

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
May 25, 2022 5:30 p.m.**

The Union Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Heather Daerr at 5:40 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

Roll Call:

Attendees were: Heather Daerr, Chairperson; Charles Trax, Vice Chairman; Richard Lawson, Supervisor/Treasurer;; Michalle Dupree, Supervisor

Also, in attendance was: Roberta Singer, Secretary/Ass't Treasurer. Terri Gladus, Project Manager; Gary Sweat, Solicitor, Sweat Law Offices; Sean O'Dell, Engineer, Harshman CE Group, LLC; Sarah Scott, Esq. Sweat Law Offices.

Proof of Publication: Confirmed

Moment of Prayer by Pastor Ken

Public Comment:

George Powell – Finleyville Elrama Road – Commented about legality of supervisors campaigning for candidates other than themselves and about signors on bank accounts

Linda Evans-Boren – 22 Parkvue Drive – commented on approving minutes from May but not minutes prior to the May meetings. Commented on EMS Services and her support for SEREMS. Commented on supervisor use of phrase “practice politics.” Commented on Supervisor Esken’s resignation and appoint Steve Parish.

Janet Hollingsworth – 69 Hobbit Lane – Apologized to Dr. Wolman for targeting her frustrations at him and commented on her support of SEREMS.

Executive Sessions: None

Department Reports:

Treasurers Report: stated he got a letter from Palermo and Kissinger offices stated the Supervisor Dupree does not wish to get paid but he is still requesting a letter stating this from Sweat Law Offices to pass on to the bond company. Stated he did not get to review the bills because he was out last week.

Supervisor Dupree stated that she will send another letter.

Chairman's Report: There was a claim from audience member that the EMS Workshop was not reported properly. Ms. Daerr advised that the advertisement was done properly. Asked the entire board if any board member has requested to view any bank accounts from January through current and been denied. No one said yes. Daerr asked if a Supervisor has asked any staff to view the accounts and denied them. The staff said no. Daerr stated she feels Esken's resignation is a great loss to the community.

Supervisor Dupree asked the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer if there have been any requests by any Supervisor to be added to the bank accounts. Lawson said they had been talking about it for months. Dupree asked if there is any more hold up on this process. The staff indicated that there currently is not.

Project Manager Report- Reports are in packets and she will comment as topics arise. Reported she spoke to PSATS and verified procedure for bonding of Project Manager and what is allowed to be performed in that position and what is not. Stated that the proposal she received from First Response Medical Services is for an ALS service, not a BLS service. Also noted LST tax income vs how much is spent on Police in response to a public comment.

Advent Report: in packet

Vacancies

Supervisor and/ Roadmaster
Parks and Recreation Board
Board of Auditors
Planning Department Alternate

Action Items

Solicitor Sweat explained the current Second-Class Township Code's recent amendments of the vacancy section, especially that there is a 45-day window for accepting the resignation and a 30-day window after that to fill the position.

Motion to Table the acceptance of resignation of David A. Esken, Supervisor/Roadmaster.

Motion: Trax

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: Dupree asked if Esken indicated interest in still being a supervisor and if there is a resignation letter

Staff indicated it is not in the packet due to packets being completed Friday and the letter was handed in Tuesday but it will be provided.

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

Motion Tabled

Motion to approve the ordinance amending the Township's official zoning map to confirm the revised zoning districts as a result of the recorded Joseph Debra Lisanti and Shea Devt. LLC – Subdivision Plan No. 1 for property located off of State Route 88.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

Deliberation: none

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

Motion Carried

Dupree stated she voted no because she did not have an adequate amount of time to review the information.

Motion to Approve Emergency meeting Minutes from 5/13/2022

Motion: Trax

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: Dupree stated that she disagrees with approving minutes out of order.

Roll: Dupree- no Trax- yes Lawson- yes Daerr- abstain

Motion did not carry

Daerr abstained due to not being present at the meeting

Motion to approve meeting minutes from the Board of Supervisors meeting on 5/11/2022

Motion: Trax

Second: none

Motion died on table due to lack of votes

Motion to approve granting permission for Planning Department to investigate the Township's development ordinance and innovative ordinances from surrounding municipalities and make a recommendation to the board

Motion: Trax

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: Dupree stated concern over two Planning Department members being Supervisors as well

Daerr reiterated that this is an advisory board only

Sweat reiterated that this is a legal board and this vote is correct

Gladus reiterated that there is an open alternate seat that the Township is trying to fill

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

Motion carried

Motion to approve Plavchak Construction Company Payment Application #1 for the Elrama Central Park Phase 1, Contract #3 (electric Contractor). This payment application amounted to \$31,160.00

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

Deliberation: Lawson asked O'Dell if he addressed the concerns he expressed
O'Dell gave an update.

Mr. Lawson excused himself and the roll call was never completed.

Motion to table the Plavchak Construction Company Payment #1 for the Elrama Central Park Phase 1, Contract #3 (electric Contractor). This payment application amounted to \$31,160.00 due to the current emergency.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

Deliberation: none

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

Daerr called for public comment prior to the adjournment of the meeting:

Janet Hollingsworth- 69 Hobbit Lane- commented about EMS and current status of 1st Response Medical Services

Lori Kenavey – 6088 Brownsville Extension- stated concerns about grass growing high and Road Crew needs to know.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting

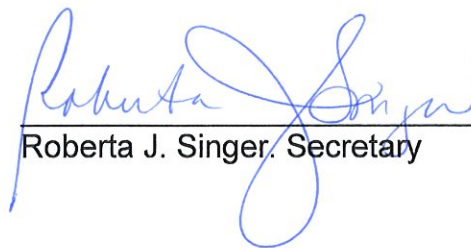
Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

Deliberation: Solicitor Sweat stated that he is recommending this meeting be adjourned due to respect for the process and the emergency taking place.

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

Motion Carried



Roberta J. Singer, Secretary