

UNION TOWNSHIP
3904 FINLEYVILLE-ELRAMA ROAD
FINLEYVILLE, PA 15332

MINUTES OF UNION TOWNSHIP
JUNE 20, 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, Jr., Code Enforcement

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge was recited.

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

Bernie Speer voiced her concern regarding the Township Office.

Karen Stroop voiced her concern regarding the closing agenda items at Veterans Park.

Larry Speer voiced his concern regarding the payroll procedure for the latter part of May.

Joelleen Meek voiced her appreciation for the Township Solicitor/Engineer in handling the bond for Tuscany Estates.

Earl Hottle concerned with paving of roads and clean up of culverts.

4. **MEETING MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Charles Wilson seconded by Michelle Dupree to table the minutes from January 1, 2023 regular meeting. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

A motion was made by Larry Sphar seconded by Stephen Parish to go into executive session for litigation at 7:25 p.m. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

6. **TOWNSHIP REPORTS:**

A. Chairman Report: Announced that the Township had an executive session on June 16, 2023 for personnel purposes. Chairman deferred her report until the end of the meeting.

B. Engineer Report: Engineer discussed paving projects, sewage project, M-S4 Report and other items.

C. Police Report: None.

D. Fire Department Report: Chief Lenny Baily of the Elrama VFD was present.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. A motion was made by Charles Wilson seconded by Larry Sphar to approve Mary Ann Kims as a signatory on all Union Township bank accounts. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- B. A motion was made by Linda Evans-Boren seconded by Larry Sphar to approve the release of the road bond submitted by Valentine Troyer as related to his Heavy Hauling Agreement for the use of Don Street. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- C. A motion was made by Larry Sphar seconded by Stephen Parish to hire Lisa Renko as administrative assistant part-time at the rate of \$19.50 an hour with no benefits. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- D. A motion was made by Charles Wilson seconded by Michalle Dupree to approve the advertising for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- E. A motion was made by Linda Evans-Boren seconded by Stephen Parish to approve Option 1 for \$311,750 to add five additional properties on Gilmore Road to the Finleyville-Elrama Road sewer line extension contingent upon PCSA paying 50% of the additional cost. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- F. A motion was made by Charles Wilson seconded by Stephen Parish to authorize the Township Solicitor to draft and submit a letter to RAWC requesting a change in the scope of the work for the Finleyville-Elrama Road SLE. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- G. A motion was made by Charles Wilson seconded by Larry Sphar to approve the grant for the Finleyville-Elrama Road SLE to be assigned to PCSA as administrator because LSSE will be the Contract Engineer as previously agreed by the Township and PCSA. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- H. A motion was made by Charles Wilson seconded by Larry Sphar to approve to change orders for the Veterans Park Project as recommended by the Township Engineer, which include the elimination of the bullpen and the batting cage. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- I. A motion was made by Stephen Parish seconded by Larry Sphar to obtain quotes for 200 feet of fence. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- J. A motion was made by Michalle Dupree seconded by Charles Wilson to table the release of the bond to Primax Properties for the Tractor Supply project. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- K. A motion was made by Michalle Dupree seconded by Charles Wilson was made to table the approval of the May Subdivision/Consolidation. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. There was a discussion regarding a letter recently received from the Auditor General's Office advising that the Township did not submit its reports on time regarding the American Rescue Funds.

B. There was a discussion of RAYSA Request for use of Veterans Park.

9. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

A. There was a motion by Stephen Parish seconded by Linda Evans-Boren to approve the payment of bills/invoices in the amount of \$50,747.27 found to be true and correct. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried

10. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Chairman gave a report as to the status of the Township accounts, etc.

A motion was made by Stephen Parish seconded by Linda Evans Boren at 9:00 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.



MaryAnn Kims, Treasurer



Michalle Dupree, Chairman