

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

**MEETING MINUTES OF UNION TOWNSHIP
APRIL 6, 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 Spahr.

Also present were Dennis M. Makel, Solicitor; TJ Stephens, Engineer; Harold Ivery, Code Enforcement; and Lori Stillwagon-Patterson, Treasurer/Assistant Secretary.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge was recited.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

It was announced that the Union Township Board of Supervisors held an Executive Session on March 30, 2023 for personnel purposes.

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

Phil Melograne, current District Judge, introduced himself and stated that he is running again for office.

Bryan Allen raised concerns regarding paper streets near his home.

Gary Carmen/Susie Greene inquired about reconstructing Elrama Tavern.

Kevin Hallam raised a concern regarding logging on Don Street.

Carol Cadonic inquired about the future of the demolished Ringgold Middle School.

Pete Guido raised concerns about the bond and the punch list for Tuscany Estates.

Police Report was given by Officer Toth and he introduced the K-9.

5. MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Michalle Dupree seconded by Larry Spahr to table the March 21 meeting minutes. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Tabled.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Michalle Dupree will not be at the next meeting.

7. TOWNSHIP REPORTS:

A. Engineer Report:

The Engineer gave his written report. He also discussed Veterans Park and the work to complete the same. A portion of the park may be constructed on private property. The Township will need an easement. He also discussed Cardox Road.

B. Supervisor Reports:

Stephen Parish – spoke about damage to guiderail on Township Roads. He also spoke about paving needs.

Chuck Wilson – Veterans Park status and Township encroachment on adjoining properties.

Michalle Dupree – spoke about the completion of Elrama Park.

C. Police Report:

Given earlier in the meeting.

D. Fire Department Report:

Chief Bailey of the Elrama Volunteer Fire Company gave his report. He asked if the Township Solicitor would review the property of the Elrama Power Plant. Solicitor would need to call the Township Manager of Jefferson Hills Borough.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. A motion was made by Linda Evans-Boren seconded by Stephen Parish to authorize the cessation of any further debt service payment by Petrovich for property located at 46 and 47 Popp Lane in Elrama. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- B. Solicitor to review the amount to be reimbursed to Mr. and Mrs. Petrovich and prepare a release.
- C. A motion was made by Stephen Parish seconded by Chuck Wilson to approve a heavy hauling agreement with Valentine Troyer for Don Street. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- D. A motion was made by Stephen Parish seconded by Linda Evans-Boren to authorize a SWIF check in the amount of \$2,263.00 to the Elrama Volunteer Fire Company. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- E. A motion was made by Michalle Dupree seconded by Larry Spahr to take off the table the discussion of the sequestered account of Highland Village (Scarmazzi). VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- F. A motion was made by Michalle Dupree seconded by Larry Spahr to reject the reduction of funds request from the sequestered account for Highland Village as of February 17, 2023. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- G. A motion was made by Stephen Parish seconded by Chuck Wilson to approve the revised request of April 6, 2023 from the Engineer for Scarmazzi for the sequestered account as recommended by the Township Engineer. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

- H. A motion was made by Linda Evans-Boren seconded by Stephen Parish to purchase a security system from Dagostino Electronic Services, Inc. for a total of \$34,280. VOTE: L. Spahr, S. Parish, L. Evans-Boren – yes. M. Dupree, C. Wilson – no. Motion Carried.
- I. A motion was made by Michalle Dupree seconded by Chuck Wilson to authorize the Township Engineer to take the necessary steps to modify the LSA grant for the Finleyville-Elrama Sewage Project. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- J. A motion was made by Chuck Wilson seconded by Michalle Dupree to advertise for the position of Secretary/Assistant Treasurer with Letters of Interest and Resumes to be submitted no later than May 4, 2023 at noon. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Jubic Lot Consolidation – Mr. Jubic will need to follow the Township SALDO.
- B. Mingo Circle Sewage Project – the Township Engineer will gather information.
- C. March 9, 2022, March 23, 2022 and October 12, 2022 meeting minutes were not discussed.
- D. Weber Development costs will be part of a Township Developer’s Agreement.
- E. Tax Collector Audit of 2022 – Tax Collector stated she had given the information requested.
- F. Peoples Natural Gas did damage to Gayle Drive, Beverly Drive and Wendy Place – Township Engineer will discuss a solution with Peoples Natural Gas.
- G. Hidden Hollow Road and related stormwater – the Township Engineer will review the matter.
- H. Finleyville Airport stormwater – the Township Solicitor has stated this matter has been resolved and to notify the District Judge that Township withdraws the citations.
- I. Washington County Lease/Cell Township – more information is needed.
- J. Street Evacuation – Township Solicitor will prepare Ordinance.
- K. Hidden Hollow Road/Dosse – Township will gather more information.
- L. Audit Report of 2021 – Chuck Wilson stated that this matter needs to be resolved.

10. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- A. A motion was made by Stephen Parish seconded by Chuck Wilson to approve payroll of \$18,433.40 found to be true and correct. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

- B. A motion was made by Stephen Parish seconded by Larry Spahr to approve other bills/invoices in the amount of \$229,747.70 to be found true and correct. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- C. A motion was made by Stephen Parish seconded by Michalle Dupree to approve a bill for the Elrama Sewer Project in the amount of \$749.40 to be found true and correct. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- D. A motion was made by Stephen Parish seconded by Linda Evans-Boren to approve a bill for the Overlook Sewage Project in the amount of \$1,875.05 to be found true and correct. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Michalle Dupree seconded by Linda Evans-Boren at 9:50 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Secretary

Chairman