

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

**MINUTES OF UNION TOWNSHIOP
OCTOBER 5, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M.**

1. **ROLL CALL/CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Present were Michalle Dupree, Charles Wilson, Stephen Parish, and Larry Spahr.
Present via Conference Call: Linda Evans-Boren

Also present were Dennis Makel - Solicitor, TJ Stephens - Engineer, Harold Ivery, Jr. - Zoning and Code Enforcement

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

- George Powell – Reported that one of our police officers pulled over and helped a resident and wanted to give him a shout out for his kindness.
- Wayne Eremic: 13 Circle Avenue, Elrama, Union Twp – Asked about acquiring a “paper alley” and the procedure to do so.
- Pete Guido: 125 Viareggio Lane, Union Twp. – asked for an update on Tuscany Estates.

4. **MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by S. Parish and seconded by M. Dupree to approve the September 19, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes. VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

6. **TOWNSHIP REPORTS**

- A. Police Report: none
- B. Fire Report: none
- C. MCService (Building /Zoning) Report by Harold Ivery
- D. Engineer’s Report by TJ Stephens, Bankson Engineers: The report included an update on Veterans Park, the status of Red Rock Paving, Ramage Avenue, Tuscany Estates, and the inspection of Pittsburgh Powder Coating. Also included was a report on the Township’s meeting with the DEP regarding the status of the Mingo Circle Sewage Project, status of Hidden Hollow Road, and a storm sewer situation at Aragon Place in the Shire.
- E. Administrative Report by Michalle Dupree, Board Chairperson – Included a report regarding the status of our West Elizabeth Sewage Authority customers and the Overlook Sewage customers. Also shared with the public was EQT’s schedule.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. A motion was made by C. Wilson and seconded by L. Evans-Boren to authorize Bankson Engineers, Inc. to prepare the required MS4 NPDES Permit Renewal Application on behalf of the Township.
VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- B. A motion was made by M. Dupree and seconded by L. Spahr to authorize Bankson Engineers, Inc., to prepare an amendment to the MS4 Pollution Reduction Plan for submission to PA DEP for review and approval.
VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- C. A motion was made by S. Parish and seconded by L. Spahr to approve Payment to Redstone Excavating for the following amounts: Contract 1 - \$100,109.64 (Beverly, Gayle, Wendy), Contract 2 - \$260,802.89 (Airport, Coal Bluff, Union), subject to the Township's completion of any outstanding PennDOT Liquid Fuel Program requirements and contingent upon receipt of two items: a satisfactory maintenance bond and consent of surety of the final payment.
VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- D. A motion was made by S. Parish and seconded by C. Wilson to authorize Bankson Engineering, Inc. to prepare grant applications for both local and statewide grant opportunities for the following projects: Snee Road Bridge, Finleyville Elrama Road Sewage Project, MS4, and Mingo Circle Sewage Project.
VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- A motion was made by L. Evans-Boren and seconded by S. Parish to approve any resolution regarding the state LSA program regarding the Townships list of projects.
VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- E. A motion was made by C. Wilson and seconded by L. Spahr to approve advertising a Solar Facilities Ordinance.
VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- F. A motion was made by L. Spahr and seconded by L. Evans-Boren to approve a non-refundable Residential Grading application fee of \$50.00.
VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- G. A motion was made by L. Evans-Boren and seconded by L. Spahr to approve a non-refundable Commercial Grading application fee of \$150.00.
VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- H. A motion was made by C. Wilson and seconded by L. Spahr to approve the use of the Fee Schedule for the issuance of a grading permit more specifically set forth in the current ordinance and the current fee schedule, as amended from time to time.
VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

- I. A motion was made by S. Parish and seconded by L. Evans-Boren to approve distribution of Foreign Fire Money to the Finleyville Volunteer Department and the Elrama Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$32,933.13.
VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- J. A motion was made by L. Spahr and seconded by L. Evans-Boren to accept a donation from EQT in the amount of \$10,000.
VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- K. A motion was made by S. Parish and seconded by L. Spahr to purchase a wheel for the Township tractor no to exceed \$7,500.00.
VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

8. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Act 537 Finleyville-Elrama Road Sewage Extension Project
- B. Hiring for Road Crew Position
- C. Removal of Temporary Guide Barriers on Cardox Road

9. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

- A. A motion was made by S. Parish and seconded by L. Spahr to approve payroll of September 29, 2023 in the amount of \$10,386.14 found to be true and correct.
VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- B. A motion was made by S. Parish and seconded by M. Dupree to approve other bills/invoices from the General Fund in the amount of \$56,896.47 found to be true and correct.
VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.
- C. A motion was made by C. Wilson and seconded by S. Parish to approve bills/invoices from the Elrama Sewage Account in the amount of \$7,954.64 found to be true and correct.
VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

The Board Chairperson called an Executive Session for personnel reasons at 8:21 p.m.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

- A. A motion was made by S. Parish and seconded by C. Wilson at 8:35 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.
VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion Carried.

Secretary / Treasurer

Chairperson