

**Union Township Board of Supervisors
Public Meeting
October 27, 2021
5:00 p.m.**

The Union Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Heather Daerr at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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: Roberta Singer, Secretary/Ass't. Treasurer; Terri Gladus, Township Administrator; Karen Brown, Administrative Assistant; Gary Sweat, Solicitor, Sweat Law Offices; Sean O'Dell, Engineer – Harshman CE Group, LLC; Sarah Scott, Esquire, Sweat Law Offices

Proof of Publication Confirmed

Moment of Prayer by Pastor Ken

Public Comment: None

Department Reports:

Solicitors Report – Mr. Sweat discussed updates from his report, filed opinion letter with our auditors for 2020 audit. Was asked to review any open cases and assessments with the Township that may have existed in 2020 so they will be able to proceed with the audit. Gave update on Mader federal court litigation. Will comment on agenda items as they come up.

Chairman's Report – Chairperson Daerr discussed budget information for hiring Township manager.

Unfinished Business:

Vacancies – None

Executive Sessions: Personnel & Litigation

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Action Items:

Motion to Approve Minutes from May 12, 2021, Public Meeting.

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

Motion to Approve Minutes from August 11, 2021, Special Meeting.

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

Motion to Approve Minutes from August 25, 2021, Public Meeting.

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

Motion to Approve Minutes from September 8, 2021, Public Meeting.

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

Motion to Approve Minutes from September 22, 2021, Public Meeting.

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

Motion to Approve Minutes from October 13, 2021, Public Meeting.

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

Motion to Approve Initiating a search for road crew position(s). Township personnel to work with Sweet Law Offices on procedures.

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

Motion to Approve Initiating a search for Township Manager position. Township personnel to work with Sweat Law Offices on procedures.

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

Motion to Approve Resolution No. 14 indicating Union Township's support and sponsoring of the Peters Creek Sanitary Authority's Application for a Local Share Gaming Fund Grant. Mr. Sweat noted for the record that there were some revisions to the resolution, so it is not the one that was presented and that is what is before the Board tonight.

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

Motion to Approve repair of 2015 Ford Truck #4 in the amount of \$1,164.00.

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

Motion to Approve May Plan of Lots Subdivision/Consolidation Plan conditioned upon satisfying Harshman CE Group's letter dated October 8, 2021.

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

Engineer O'Dell discussed this is the initial subdivision consolidation plan which creates the boundary line for the rezoning, it is a reaffirmation of that forward plan.

Motion to Approve Joseph & Deborah Lisanti and Shea Devt., LLC. Subdivision Plan No. 1 conditioned upon satisfying Harshman CE Group's letter dated May 24, 2021.

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

Motion to Approve Mineral Beach Subdivision Plan No. 1 conditioned upon satisfying Harshman CE Group's letter dated October 26, 2021.

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

Motion to Approve payment on invoice no. 3 to El Grande Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$57,870.75 final payment for the double seal coat paving on Cardox Road. Engineer O'Dell discussed what this invoice entailed. This is final payment for 2019 road program.

Motion: Lawson

Second: Breinig

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

Motion Carried

Motion to Approve Mineral Beach PRD Master Plan update conditioned upon satisfying Harshman CE Group's letter dated October 26, 2021.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

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

Motion Carried

Engineer O'Dell discussed the condition with new information that came in. Our recommendation would be to add the following language to that motion. Also conditioned upon improving Walter Long Road from SR-88 up to the entrance gate to Walter Long Manufacturing and a cul-de-sac being constructed at the entrance to Walter Long Manufacturing, the road will be brought to Township standards with the intent to be dedicated to Union Township. This was previously agreed upon agreement for NVR proceeding with the development with Mr. Walter Long.

Motion to Approve Mineral Beach Phase 1 Preliminary and Final Land Development Approval conditioned upon satisfying Harshman CE Group's letter dated October 26, 2021, and also conditioned upon improving Walter Long Rd from SR-88 up to the entrance gate to Walter Long Manufacturing and a cul-de-sac being constructed at the entrance to the Walter Long Manufacturing. The road will be brought up to Township standards with the intent to be dedicated to Union Township.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Breinig

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

Motion Carried

Supervisor Lawson discussed his concerns on the cartway. Ryan & Chris – NVR - discussed their concerns on the cartway. Engineer O'Dell discussed what is needed to meet specs for Township. Hammerhead instead of a cul-de-sac is a compromise. Mr. Sweat stated the Motion is being revised, the developer is withdrawing his request to reduce the cartway from 24 ft. to 21 ft. so long as the Township will agree that a partial hammerhead would be at the end of the road at the top of the Walter Long private road.

