when SEREMS will decide not to serve our residents and what the deadline is for this financial payment.

Gladus stated that she would prefer a supervisor to attend with her and Singer.

Discussion regarding WESA Union Township Representative. Daerr clarified that the board accepted the last person's resignation and that this morning we received an application. The advertisement will stay out and during the next morning a person can be appointed.

Discussion Regarding Township Fee Schedule. Lawson stated he is trying to find a way to fund MS4 projects and he suggested maybe a tax or fee is one way to do that. But, as he sees, it seems that the fee schedule is pretty cut and dry and cannot be changed too much.

Sweat asked if there are grants for MS4

Harshman stated there is not a surplus of grants out there for stormwater right now but explained how some communities are generating money through taxes and impact fees.

He recommended this be looked into for the Township soon. He highlighted some of the methods he has seen in other Townships.

Gladus gave a summary of her memo, explaining how the Township fee schedule works in conjunction with Harshman.

Lawson asked if we could raise the administration fee just slightly and put the difference in an MS4 fund.

Harshman stated that this money goes into the general fund, and what the Township does with that is up to them. The only concern is making sure the fees are reasonable and he does not see \$100 to \$110 being unreasonable.

Sweat commented that these fees are coming largely from major developers, and they are doing a lot of work in surrounding communities, and they are used to paying those rates.

Dupree asked if there are any stormwater impact fees.

Harshman stated this was talked about before and the place to put that would be in the stormwater ordinance. He stated that he liked this method better than splitting it off of the administrative fee because it is clearer.

Daerr commented that she thinks it's difficult to compare us to other Townships and she thinks a uniform tax to all residents would make sense, but she is not interested in imposing a tax. She would rather see us get on track with our other issues before we begin taxing even the new people coming in.

Discussion regarding Engineering Fees in PennVest Loans. Gladus gave a summary of her memo, explaining how engineering fees are incorporated into PennVest loans. We will be recouping the engineering funds from the Overlook Sewage project in this calendar year.

O'Dell confirmed this.

Daerr stated that this is a positive for this year and we can expect that in subsequent sewer projects.

Harshman reiterated that the wrinkle in the system is that there must be a certain amount of work until they can borrow these costs against the loan.

Lawson stated that he has a problem with this and stated that the Township must get back all upfront design work that has been started. He stated that the Board may be

looking at this wrong and the Township may have to look at an infrastructure Bond or other loan.

Sweat stated that a lot of Townships that are in the bond market are acting on it now due to the very low interest rates at the moment and if it is something the Township is considering now would be the time.

Daerr reminded the board that this is something the Board looked in to in the past and the amount they had to borrow scared them off.

Lawson said he'd like to sit down with his wish list and look at some numbers

Esken stated he is in support.

Discussion regarding IT Service Provider. Gladus stated that this is a project she has been looking at, she is working with the Township Cyber Security person to make sure they are comparing Apples to Apples. She stated that it is not something the offices are working on just to make sure that taxpayer money is being used most efficiently with the current provider.

Lawson stated the board needs to look for other providers.

Discussion Regarding DEP Air Quality Report. Singer stated that the update from the DEP stated that nothing was remarkable, the air looks good, and it is at the Township for anyone's review.

Discussion Regarding Flood Mitigation Effort Options. Gladus outlined that she worked with Sam Carroll, EIT from Harshman CE Group and summarized her memo.

Daerr stated that these free efforts are administrative and if the board is in support this is something that she is in support of moving forward with.

The Board agreed.

Discuss Thomas Bibby d/b/a Wastewater System Services Contract for maintaining Elrama Pump Station (Contract was approved 4/22/2020 by the Board of Supervisors). Lawson stated that he feels the contract should be kept because he does a good job at letting them know what is going on. He just wants to make sure that his insurance is up to date.

Discussion regarding the status of Veterans Park renovations and delay of same. Questions regarding status of rental availability. Lawson stated that he wants to look at getting water service to the park for watering the new fields. He stated that he asked road crew to get estimates for a meter pit and water line to the upper field.

Esken stated that he is meeting with Road Crew on Friday morning to discuss further.

Singer commented that she is already getting phone calls about rentals. She is advising that the lower fields are not available for spring. The upper field is available, the pavilion/picnic area is available and the playground is available.

O'Dell stated that this is because the grass needs time to establish.

Discussion regarding a point person for media inquiry. Daerr stated that this came about because of a media inquiry and the staff wanted to know how to handle it.

Sweat recommended that it is best to not comment because stories can often turn into lawsuits. If there is a reason for a press release, that can be handled at a later date.

Discussion regarding GIS / GPS tracking of snowplows. Trax stated that he noted other smaller municipalities were providing information as to where their snowplows. He wanted to see if this is something the Township can do.

Gladus stated she believes this is something that can be done through existing GIS infrastructure.

The board was in support of this.

Trax stated he is willing to work on Gladus with this project.

Discussion regarding LGA intern inquiry. Daerr stated that Jessica Stiner, the last Harshman engineer, hired Gladus through this program and asked the board to consider putting in an application for another intern. An approve/deny can be on the next agenda.

Discussion regarding part-time road crew help. Esken stated that he believes there is a need for a list of people who can be pulled from to help clear the roads as part time employees.

Lawson reiterated that he feels there is a need for this.

Daerr stated that Finleyville Borough may be interested in a municipal cooperative agreement.

Gladus stated that she will contact Finleyville and both options will be on the next agenda.

Discussion regarding the reimbursement of costs of elected officials.

Lawson stated that he was under the impression that bills must be approved before money is spent and asked if something needs to be passed for elected officials.

