

**Union Township Board of Supervisors  
Legislative Meeting  
February 24, 2021  
5:00 p.m.**

The Union Township Legislative meeting was called to order by Supervisor Heather Daerr at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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Moment of Prayer by Pastor Ken

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

Also in attendance were: Karen Brown, Administration; Gary Sweat, Solicitor, Sweat Law Offices; Jessica Stiner, Engineer – Harshman CE Group, LLC; Sean O'Dell, Engineer --Harshman CE Group, LLC, Sarah Scott, Esquire, Sweat Law Offices

### **Public Comments**

George Powell – 4927 Finleyville-Elrama Rd. – back and forth conversation between Mr. Powell and Mrs. Puglisi regarding ownership of gas wells; Mr. Powell stated there are no gas wells on his farm. Mr. Powell also stated about the Harshman bills being excessive.

Michalle Dupree – 6178 State Route 88 – Comments regarding missing minutes and her review of the minute book; allowing tax payers to come to the Municipal Building to pay taxes; I know you guys said it was due to the pandemic and the health of the staff, you got more people than you really should have with the CDC guidelines exposing them in this meeting. I do not know why; it would be a convenience to the taxpayers to allow them to produce some sort of solution to allow them to pay their taxes in this building. Thank You.

Larry Spahr – 181 McChain Rd. – I do not want to take much time but what I am going to get to is there were some comments made about me at the last Township meeting in relation to the intersection of Sugar Camp & Trax Rd. and that I had an attorney send a letter to this Township this all happened several years ago addressing that issue out there. Mr. Spahr at any time did not get any attorney send a letter to this Township addressing that issue at that intersection. Mr. Spahr spoke about the conditions of the intersection of Sugar Camp and Trax Road; In that Mr. Bezee had written the letter to the Township putting this Township on notice about that hazardous condition out there

and something should be done eliminate that condition of the lack of site distance, not Mr. Spahr. I know I have been involved on and off with some people with running of their mouth and in relation to what Mr. Powell just said is not right, know your facts before you start blabbing of the mouth. Thank you very much.

Jared Madaras – 28 years I have lived on Pleasant View Rd, I current live in Squirrel Hill, and I recently purchased a house on top of the hill on the right 167 Coal Bluff Rd. Right now, we have a problem closing I am not going to be issued an occupancy permit because there is not a passing dye test this work is scheduled to start on the 4<sup>th</sup> of this coming month March should be wrapped up on the 6<sup>th</sup> basically I am asking you for a week and a half leniency occupancy so that I can move in to the house so I can not have to sit amongst the house full of boxes.

**Executive Sessions:** Personnel and Litigations  
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Motion to Approve Payroll 2-19-2021 in the amount of \$10,330.31 which consists of 1 Administrative, 2 Road Crew and 1 Road Master.

Motion: Daerr  
Second: Lawson  
Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig – abstain  
Esken – yes

Motion Carried

Motion to Approve minutes from February 10, 2021 Non-Legislative Meeting.

Motion: Daerr  
Second: Lawson  
Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig – yes  
Esken – yes

Motion Carried

Motion to Approve minutes from February 13, 2021 Special Meeting.

Motion: Breinig  
Second: Lawson  
Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig – yes  
Esken – yes

Motion Carried

**Unfinished Business**

Board of Auditor position – 1 vacancy.

Motion to Add to Agenda to Approve A Conditional Occupancy Permit for Jared Madaras at 167 Coal Bluff Rd. pending Peters Creek Sanitary Authority recommendation of a dye test is free and clear of sewage effluence and is related to a

Line Repair Only. And the appropriate escrow will be established to make the necessary repairs.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

Roll Call: Daerr—yes Trax—yes Lawson—yes Breinig—yes Esken—yes

Motion Carried

**Public Comments since adding this to agenda: none**

### **New Business**

Motion to Approve Tax Collector request for approval purchase of postage and ink cartridges for tax collector office.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

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

Motion Carried

Motion to Approve leasing of Township Parks with Covid Lease Restrictions for Use during Spring/Summer with Lease to be coordinated by Sweat Law Offices.

