

**Union Township Board of Supervisors
Public Meeting
July 13th, 2022 5:30pm**

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Roll Call:

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

Also, in attendance were: 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: none

Public Comment:

Paul Guido – 125 Viareggio Way- asked several questions regarding Tuscan Estates current standing which staff told him they would get back to him on and meeting minutes.

Denise Puglisi – 4057 Heath Road, Jefferson Hills- asked Ms. Gladus about her personal relationship with a Harshman employee and made accusations of conflict of interest

Linda Evans-Boren – 22 Parkvue Drive- made comment about lawyer and engineering bills, the imperativeness in investing in road crew equipment and road maintenance and tax dollar budgeting

Supervisor Comment:

Motion to call and executive session regarding action item 1, discussion item 5, discussion item 13

Motion: Dupree

Second: Daerr

Deliberation: none

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

Motion Carried

Executive Session entered at 5:42pm. Supervisors and the solicitor returned from session at 5:52pm.

Executive Sessions: none

Department Reports:

Solicitors Report: commented on engineer meeting between Township and Tuscan estates and he will comment as items arise

Engineer Report: provided updates since report was prepared on Veterans Memorial Park, Mingo Circle Sewage permitting, and new grant opportunities and advertising bids for the Coal Bluff Road project as well as how is the 2022 Road Program and said he will comment as items arise

Treasurer's Report: clarified previous citizen concerns about a "sinking fund" existing. Supervisor Dupree asked about restricted funds and Lawson stated that there are none to his knowledge. Supervisor Dupree commented on a past Treasurer's report regarding Supervisor Lawson's bond company Chairman's Report: none

Project Manager's Report: reported on a volunteer event by EQT in the Township and said she will comment as items arise.

Road Crew Report: brief updates about the status of Spruce Street curb project by Ms. Gladus and Mr. O'Dell

Building Permit Report: in packet, no questions

Code/Zoning Report: in packet, no questions

Animal Control Report: in packet, no questions

Police Report from City of Monongahela: read by Officer Taylor

Unfinished Business:

Vacancies: (1) Supervisor and/or Roadmaster, (1) Parks and Recreation Board, (1) Board of Auditors, and (1) Planning Department Alternate

Action Items:

Motion to add item: approve or deny setting a date for the bid openings of the bids received for the 2022 Road Program (Coal Bluff Road Project)

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: None

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve the settlement agreement and terms with Janet Guess for the 5027 Gary Avenue incident subject to final approval by Argonaut Insurance.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

Deliberation: Solicitor Sweat stated the final amount paid to her is \$2,836.42 and the Township will pay \$1,500.00 of the settlement. Argonaut will pay the difference for the agreement of a full release.

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

Motion Carried

Dupree abstained because this occurred before she was on the board, and she did not have enough information

Discussion involving letters of Interest for Board of Supervisors position. Interested parties were allowed to speak and letters of interest were read.

Motion to approve appointing Charles Wilson to the Board of Supervisors

Motion: Dupree

Second: none

Motion Died

Motion to approve appointing Deborah Sargent to the Board of Supervisors

Motion: Dupree

Second: none

Motion Died

Motion to approve appointing Mickey Gniadek to the Board of Supervisors

Motion: Dupree

Second: none

Motion Died

Motion to approve appointing Larry Speer to the Board of Supervisors

Motion: Dupree

Second: none

Motion Died

Motion to approve Michael Barna to the Board of Supervisors

Motion: Lawson

Second: Trax

Deliberation: Dupree and Lawson commented on the candidate and his prior relationship with the Township

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve March 23, 2022 meeting minutes (revision made in Mr. Trax's absence for the first 58 minutes).

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: Dupree commented that she believes in general the minutes are not accurate including this one

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

Motion Died

Trax abstained because he was absent for a portion of the meeting.

Ms. Gladus gave a summary, Sweat recommended it is tabled due to some information being outstanding. Lawson commented on the inspection associated with holding tanks.

Motion to table the holding tank agreement for 123 Houston Run Road

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: none

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

Motion Tabled

Motion to approve Terri Gladus to attend the "South Hills Managers' Luncheon events, which are free monthly luncheons held locally to help facilitate networking and idea sharing among local municipal leaders

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: none

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

Motion Carried

Discussion regarding the Washington County Department of Public Safety Call Out Order

Motion to approve the Order of Washington County Department of Public Safety Call Out Order to be 1) Mr. Lawson, 2) Mr. Banahasky, 3) Ms. Singer

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

Deliberation: none

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve executing the Amended Contract for Services between Union Township and Harshman CE Group concerning the Overlook Sanitary Sewer Project

Motion: Lawson

Second: Daerr

Deliberation: none

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve increasing the Application Fee to the Commonwealth of PA by \$500.00 for the Mingo Sewage Project Part 1. Total application fee is \$1,000.00

Motion: Lawson

Second: Trax

Deliberation: Daerr asked why the increase occurred, O'Dell reported that it was due to a revised fee schedule that came out and Dupree asked a clarifying question to Solicitor Sweat

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

Motion Carried

Discussion regarding the repair or replacement of the spill containment manhole.

