

**UNION TOWNSHIP
3904 FINLEYVILLE-ELRAMA ROAD
FINLEYVILLE, PA 15332**

**MINUTES OF UNION TOWNSHIP
FEBRUARY 21, 2023, AT 6:30 P.M.**

1. ROLL CALL/CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Present were Michalle Dupree, Stephen Parish, Linda Evans-Boren, Charles Wilson & Larry Sphar.

Also present were Dennis M. Makel, Solicitor, TJ Stephens, Engineer, Harold Ivery, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer and Tammy Walsh (Secretary/Assistant Treasurer).

Absent was Lori Stillwagon (Treasurer, Assistant Secretary).

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge was recited.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS & MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN):

Antonio Carosella of Pittsburgh Powder Coat Co. explained the permits that were issued to his company.

Heather Daerr commented on bullying and political tricks.

Kevin Daerr commented on Federal Lawsuit.

Dennis Bailey had questions concerning local taxes.

Rick Lawson advised the Township regarding issues on Gilmore Road and the grant.

Michael Barna wanted to give his 4 minutes of public comment to Heather Daerr and the Board would not permit the same.

4. MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Stephen Parish seconded Larry Sphar by to approve the minutes for the February 2, 2023 special meeting. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Charles Wilson seconded by Larry Sphar to approve the minutes for the February 2, 2023 regular meeting. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Executive Sessions – None.

6. TOWNSHIP REPORTS:

- A. Engineer Report. A verbal report was given by the Township Engineer. TJ Stephens advised the Board concerning various Township projects including sewage and road issues.
- B. Supervisor Reports. Michalle Dupree advised the public concerning a road issue near a Township Road. The Township Engineer and a member of the Roadcrew will review the road issue. Michalle Dupree also advised the public that the Township was missing a laptop computer and that the same was being utilized. The matter was reported to the Monongahela City Police Department.

Stephen Parish spoke about receiving authorization from PennDOT to install Jake Brake Signs on Finleyville-Elrama Road.

- C. Police Report. Officer Jae read his police report to the public.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. A motion was made by Stephen Parish seconded by Linda Evans-Boren to approve agreement for the Union Township Tax Collector to use the Township building to collect taxes. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- B. A motion was made by Linda Evans-Boren seconded by Larry Sphar to approve the proposal from KLD Construction for the sum of \$900.00 for the repair of the stormwater drainage on a former Township Road known as Gilmore Road. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- C. A motion was made by Charles Wilson seconded by Stephen Parish to approve the resignation of Judith Taylor as Interim Treasurer for Union Township with regret. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- D. A motion was made by Linda Evans-Boren second by Larry Sphar to approve Resolution for a Public Participation Policy with 4 minutes. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- E. A motion was made by Michalle Dupree seconded by Charles Wilson to approve the Scarmazzi Homes Phase II Highland Village Development based upon the recommendation of the Township Engineer with the Township to assume no responsibility for the stormwater and the storm sewer Easement dated 10-31-2022 by and between Van Vhooris and Scarmazzi/Highland. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- F. A motion was made by Linda Evans-Boren seconded by Michalle Dupree to approve the use of the Union Township meeting room one (1) day a month in order to assist State Representative Andrew Kuzma to better assist the Township residents. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

- G. A motion was made by Charles Wilson seconded by Linda Evans-Boren to reaffirm the emergency purchase of an electrical harness for the high lift for the sum of \$2,854.35 from Murphy Tractor. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- H. A motion was made by Linda Evans-Boren seconded by Stephen Parish to approve Ordinance 1 of 2023 entitled Union Township EMT/Firefighter Active Volunteer Tax Credit Ordinance of 2023. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- I. A motion was made by Linda Evans- Boren seconded by Charles Wilson to approve Ordinance 2 of 2023 entitled Union Township Planning Commission Ordinance of 2023. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- J. A motion was made by Michalle Dupree seconded by Stephen Parish to approve the resignation of Karen Stroop as Interim Receptionist with regret. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- K. A motion was made by Linda Evans-Boren second by Stephen Parish to approve escrow accounts related to Verizon's use (Road Bore) of various Township roads. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS.

- A. Overlook sewage and the problems with the billing of owners/tenants. The Board of Supervisors advised the public of the issues concerning the prior billing of owners/tenants. The Township intends to correct the problem and contact South Park Township regarding potential billing of the same.
- B. Elrama Park Phase I grant closeout and discussion regarding Phase II concerning playground equipment. The Township intends to pursue the closeout of the grant and to purchase playground equipment in the future.
- C. Trax Road guiderail repair/replacement.

A Motion was made by Charles Wilson seconded by Larry Sphar to add to the agenda consideration of a proposal by Interstate Enterprises Inc. to remove damaged guiderail and replace the same. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

A Motion was made by Charles Wilson seconded by Linda Evans-Boren to accept a proposal from Interstate Enterprises Inc. dated February 17, 2023, in the amount of \$5,900.00 contingent upon Interstate Enterprises Inc. providing the appropriate insurance and the appropriate bond to the Township. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

- D. Snee Road bridge removal. Discussion between the Supervisors and direction was given to the Solicitor to contact Washington County concerning the removal process.
- E. Training for Township Treasurer/Assistant Secretary and Township Secretary/Assistant Treasurer. The Board discussed and directed the administration to seek training from PSATS and to pursue the mentor program with DCED.

9. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- A. A motion was made by Linda Evans-Boren seconded by Stephen Parish to approve payroll of \$16,562.30 found to be true and correct. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- B. A motion was made by Linda Evans-Boren seconded by Charles Wilson to approve other bills/invoices in the amount of \$176,341.46 to be found true and correct. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Linda Evans-Boren seconded by Michalle Dupree at 9:05 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

Secretary/Assistant-Treasurer

Chairman