Motion: Breinig

Second: Lawson

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

Motion Carried

Motion to Approve hosting and advertisement of Public Workshop to discuss EMS in the Township on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m. Note for record please send board the advertisement after it is published.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Esken

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

Motion Carried

Motion to table request for Waiver from Ordinance Section 225-11.E from property owners at 259 McChain Road. Information from Engineer Stiner has to be tabled due to the applicants have not had time to get together materials needed for solicitor to get to board in time.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

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

Motion Tabled

Motion to Approve Robert Manko to clean parks facilities on an as-needed basis for \$50.00 per cleaning.

Motion: Breinig

Second: Lawson

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig – yes Esken – yes  
Motion Carried

Motion to Approve payments of \$73,496.00 to JR Contracting, LLC for Pay App #1 of the 2020 Drainage Improvements Program.

Motion: Lawson  
Second: Esken  
Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig – yes Esken – yes  
Motion Carried

Motion to Approve payments of \$6,039.00 to JR Contracting, LLC for Pay App #1 of the Cardox Road Drainage Project. With complete pay outs.

Motion: Lawson  
Second: Breinig  
Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig – yes Esken – yes  
Motion Carried

Motion to Approve expense in the amount of \$2,585.00 for Bethel Park Printing for printing, collating, and mailing quarterly newsletter. (2 other quotes but administration recommended Bethel Park Printing because they are familiar with process)

Motion: Daerr  
Second: Lawson  
Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig – yes Esken – yes  
Motion Carried

Motion to Approve A Conditional Occupancy Permit for Jared Madaras at 167 Coal Bluff Rd. pending correct escrow with being held with his attorney's office, conditioned upon the passing dye test not proving any affluence on any of our public roads or abutting property and just being a line issue according to Peters Creek Sanitary Authority. Attorney Sweat Reviewed Peters Creek Sanitary Authority results as well as the escrow agreement that has been signed by all the parties indicating that Lochner & Lochner attorneys will be holding the escrow and that Peters Creek I'm sorry, Lochner has agreed to hold escrow and the estimate from Palyo Plumbing that gives an extensive explanation of what the problem is, what they will be doing and what the price is and based upon the representation or property owners and these test documents that there is no sewage flowing, we recommend that you approve the request the issuance of an occupancy permit.

Motion: Breinig  
Second: Lawson  
Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig – yes Esken – yes  
Motion Carried

Motion to Approve Bill Pay List in the amount of \$62,553.59 Brentwood Bank General Fund.

Motion: Lawson  
Second: Esken

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig – yes Esken – yes  
Motion Carried

Motion to Approve Bill Pay List in the amount of \$6,081.20 Brentwood Bank Elrama Sewer Fund.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Daerr

Roll Call: Daerr – yes Trax – yes Lawson – yes Breinig – yes Esken – yes  
Motion Carried

## Correspondence

Discussion of Letter from Vibra-Tech (Benjamin Staudt, P.G.) regarding blasting for W.G. Tomko Expansion Project. Engineer Stiner – I have not seen that. Chairperson Daerr -- to my knowledge blasting project of Tomko is complete. Supervisor Breinig – that is what they said they would be done at the end of January. Engineer Stiner – Tomko sent her an email about that but I have not seen this one from Ben then that is confirmed from what Tomko has told me. He said they had some hammering they had to do and that would get done with blasting and even that was supposed to be getting wrapped up quickly here. Chairperson Daerr -- Jess would you look over the letter and comment to the board. Engineer Stiner – Sure.

