

**Union Township Board of Supervisors
Non-Legislative Meeting
January 13, 2021 5:00 p.m.**

The Union Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Heather Daerr at 5:13 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Prayer by Pastor Ken

Proof of Publication confirmed

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

Also in attendance were: Roberta Singer, Secretary/Ass't. Treasurer; Karen Brown, Administration; Michael Cruny, Solicitor (appearance at 5:25 p.m.) Sweat Law Offices; Sgt. Ryan Lenzi, City of Monongahela Police Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michalle Dupree – 6178 State Route 88 – On Agenda, Approve / Deny meeting minutes of May 13, 2020 – question that came up at another meeting. I contacted the Open Records Office of Pennsylvania and spoke to Mr. George Spiess that under Borough and Township Code – there must be a quorum. I also made a Right to Know Request about recordings of meeting minutes that have not been approved yet. In January of 2017, you made a policy to help secretary to keep records until meeting minutes have been approved. There are many many meetings since November of 2019 that have not been approved and still not able to get them. I requested for recordings but received answer back from Mr. Sweat's office that the policy says that we keep them until we approve them. The meetings that I have not been provided is February 17, Motion on February 26 Motion made to adopt them but it was tabled but never adopted and I guess there was a meeting at that time. May 27 I was not provided but there is an Agenda in the book and it says meeting minutes and can't find meeting where you approved those meeting minutes. July 22 I was not provided meeting minutes to although approved on September 9 but pages 1735-1738 are blank in the book. July 24 I was not provided – reference made in July 29th meeting but where those pages should be 1739 is another agenda for another meeting in August. August 31 I was not provided but Agenda online as special meeting but minutes not in book. Meeting from 2019 that I can't find meeting and never approved minutes. There are many many blank pages in the book, many agendas in the book, 1735 blank, 1736, 1737, 1738 and 1739. There is an August agenda on 1767 to 1770, blank at 1779 – middle of meeting of September minutes – there is an April 22 agenda in book with middle page blank – there is list and lists of blank pages throughout that book, and agenda throughout that book, duplicate meeting minutes throughout that book. I can see back last year that last year that are

currently on the Board that were very upset about the way the meeting minute book was kept back then. It does not seem to be getting any better. The meeting minutes from March of last year isn't meeting minutes. There is a letter as to why there are no meeting minutes. I don't know how you can approve a letter instead of approving meeting minutes but I really feel that that is an accurate description of what happens in this community, what votes you all take, what decision you make, what direction you are going in and it has to be kept better or you guys should slow everything down and really concentrate on making sure that there is an accurate record.

I am sorry – I want to make a further record that I still do want the recordings of the meeting minutes that have not been approved including the ones that you are about to approve tonight.

Executive Sessions:

Tuesday, December 29, 2020	Monday, January 4, 2021
Wednesday, January 6, 2021	Thursday, January 7, 2021
Friday, January 8, 2021	Monday, January 11, 2021
Tuesday, January 12, 2021	Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Solicitor's Report – copy in packets. Holding off until Attorney Cruny get here.

Engineers Report – copy in packets. Holding off until Engineer Stiner shows up.

Police Report - City of Monongahela Police Department Report as read by Officer Ryan Lenzi and copy in packets.

SEREMS Report – copy in packet.

Animal Control Report – copy in packet.

Building Code Official Report – copy in packet.

Code / Zoning Report – copy in packet.

Motion to approve Payroll in the amount of \$12,878.22 which consists of 1 administrative, 2 road crew and Supervisors for 4th quarter 2020.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Breinig

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

Motion Carried

Motion to table approval of minutes dated May 13, 2020 meeting – Mr. Sweat and/or Mr. Cruny will need to address this issue.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

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

Motion Tabled

Motion to approve minutes from December 22, 2020 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 January 4, 2021 Reorganization Meeting.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Breinig

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

Motion Carried

Board of Auditor position – 1 vacancy. Will be advertised on new website.

Motion to approve reappointment of Harold D. Breinig as Union Township Representative for Peters Creek Sanitary Authority. His commission expired December 31, 2020.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Trax

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

Motion Carried

Motion to table Strishna Excavation, Inc. for \$19,100.00 for emergency drainage repair on Cardox Road for water trapped in curb near Phoenix Drive.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Esken

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

Motion Tabled

Motion to table 218 McChain Road drainage complaint

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

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

Motion Tabled

Discussion re: LSA Grant Interview scheduled for January 22, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m. for Finleyville-Elrama Road Sewer Extension Project

Discussion regarding who will be present: Ms. Daerr wants to be in attendance; Mr. Lawson wants to be in attendance

Motion to table discussion Harshman CE Group obtaining quotes for safety signage and guiderail at the hairpin curve on Gun Club Road

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

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

Motion Tabled

Motion to table Stahl Sheaffer Engineering Traffic Study Report on Thompson and McChain Road.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

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

Motion Tabled

Motion to table Planning Department's review Ordinances relating to stream maintenance.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

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

Motion Tabled

Motion to approve Bill Pay List in the amount of \$125,622.20.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

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

Motion Carried

Ms. Daerr advised about May 13, 2020 meeting minutes but does not have quorum to approve minutes. Mr. Sweat wants to speak as to the validity of said minutes. Mr. Cruny does not have enough familiarity of the situation to make a legal opinion at this point to table per Mr. Cruny.

Correspondence – None

Public Comment – Michalle Dupree – 6178 State Route 88 – Just to ask on May 13, 2020 meeting minutes, I did contact the Right to Know office and they stated that they cannot be approve without quorum. Is there a recording? I have right to know request regarding recording of same. Halfway through meeting the 3rd Supervisor left and there was not a quorum for most of the meeting after he left. I do have a Right to Know Request for the recording for that meeting. I wanted to reiterate that I did want the recordings of those meetings.

Mr. Cruny will check on this.

Motion to Adjourn @ 5:35 p.m.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

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

Motion Carried

Motion to rescind Adjournment

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

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

Motion Carried

Motion to go into Executive Session

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

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

Executive Session from 5:35 p.m. until 6:10 p.m.

Motion Carried

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Daerr

Second: Breinig

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

Motion Carried



ROBERTA J. SINGER, Secretary