

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

**MINUTES OF UNION TOWNSHIP  
FEBRUARY 14, 2024 AT 6:30 P.M.**

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

The Board of Supervisors regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Present were Michalle Dupree, Larry Speer, Carl Hanford, Suzonne Baynham, and John Seiler. Also present were Dennis M. Makel, Solicitor, TJ Stephens, Bankson Engineers, Inc., and Harold Ivery, MCS Service.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

The Township Board of Supervisors allocates the time of 4 minutes during this item for those individuals who are Township residents and/or Township taxpayers and would like the opportunity to address the Board of Supervisors on agenda items and matters of public concern.

- Wayne Eremic - Elrama: Provided his plans for vacating roads to Board and requested to be placed on the agenda for February 28, 2024.
- Lisa Manion - 6 Grosetto Drive, Tuscany Estates, Finleyville: Expressed concern about the roads being unfinished by Quaker Engineering and noted that her road and sidewalk is getting ruined by mud and cars turning around there. Inquired about the status of talks with Quaker Engineering regarding the infrastructure at Tuscany Estates. Mr. Makel asked for a copy of the letter she is referring to in her comments and suggested a letter be sent to the bonding company.
- James Ross - 6 Cinque Terra Place, Tuscany Estates, Finleyville. Asked if completing their infrastructure is now part of the deal in the agreement between the Township, Quaker Engineering, and Maronda. Also inquired about streetlights.

4. **MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by M. Dupree and seconded by C. Hanford to approve the meeting minutes from the January 24, 2024 regularly scheduled meeting.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The board held an Executive Session on February 7, 2024 and on February 14, 2024 for the purpose of personnel.

The Board held a moment of silence to reflect on the passing of PCSA representative Hal Breinig.

6. **TOWNSHIP REPORTS**

- A. MCS Services (Building/Zoning) Report: A list of code enforcement citations is included for the Board's information. There was discussion about reports of truck activity on Gun Club Road. Questions were raised about Tomko and permitting.
- B. Officer Ryan Lenzi read a Police Report.
- C. Bankson (Engineer) Report
  - WESA report was submitted.
  - Finleyville Elrama Road sewage project has been advertised for 30-days. The public review period will close on March 10, 2024.
  - Veterans Park report included a review of a conversation with Mr. Plavchak. It was stated that a letter will be sent regarding the list of items left that should be completed by the end of February.
  - The MS4 Pollution Reduction Plan Amendment will be advertised until March 13, 2024.
  - The Saghy Sewage Project update included concerns from neighbors about the proposed plan. A discussion ensued about an on-lot system and the Saghy's were encouraged to ask their engineer about other options.
- D. Administrative/ Supervisor Reports – none

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion and Motion to Advertise an ordinance to Vacate portions of Oak St./Anna St./George St./Finley Ave./ and unnamed alley. (Tabled 01-10-2024)
- B. Discussion and Motion to approve the Weber Subdivision Plan 1 (Tabled 01/10/2024).
- C. A motion was made by M. Dupree and seconded by S. Baynham to take Cheplic Subdivision Plan 1 off the table.  
ALL IN FAVOR - Motion Carries.  
  
A motion was made by L. Speer and seconded by C. Hanford to approve Cheplic Subdivision Plan 1 subject to the conditions of the Engineer's letter dated February 14, 2024 and the conditions set forth by the Union Township Planning Commission.  
ALL IN FAVOR - Motion Carries.
- D. A motion was made by C. Hanford and seconded by L. Speer to adopt a Resolution to modify the Park Rental fees for 2024.  
ALL IN FAVOR - Motion Carries.
- E. A motion was made by L. Speer and seconded by S. Baynham to approve tires for a Township vehicle at the cost not to exceed \$800.00.

ALL IN FAVOR - Motion Carries.

- F. A motion was made by L. Speer and seconded by C. Hanford to approve tires for the backhoe at the cost not to exceed \$2,100.00.

ALL IN FAVOR - Motion Carries.

- G. A motion was made by M. Dupree and seconded by S. Baynham to approve Supervisor John Seiler as a signatory on all Township accounts.

ALL IN FAVOR - Motion Carries. J. Seiler abstained.

- H. A motion was made by L. Speer and seconded by C. Hanford to approve John Seiler as a Township Roadmaster.

ALL IN FAVOR - Motion Carries. J. Seiler abstained.

- I. A motion was made by C. Hanford and seconded by S. Baynham to approve John Seiler's Associate Membership to PSATS Township Emergency Management Association (TEMA) at a cost of \$125.00 annually.

ALL IN FAVOR - Motion Carries. J. Seiler abstained.

- J. A motion was made by J. Seiler and seconded by C. Hanford to hire Kenneth Puglisi as Road Superintendent at the rate of \$55.00/hour with no benefits.

ALL IN FAVOR - Motion Carries.

7. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Ringgold Area Youth Soccer Association would like to contract with the Township to use the upper fields, the concession stand, and the restrooms at Veterans Park from March – June 2024 for practices and three April games.

Cleaning policy and key responsibilities need to be included in the agreement.

8. **BOARD APPOINTMENTS/VACANCIES (Previously Tabled on Jan. 2, 2024)**

- A. Planning Commission (1-seat)  
B. Zoning Hearing Board (1-seat)

A motion was made by C. Hanford and seconded by M. Dupree to remove from the table the Planning Commission vacancy and the Zoning Hearing Board vacancy.

ALL IN FAVOR - Motion Carries.

A motion was made by C. Hanford and seconded by L. Speer to appoint Connie Troutman to the Planning Commission for a term beginning on January 1, 2024 and ending on December 31, 2028.

ALL IN FAVOR - Motion Carries.

A motion was made by S. Baynham and seconded by L. Speer to appoint Linda Cole to the Zoning Hearing Board.

ALL IN FAVOR - Motion Carries.

9. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

A. A motion was made by M. Dupree and seconded by S. Baynham to approve payroll of February 2, 2024 in the amount of \$14,860.06.

ALL IN FAVOR - Motion Carries.

B. Discussion and Motion to approve the 2023 Supervisor pay. (Tabled on 02-28-24)

C. A motion was made by J. Seiler and seconded by C. Hanford to approve other bills/invoices from the General Fund in the amount of \$113,260.86.

ALL IN FAVOR - Motion Carries.

D. A motion was made by J. Seiler and seconded by M. Dupree to approve bills and invoices from the Elrama Sewerage Account in the amount of \$8,281.41.

ALL IN FAVOR - Motion Carries.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by M. Dupree and seconded by C. Hanford at 7:47 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

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Diana Kristobek, Secretary

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Michalle Dupree, Board Chair