Motion to Deny Mineral Beach PRD Modification Request for a minimum 21 feet cartway to keep it at 24 feet per Township ordinance and have Walter Long Road from 88 up to Walter Long's gate, 24 foot wide being improved to Township specs with a half of hammerhead off of either side is easier to put in.

Motion: Lawson
Second: Breinig
Roll Call: Daerr—yes Trax—yes Lawson—yes Breinig—yes Esken--yes
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Public Comment on cartway - None

Per Gary Sweat, #17 revised Agenda Item needs to be posted tomorrow on the website.

Motion to Approve Dave Esken & Hal Breinig to coordinate removal of Veteran's Flags after November 11, 2021, and to consider a donation of \$1,500.00 for assistance in Veteran's Banner removal with help from Elrama Volunteer Fire Department.

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

This Motion also to be posted as a revised Agenda Item/Motion.

Discussion Items:

Discussion regarding EMS Funding request from SEREMS. Doug Pasco would like to come and speak at the next budget meeting. Chairperson Daerr wants to table until we see where the legal fees are headed.

Discussion regarding Finleyville-Elrama Sewer Tap Relocation for Robb Lane. Engineer O'Dell discussed the issue of the sewer tap relocation.

Discussion regarding Elrama Park Paving. Engineer O'Dell discussed what is happening with the developer on this project.

Mr. Sweat stated that the Leco Subdivision has been recorded and the location has been approved by the DEP. Mr. Cruny is working on this with the Leco's. Mr. Sweat discussed what is happening with the DEP and getting this finalized. Mr. Sweat discussed closing of his file on this matter and the audit that was done by the Auditor General. Further went on regarding interest and where funds were located. The funds from the pension payment were not in a non-interest bearing account.

Motion to Approve payroll dated October 15, 2021, in the amount of \$8,547.06 for 2 Administrative, 2 Road Crew, 1 Roadmaster, and 1 Tax collector.

Motion: Daerr
Second: Esken
Roll Call: Daerr—yes Trax—yes Lawson—yes Breinig—Abstain Esken--yes
Motion Carried

Motion to Approve payroll dated October 29, 2021, in the amount of \$8,235.19 for 2 Administrative, 2 Road Crew, and 1 Roadmaster.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Lawson

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

Motion Carried

Motion to Approve bill pay list for the General Account in the amount of \$56,564.05

Motion: Esken

Second: Breinig

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

Motion Carried

Correspondence:

Received e-mail dated October 16, 2021, from resident stating that “Union Township should get a shopping center built along PA Route 88, along with a gas station”.

Letter from PA DEP regarding identifying abandoned oil & gas wells and reporting to DEP, Southwest Regional Office. Engineer O'Dell discussed that it is informational and recommends that this information be put on Facebook to see if any residents have any information.

Public Comment:

Denise Puglisi – 4057 Health Rd, Finleyville, PA, Allegheny County, Jefferson Hills — Just need to get this out there - that there are lies put on Facebook everyone knows I put it on Facebook and there are always documents or videos so there are no lies. If you have proof, print it out and show me where there are lies from Facebook. Discussed Union First and that you cannot blame Michalle Dupree, it was not a development.

Terri Dewitt – 6049 State Route 88 – Thank the Harshman Group & Sam for looking into Jack St. and the structure with the bridge and that you found issues and are looking into doing it next year some time. I love this Township and am here for all of you. I want to make it a better place and get along. I appreciate everything that you are doing.

Staff Comment:

Chairperson Daerr – Discussed the courtesy, informational letter that went out for flood plan residents. Put out by different social media platforms and took it as threatening. Sent out to alert of stream maintenance, etc.

Supervisor Lawson – Discussed Scarmazzi storm drain and sanitary at that property. Engineer O'Dell responded. They are putting in storm drains. Are submittals being submitted. PCSA made them make changes and we should be notified that storm sewers were being installed. Out inspectors are out there intermittently.

Roadmaster Breinig – Discussed tires for road crew trucks.

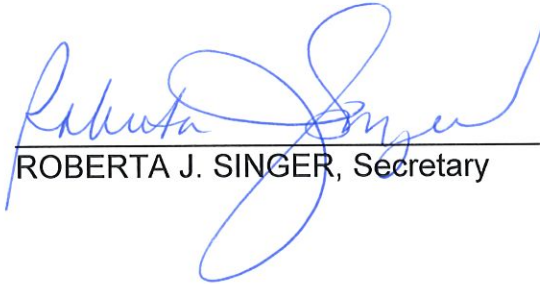
Motion to Adjourn @ 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Daerr

Second: Trax

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

Motion Carried



ROBERTA J. SINGER, Secretary