

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2022 5:30 p.m.**

The Union Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Heather Daerr at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

Roll Call:

Attendees were: Heather Daerr, Chairperson; Charles Trax, Vice Chairman (by phone); Richard Lawson, Supervisor/Treasurer; David A. Esken, Supervisor/Roadmaster; Michalle Dupree, Supervisor/Roadmaster

Also, in attendance were: Terri Gladus, Project Manager; Michael Cruny, Solicitor, Sweat Law Offices; Sean O'Dell, Engineer, Harshman CE Group, LLC; Sarah Scott, Esq. Sweat Law Offices, Frank Palermo, CPA, Palermo Kissinger/Associates. Roberta Singer, Secretary/Ass't Treasurer was absent.

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Moment of Prayer by Pastor Ken

Public Comment:

Janet Hollingsworth – 69 Hobbit Lane – commented on the EMS agency agenda item. She stated that she did not want to lose SEREMS and does not believe the new company is equivalent to SEREMS.

Sandy Dupree – 6178 State Route 88 – stated that she feels Supervisor Dupree is not treated fairly and provided background information on Supervisor Dupree.

Linda Evans-Boren – 22 Parkvue Drive – Thanked Sandy Dupree and commented on Supervisor Dupree being a signor on the checks, stated the Cardox Road trail cams were “a joke”, expressed dissatisfaction with the conversation about replacing SEREMS, and was concerned about the money spent on EMS workshops, expressed concern about the Patterson Road slide and the money received from SONOCO to fix it in the past, and stated she was upset that road crew was being asked to do this project.

Darla Savko – 58 Aber Road – Inquired about her SEREMS subscription if the Township switched providers and expressed concerns about water coming off of the McIntosh Compressor station and into the stream. She and Mr. O'Dell agreed to meet so he could show her the documents and they could come to an understanding as to her concerns.

Larry Spahr – 181 McChain Road – expressed concern about the Project Manager being bonded about the bills paid to Braebender Cox.

Executive Sessions:

None

Department Reports:

Solicitor's Report- in packet and will comment as agenda items are discussed

Engineer's Report - in packet and will comment as agenda items are discussed.

Noted that the Supervisors have the Coal Bluff Road bid documents and he is hoping to get feedback from the Board.

Treasurer's Report – reported on the banks that have been contacted by Supervisor Dupree to be added as a signor. He stated that no one has ever been denied access to the bank accounts or denied as a signor. He stated that this must be added to the minutes per the bond company's request to document that supervisor Dupree has had the opportunity to be on all bank accounts.

Financial Report – Mr. Palermo provided highlights to the board and stated that the full report is in packet and will comment as agenda items are discussed

Chairman's Report - None

Project Manager's Report – stated that she had begun doing an official report for the packets and asked for feedback from the Board on the report. The report is in packet and will comment as agenda items are discussed

Animal Control Report- in packets

Road Crew Report – in packets

Building Permits Report – in packets

Code/Zoning Report – in packets

Police Report from City of Monongahela PD – in packets and read by Officer Tom Carnahan

Unfinished Business:

Vacancies:

Parks & Recreation Board
Board of Auditors
Planning Department Alternate

Action Items:

Motion to table spring newsletter due to the fact that there is no legal update included and there is a desire to distribute the newsletter electronically and not mail them.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: none

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

Motion to approve purchasing a one-year membership to the Pa. Rural Water Association for the Elrama Sewer System at a cost of \$440.00 per year.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Esken

Deliberation: none

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

Motion to approve purchasing a one-year Storm Water Membership add on to the Pa. Rural Water Association Sewer system membership for an additional \$107.00

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: none

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

Motion to deny keeping trail camps up and functioning on Cardox Road

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: Dupree clarified that this is a vote to take down the trail cameras

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

Motion to approve Union Township becoming a Vendor through the LIHWAP (Low Income Housing Water Assistance Program), through the Pa. Department of Human Services, to help low-income families in Union Township obtain subsidy with sewage bills.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Esken

Deliberation: none

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

Discuss meeting with First Response Medical Services and Workshop scheduled for Wednesday May 18th, 2022, at 5:30 P.M.

Supervisor Esken and Dupree, who were in attendance, gave a brief overview of the meeting and Ms. Gladus noted that she recommends having a workshop with the supervisors, public and the agency to have questions answered in a setting separate from this public meeting so the normal business could be taken care of.

Motion to approve advertising of First Response Medical Services and Workshop Scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 5:30 P.M.