Motion to approve repairing the spill containment manhole in the amount of \$1,520.00

Motion: Lawson

Second: Daerr

Deliberation: Dupree asked clarifying question of Lawson on this project and his recommendation

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

Motion Carried

Motion to deny the replacement of the Spill containment Manhole Replacement in the amount of \$6,410.00

Motion: Daerr

Daerr rescinded her motion after discussion on the proper way to make the motion

Motion to deny the replacement of the Spill containment Manhole Replacement in the amount of \$6,410.00

Motion: Lawson

Second: Trax

Deliberation: none

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve Coal Bluff Road Bid advertising and an opening date of August 5, 2022 at noon at the Union Township Municipal Building

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: Dupree asked a clarifying question to confirm it is a public meeting

Roll Call: Daerr- yes Trax- yes Lawson- yes Dupree- yes
Motion Carried

Discussion Items:

Discussion regarding hiring a part-time, seasonal, road crew employee

Discussion regarding Terri Gladus becoming the new Planning Director

Discussion regarding the renewal of the City of Monongahela Police Contract and who will be the liaison with the City and Chief Harris per Chief Harris's request

Discussion regarding the Key Bank account status

Discussion regarding administrative overtime and the definition of same in the employee handbook

Discussion regarding Waste Management new procedures and informing public of the same

Discussion regarding a resident purchasing their own deduct meter and the policy that would be followed if that was allowed

Discussion regarding the invoice received from the Railroad company for work done as a result of the Patterson Road slide

Discussion regarding DGLVR grant application cycle and projects

Discussion regarding ARC Grant project ideas (Mingo Circle Sewage)

Discussion regarding a holding tank policy was asked to be tabled by Ms. Gladus

Discussion regarding Fall 2022 Internship inquiry

Discussion regarding extending Colin Chung's contract from 300 hours to 400 hours to be interim administrative support

Bill Pay List Approvals:

Motion to approve payroll dated June 24th, 2022 in the amount of \$13,517.20 for 2 administration, 1 intern and 3 road crew

Motion: Lawson

Second: Daerr

Deliberation: none

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve payroll dated June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$2,416.35 for Supervisor's 2nd quarter pay

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: Discussion regarding who was getting paid, clarifying it was 3 Supervisors and Mr. Esken for the portion he was a supervisor of that quarter

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve Payroll dated July 8, 2022 in the amount of \$13,274.28 for 2 administration, 1 intern and 3 road crew

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Deliberation: none

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve bill pay list for the Brentwood Bank General Account in the amount of \$190,950.04

Motion: Lawson

Second: Daerr

Deliberation: none

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

Motion Carried

Motion to approve bill pay list for the Brentwood Bank Elrama Sewage Account in the amount of \$140.76

Motion: Lawson

Second: Daerr

Deliberation: none

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

Motion Carried

Correspondence:

Email regarding Union Township Dust Control

Email regarding Cardox Road maintenance and Trax Road Maintenance

Email regarding Highland Village Development

Email regarding Hidden Hollow Storage Facility

Email regarding Finleyville Airport Meeting from June 30, 2022 - Lawson asked Sweat if we can withhold permits for this property until they are complying. Sweat answered affirmatively. Daerr read minutes confirming that this issue has been documented as early as 2011 and asked for it to be back on the agenda.

Notice from PSATS regarding ARPA funds and distribution of same

Email from Equitrans Midstream regarding environmental walk for proposed NIMCS005 Project.

Public Comment:

Charles Wilson –247 Mingo Church Road - commented on the appointment of Mr. Barna as Supervisor and his disbelief of the legitimacy of the project on his property

George Powell – Finleyville Elrama Road - commented on his belief that the holding tank project on Mr. Barna's property is legitimate

Kevin Daerr- 6188 State Route 88 – commented that he has difficulty hearing sometimes due to many individuals speaking at once and asking that kindness is practiced and complimented Ms. Gladus on her work and incoming development

Remarks and/or Comments by Supervisors and/or Staff

Supervisor Dupree commented that at times it is hard to hear the supervisors on the iPad due to citizen conversations in the back of the room.

Ms. Gladus reported that better sound quality thanks to Colin's work is coming soon

Supervisor Lawson thanked the staff for their work.

Motion to approve adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

Deliberation: none

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

Motion Carried



Roberta J. Singer, Secretary