

UNION TOWNSHIP
3904 FINLEYVILLE-ELRAMA ROAD
FINLEYVILLE, PA 15332

MINUTES OF UNION TOWNSHIP
MARCH 2, 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, Tammy Walsh (Secretary/Assistant Treasurer).

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge was recited.

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

Bernie Speer voiced her concern for the non-payment of Workers Compensation for the Elrama-Volunteer Fire Department and other failures of the previous Board of Supervisors regarding Township Business.

Leroy Harknis, President of the Elrama Volunteer Fire Company, thanked the Board of acting quickly regarding the Workers Compensation issue.

Herb Saghy voiced his concerns regarding sewage issues brought by the previous Sewage Council regarding his property.

Lori Kenavey voiced her concern regarding the railroad and the recent issue in East Palestine.

4. MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Linda Evans-Boren seconded by Stephen Parish to approve the minutes from February 21, 2023 regular meeting. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Township Chairman announced an Executive Session for personnel held on February 22, 2023.

6. TOWNSHIP REPORTS:

A. Engineer Report.

The Engineer announced that there are various Grant opportunities for wastewater, water and roadway projects.

The Engineer also gave his report regarding various Township Projects.

A motion was made by Linda Evans-Boren seconded by Stephen Parish to add to the agenda to authorize the Township Engineer to investigate the Township MS-4 Status and Permit compliance and also to determine the availability of any possible funding of the same. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

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B. Supervisor Reports.

Stephen Parish announced that the Township opened the stormwater pipe on Gilmore Road. Mr. Parish also stated that the guiderail on Tax Road was replaced.

Michalle Dupree mentioned the newspaper article regarding former Supervisor Esken and requested that the people of the Township keep him in their prayers.

C. Police Report.

Officer Todd of the Monongahela Police Department gave his police report verbally and also in writing.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. A motion was made by Larry Sphar seconded by Charles Wilson to approve the purchase of 1,000 tons of salt pursuant to the COSTARS Agreement for 2023/2024. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

B. A motion was made by Linda Evans-Boren seconded by Stephen Parish to approve the purchase of a 50" Flail Head with medium brush/grass knives from Stephenson Equipment Inc in the amount of \$19,660.56 pursuant to the COSTARS Program. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

C. A motion was made by Stephen Parish seconded by Larry Sphar to authorize the Engineer to determine the availability of Federal/State grants for the Finleyville-Elrama Sewer Project and for the Mingo Circle Project. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

D. A motion was made by Michalle Dupree seconded by Linda Evans-Boren to authorize the Township Treasurer/Assistant Secretary to close-out the Phase I of the Elrama Park and to authorize the Township Engineer pursue Phase II Elrama Park. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

E. A Motion was made by Linda Evans-Boren seconded by Stephen Parish to appoint the following individuals to the Union Township Planning Commission:

1. Darla Savko for a four (4) year term ending in 2026.
2. Larry Brager for a four (4) year term ending in 2026.

3. John Partezana for a three (3) year term ending in 2025.
4. Lori Kenavey for a two (2) year term ending in 2024.
5. Heather Daugherty for a one (1) year term ending in 2023.

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

- F. A Motion was made by Michalle Dupree seconded by Linda Evans-Boren to appoint Janet Hollingsworth as the representative for Union Township to SEREMS. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- G. A motion was made by Michalle Dupree seconded by Larry Sphar to approve a Heavy Hauling Agreement with EQT for a portion of Pleasant View Road (TR858) to the Township's satisfaction. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- H. A motion was made by Stephen Parish seconded by Linda Evans-Boren to ratify payment in the amount of \$5,882.50 for the premium for the Worker's Compensation Insurance for the Elrama Volunteer Fire Department. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- I. A motion was made by Linda Evans-Boren seconded by Charles Wilson to advertise for the Union Township Planning Commission meetings for the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- J. A motion was made by Michalle Dupree seconded by Larry Sphar to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Union Township and PCSA regarding the project known as the Finleyville/Elrama Sewer Project whereas the project will consist of a gravity collection system with a central lift station and sewer line extension and the costs as more fully set forth in the aforesaid document. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS.

- A. Cardox Road – road project.

The Engineer and the Solicitor discussed the issues regarding the Cardox Road Project with resident Sam Cant. It was determined that there is no recorded Easement for his property. Also, the Township Engineer and Mr. Cant will schedule a meeting at their convenience to look at Mr. Cant's property.

- B. Snee Road Bridge removal.

The Township Solicitor in conjunction with the PCSA Solicitor will communicate jointly to Washington County concerning the removal of Snee Road Bridge.

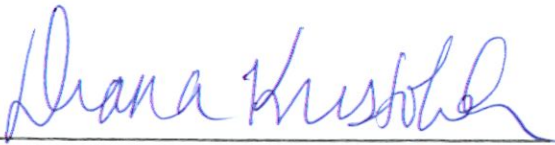
9. APPROVAL OF BILLS:


- A. A motion was made by Stephen Parish seconded by Larry Sphar to approve payroll of \$13,988.23 found to be true and correct. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

B. A motion was made by Larry Sphar seconded by Stephen Parish to approve other bills/invoices in the amount of \$44,034.91 to be found true and correct. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

*The Township Board of Supervisors will place on the Agenda for its next Regular Meeting of Tuesday, March 21, 2023, a possible motion to consider a Forensic Audit of Township Funds. *

A motion was made by Stephen Parish seconded by Charles Wilson at 8:45 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.





M. Dupree, Chairperson