Motion: Esken

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: none

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

Discuss the Patterson Road Slide. Gladus, O'Dell, and Lawson gave the board an update on the slide. Lawson suggested that the Road Crew do the project. The Board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of such.

Motion to approve Union Township Road Crew executing the repair of the slide on Patterson Road according to inhouse generated specs, contingent upon the review and oversight of Harshman CE Group and their approval of Road Crew completing the project and oversight when necessary from Sweat Law Offices.

Motion: Esken

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: none

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

Motion to approve bidding out the Patterson Road slide project if Harshman CE Group recommends the road crew not complete the slide project.

Motion: Esken

Second: Daerr

Deliberation: none

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

Discussion Items:

Discuss making all bank statements available to the public at the first board meeting of the month.

Supervisor Dupree asked for this item to be tabled because she just received new information from the office staff and wanted this back on the agenda with some rewording at the next meeting.

Supervisor Daerr summarized the information given to the Board by the office staff on this topic

Mr. Palermero gave recommendation as to how this should be done appropriately as to protect the Township and to not confuse the public with unreconciled accounts.

Discuss Supervisors receiving board packets of information and draft agenda no later than Friday prior to the meeting

Supervisor Dupree stated that this system worked for her and she liked the use of Teams for documents and asked who uploads the documents

Ms. Gladus responded that Ms. Singer uploads them and let the board know that the only issue with a Friday due date is that some items may be out of date by the time the meeting occurs.

Discuss Union Township Development Ordinance - Ms. Gladus stated that proper protocol would be to ask the planning department to review the ordinances and make a recommendation.

Supervisor Daerr asked for this to be an approve/deny on the next agenda

Supervisor Dupree asked if the solicitor had any concerns with the makeup of the committee

Solicitor Crunty stated that it is a legal board

Discuss resident concern / complaints on widening of Cardox Road and status of same
Board discussed status of the road and opening it before litigation was resolved.

Public Comment:

Cathy Knox – 36 Cardox Road- noted the speeding is very bad on that road and she was curious as to when it would be open and does not understand why it was widened in the first place.

Ms. Gladus gave an update on speeding control measures on the road and the Police Officer confirmed that every police officer is instructed to patrol Cardox Road for speeders every shift.

Bill Pay List Approvals:

Motion to approve payroll dated April 29th, 2022, in the amount of \$12,121.79 for 2 administration, 3 road crew, and 1 tax collector

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: none

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

Motion to approve the bill pay list for Brentwood Bank general account in the amount of \$93,154.00

Motion: Lawson

Second: Esken

Deliberation: none

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

Motion to approve Bill Pay List for the Brentwood Bank Escrow account in the amount of \$445.00

Motion: Lawson

Second: Esken

Deliberation: none

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

Correspondence:

None

Public Comment:

George Powell – 4297 Finleyville Elrama Road – asked if stream near Coal Bluff Road could be pipped to stop further issues and asked why Cardox Road cannot be opened

Solicitor Cruny gave a brief public update on the legal matters involving the road

Janet Hollingsworth- 69 Hobbit Lane- commented about SEREMS and Sandy Dupree's bravery in speaking at the meeting

Linda Evans-Boren – 22 Parkvue Drive – made comment about what she read off Braebender Cox's website and paying Design Rules everything.

Mike Barna- 4042 Finleyville Elrama Road – asked if comments have a time limit and asked the public to please reserve the public comment at the beginning of the meeting to agenda items per protocol

Lori Kenavey- 6088 Brownsville Road Extension – asked question about the Township being a vendor for the low-income sewage program. Supervisor Dupree and Ms. Gladus answered.

Larry Spahr – 181 McChain Road – asked Mr. Palermo for clarification on his bank reconciliation report recommendation

Jacob Calabrese – 106 Lobbs Run Road – thanked the Board for the quick repair of the Lobbs Run slide but stated concern about construction. He commented that he believes that getting all supervisors on bank accounts should be a priority.

Supervisor and Staff Remarks and Comments

Supervisor Lawson – commented on part-time road crew search, treasurer duties, CDL requirements from PennDot and the Road Crew union. He also commented on issues that led to the bank signor problems.

Supervisor Lawson left at 7:49 PM

Supervisor Dupree – commented on the credentials she was required to provide and issues she had with bills that she did not approve.

Dupree stated

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 P.M.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Esken

Deliberation: none

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



Terri L. Gladus, Project Manager