Sweat noted that he believes the policy is that this needs to be approved beforehand and it must be an agenda item before the money is spent.

Daerr asked if the administration could call PSATS on this issue to make sure actions are uniform.

Motion to approve payroll dated December 24, 2021 in the amount of \$12,475.94 for 2 administration, 2 road crew and 1 road master and supervisor 4<sup>th</sup> quarter pay.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Esken

Deliberation: Dupree stated that she did cannot vote on this because this occurred prior to when she was here.

Roll: Daerr: yes Trax: yes Lawson: yes Esken: yes Dupree: no

Motion Carried

Motion to approve payroll dated January 7, 2022 in the amount of \$9,767.05 for 2 administrative, 3 road crew, and 1 road master

Motion: Lawson

Second: Esken

Deliberation: Dupree stated this was partially before she was here so she is voting no.

Roll: Daerr: yes Trax: yes Lawson: yes Esken: yes Dupree: no

Motion Carried

Motion to approve pay list for the Brentwood Bank general fund in the amount of \$92,641.14 (dated 1/3/2022)

Motion: Lawson

Second: Daerr

Deliberation: Dupree stated she is voting no because she was not awarded the opportunity to review

Roll: Daerr: yes Trax: yes Lawson: yes Esken: yes Dupree: no

Motion Carried

Daerr asked to clarify that these checks were partially signed already. She asked when the bills are prepared.

Singer stated the day before the meeting

Dupree stated that these were available all week since they were prepared for the last meeting, and she wasn't afforded the opportunity for review.



Daerr asked Singer if any supervisor is allowed to come down and view bills at any time?

Singer stated yes.

Dupree stated that she was told by Singer that only those who sign review them. Singer said no, that was misunderstood, but generally supervisors who are signing them asks questions of her if there is anything what is being signed and as soon as she gets her information to Singer, she can sign checks as well.

Lawson asked if it was acceptable to approve this contingent upon review. Because everyone has the same opportunity to review them.

Dupree stated she can make herself available and that she's not asking for copies.

Daerr stated that she wants all supervisors to have the opportunity to view the bill pay and feel comfortable voting.

Dupree stated that she still wants to view these at the office tomorrow even if the board outvotes her so she can review them.

Lawson stated that he feels the current process works because the board is given the check, the invoice and the bill pay list and they all feel they have the opportunity to review appropriately.

Sweat stated that they can make a motion for reviewing process for bills for the next meeting.

Motion to approve the bill pay list for the Brentwood Bank Elrama Sewage Account in the amount of \$16.73 (Dated 1/3/2022).

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: none

Roll: Daerr: yes    Trax: yes    Lawson: yes    Esken: yes    Dupree: no

Motion Carried

Motion to approve the bill playlist for the Brentwood bank general account in the amount of \$25,685.94 (Dated 1/11/2022)

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: none

Roll: Daerr: yes    Trax: yes    Lawson: yes    Esken: yes    Dupree: no

Motion Carried

Motion to approve the Bill Paylist for the Brentwood Bank Elrama Sewage Account in the amount of \$135.60 (dated 1/11/2022)

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: none

Roll: Daerr: yes      Trax: yes      Lawson: yes      Esken: yes      Dupree: no

Motion Carried

### **Correspondence**

Daerr stated that we have a flyer from the state representative regarding a senior driving class.

Gladus stated it will be up on Facebook soon.

Daerr stated that she reached out to Tanner Smida regarding PulsePoint and he will be making a presentation to the Board in the coming weeks. He provided exciting and positive news.

Dupree stated that she got her packet at 4:30 pm last night and it was a lot to research at that time because she did not know what a lot of the agenda items referred to. She asked if they could get the packets prior to the night before the meeting. She stated that she reaches out but does not always get a response. She does not blame the staff because she often asks questions at short notice, but she would like to have at least some of the packet organized prior to the night before the meeting.

### **Public Comment**

Mike Barna – 4042 Finleyville Elrama Road- stated that he is glad there is a list of what is needed regarding the SEREMS drama that has been occurring. He said no disrespect to SEREMS but it sounds like a \$30,000 shake-down. It was dropped on us late in the game and it is unclear what we are getting for this, and he is glad it is being looked into.

He also stated that he has no idea why, 11 years into this, any supervisor in their right mind would vote no advertise the Finleyville Elrama Sewage project going out for bid.

Kevil H – 5058 Bond Street –stated that Sweat is correct regarding the COVID policy, and it is absolutely necessary that the Township has a policy because the Township will get sued if something happens. And, if they have no policy in place, there will be no chance of the Township winning.

He also agreed that no comment is the best answer when handling media inquiries.

Kevin Daerr – 6187 State Route 88 – stated that he was also concerned about the “no” vote that was cast regarding the Finleyville-Elrama sewage issue. It is real sewage out there on real people’s front lawns. And, by voting no, it sounds like the problem is being ignored. He stated that that board member has sat in the audience long enough to know that there is a plan in place. He does not know if the no vote is an attempt to fall in line with past boards and ignore the problem.

**Supervisor and Staff Remarks**

Lawson stated that he would like the purchase of chairs on the next agenda because he keeps sinking in his chair during meetings.

O’Dell made a comment letting the Board know that the LSA application for a park at the Nike Site will be presented to the County next Friday by Gladus.

Daerr stated that if this meeting had started at 7 pm, it would currently be 10:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:00 pm

Motion: Esken

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: None

Roll: Daerr: yes    Trax: yes    Lawson: yes    Esken: yes    Dupree: yes

Motion Carried

  
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Roberta Singer, Secretary