**Public Comments:** None

## Supervisor Comments

Chairperson Daerr – I want to announce some big news. It was announced a few weeks ago the board received another LSA Grant to complete or start the Finleyville-Elrama Sewer Project. We had 3 goals set a few years ago to move the 21<sup>st</sup> century and we have completed one third of that we are vastly approaching the next two and grant money we have received coming in quickly. Another big goal to the 21<sup>st</sup> century in Union Township is getting the Township with global positioning system & Jessica can explain that a little bit more. We budgeted for some. Engineer Stiner -- G.I.S. not G.P.S. GIS is a program that will have with Infrastructure, so it is a mapping program, instead of autoken GIS lets you storm nation about specifics data points so if you have a catch basin somewhere you can have information would about. For example, inspected cleaned out any issues things like that can get stored so most Townships have something like that. Township has never had any kind of data base where you can go on to it and see what Township infrastructure see the statis of it. It helps with calibrating improvement projects it is a big help. We put in the budget to create that for the Township that brings in to the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Where we can use it to capital project & what Heather was talking about we applied for an intern to help us get that up and running and we just found out today we were accepted for that program. There were

only 2 projects 1 out of 2 Municipalities and they accepted ours. Very exciting, cost sharing, having an intern for the summer in Union Township. It will be someone very experience with GIS out of school and will be able to. That program launched a lot cheaper than we were hoping. Chairperson Daerr – if board is ok we want it to go on our website. Supervisor Lawson – yes. Chairperson Daerr - if there is any interest or questions they can put it on the website with this new system, they can help us or ask questions and additionally LSA Grant for \$200,000.00 this last one. I want to apologize to Bernie Speers I made a comment at the special meetings 2 Saturdays ago, that we looked at some of the items on her compensation package & I saw mileage I said it was for mileage to and from the bank for bank deposits it wasn't and Bernie corrected me that she did not have mileage on bank deposits it was for attending conventions. There was mileage we did see that on the report I was wrong saying it was for bank deposits. Bernie -- That was 2 times in 12 years. Chairperson Daerr – I would like a list of compensation of package that we figured out as far as all the Tax Collector Township board that took us a long time to dig through that there was never a record here of how that worked and what the portion between the school district and us the tax collector office gets a pay check from the school district and from Union Township we also have a paycheck for the percentage of taxes collected and I would like that detailed on the minutes. I would like a file started here for any future board to have. To springboard off of, because that was a lot of time to get that down. We have a breakdown, I want that to go into the minutes for explaining the compensation. Financial timeline I have been working on something I touched on it a couple of weeks I have been working on it for months digging through some of the Township's file and I now we don't have a lot of stuff I went back all the way to 2000 and as you know the Township had a financial lapse in the first few years in 2000. And the slowly it built up over a period of a few years. To piece together what projects were done in certain years and the progression of road infrastructure, sewer infrastructure and such is very hard for us as a board to try and map up the future when we have very little history to look back on. It has been a big challenge for us the past couple years, the remodel, the board that we have, so I thought it might be a good idea to make a financial timeline and we already have a small one dce audits so I have been going back doing this project myself my own time and effort and I am back to the year 2000 so what I would like to do with all your support do you think I should keep on this endeavor. It is going to show where this Township was general fund its expenditures and any debt that it ran on in the past years so far what I have come up with has been very interesting and I would like to share it in addition to keep a category on who was running the Township at the time. I want to include us and any in the past that had the pleasure of serving. It would be a good living document to go forward with it to pass on to future boards. I think it is the only way to gage where we have been and where we are going, because numbers do not lie. If the boards ok with it I have all of 90s if you think I should go back that far what does the members think? Supervisor Lawson – go back. Chairperson Daerr – should have within the next month to get it done I would like it to go into the minutes and on the website and would like it to be again on record of where we have been and where we are going.

Supervisor Breinig – We had one of the worst winters, I am working close with the road crew and they have been doing a hell of a job. No slacking and the equipment is getting refurbished and Ron is a super mechanic. Salt pile is full. Nike site is cleaned out.

Supervisor Lawson – Buying and selling a house, I want Sweat Law office to give a legal definition of a Dye Test. A dye test is to determine stormwater, rainwater & a sewage leak. Dye test is taken out of context. Add to Agenda, definition of dye test and extent of it.


Motion to Adjourn @ 5:49 p.m.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Trax

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

Motion Carried

  
ROBERTA J. SINGER, Secretary