

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 10, 2008

The Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Parish at 7:05 pm. The meeting was held at the Union Township Municipal Building, 3904 Finley-Elrama Road, Finleyville, PA. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Board Members in Attendance were Steve Parish, George Cheplic, Scott Tkach, Larry Spahr and Linda Evans. Also in attendance: Carl DeiCas-Township Engineer, Harold Ivery-Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, Dennis Makel—Solicitor.

Motion to hire Judith L. Taylor as Secretary/Treasurer effective March 10, 2008. Proposed agreement to be appended to the minutes for approval at the April meeting.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach

Roll Call Vote: Parish- yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment-None

Motion to approve Payroll #4 dated February 22, 2008 in the amount of \$8,013.16 as presented by the Secretary/Treasurer subject to being true and correct.

Motion by George Cheplic, Second by Larry Spahr

Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Payroll #5 dated March 7, 2008 in the amount of \$8,976.00 as presented by the Secretary/Treasurer subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to pay outstanding bills totaling \$60,976.00 from General Fund as of 03/10/08 as presented by the Secretary/Treasurer subject to being true and correct

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Linda Evans

Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Parish abstained from voting on those items pertaining to the Finleyville Airport issue.

Motion to approve the minutes from 02/11/08 regular meeting subject to being true and correct.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by George Cheplic,

Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

Jefferson Hills Area Ambulance Service appeared before the Board with concerns that residents could be confused about an advertisement in the Union Finley Messenger for another ambulance service which offers only basic, not advance life support service. If residents call for emergency service through 911, Jefferson Hills will be the ambulance dispatched.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2008-1, appointing and designating Jefferson Hills Area Ambulance the primary responding ambulance service in Union Township.

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to authorize the engineer to submit sewerage project invoices paid by Pennvest to the Army Corp of Engineers for 75% reimbursement.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by George Cheplic

Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to authorize the engineer to submit an environmental grant application to American Water and to authorize appropriate officers to sign the application.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Linda Evans

Roll Call Vote: Parish=yes, Cheplic=yes, Tkach=yes, Spahr=yes, Evans=yes. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise the continued hearing on the big box ordinance on March 31, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

Roll Call Vote: Parish=yes, Cheplic=yes, Tkach=yes, Spahr=yes, Evans=yes. Motion carried.

Motion to send letter to Sen. Stout and Rep. Levdansky urging support of House Bill 2159 pertaining to the airport zoning act

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach

Roll Call Vote: Parish=yes, Cheplic=yes, Tkach=yes, Spahr=yes, Evans=yes. Motion carried.

The Board agreed to hold a workshop with the Board of Supervisors of South Park Township concerning effects of development on the Rt. 88 Library Corridor. The secretary will contact South Park to set up the meeting at the Union Township building on March 31, 2008 at 8:30 or 9:00 p.m. or on April 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

The Board discussed the possibility that Ordinance No. 2-2004 authorizing administration of the Uniform Construction Code was not properly adopted.

The Elrama Sewer Connection Ordinance was advertised by Mr. Makel's office for adoption at the April 14, 2008 Board meeting.

Motion to authorize the solicitor to prepare and advertise an ordinance to administer the Uniform Construction Code and to establish a UCC appeals board

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

Roll Call Vote: Parish=yes, Cheplic=yes, Tkach=yes, Spahr=yes, Evans=yes. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise to accept resumes for Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement Officer to be received by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 11, 2008

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach

Roll Call Vote: Parish=yes, Cheplic=yes, Tkach=yes, Spahr=yes, Evans=yes. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from The Hermitage Group offering grant writing services to the Township. The Board agreed to schedule a workshop with the Hermitage Group and with County Line Advisors, who submitted a proposal in January, 2008.

Motion to authorize Bob Funtal to install photo cell with controls of outside lights for an amount not to exceed \$500.

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

Roll Call Vote: Parish=yes, Cheplic=yes, Tkach=yes, Spahr=yes, Evans=yes. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise bids for summer road materials to be opened at the April 14, 2008 Board meeting

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

Roll Call Vote: Parish=yes, Cheplic=yes, Tkach=yes, Spahr=yes, Evans=yes. Motion carried.

Motion to pay invoice for 2008 dues of \$315 to the Washington County Association of Township Supervisors

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by George Cheplic

Roll Call Vote: Parish=yes, Cheplic=yes, Tkach=yes, Spahr=yes, Evans=yes. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Mr. Fred Varney, 23 Watson Lane, questioned why the Code Enforcement Officer issued a partial building permit for his construction. Harold Ivery will investigate and report to Solicitor Makel.

Mary Ellen Brosek, Stonebridge Drive, reported that it took state police two hours to respond to a recent incident of a man wielding a gun and threatening to shoot residents in her neighborhood. She requested the township consider obtaining local police coverage of at least one police officer.

Colleen Gunsberg, Stonebridge Drive, also spoke on the issue of local police coverage. She stated that the neighbors have feared for their safety from this individual for some time.

Karen Green, Stonebridge Drive, also spoke on the issue of local police coverage. She also commented that there are code enforcement issues with this same individual. Harold Ivery will investigate this issue.

Debbie Orr, Union Avenue, also spoke on the issue of local police coverage, and increases in vandalism and speeding without local police patrols.

Andy Tullai, 26 Cardox Road, spoke on the issue of local police coverage. He noted that the state should be encouraged to increase the numbers of state troopers available.

Lisa Tomosky spoke on the issue of local police coverage. She encouraged participation in neighbor-to-neighbor meetings.

Motion to contact Rep Levdansky to set up a meeting with other municipalities to survey what regional police services are available and to set up an action plan to investigate the possibility of police coverage for Union Township

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by George Cheplic

After further discussion, the motion was withdrawn by Mr. Tkach with the agreement of Mr. Cheplic.

Motion to contact Southwest Regional Police Department to determine advisability of offering police coverage to Union Township and the financial costs involved

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by George Cheplic

Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to go into executive session for personnel reasons and possible litigation at 9:55 p.m.

Motion by George Cheplic, Second by Larry Spahr

Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

Board returned from executive session at 10:20 p.m. Mr. Makel stated that the discussion concerned police sick days, independent contracting and litigation concerning the airport.

Motion to set the Treasurer's bond at \$200,000

Motion by George Cheplic, Second by Larry Spahr

Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to have Judith Taylor, Secretary Treasurer added to the bank checking accounts

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to have Judith Taylor, Secretary Treasurer start full time on March 31, 2008

Motion by George Cheplic, Second by Larry Spahr

Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to authorize the Chairman and secretary to sign necessary documents for Pennvest closing and or interim financing loan

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to authorize payment of appropriate sums of money to respective police officers for the sick days grievance and for the subcontracting grievance #6498 when funds become available, and with review and approval by the Township's auditor, Cypher and Cypher, and solicitor, Makel & Associates, with appropriate payroll taxes, etc., being deducted therefrom

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Linda Evans

Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by George Cheplic

Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

Judith L. Taylor, Secretary

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Workshop Meeting
April 7, 2008

The Workshop Meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Parish at 7:04 pm. The meeting was held at the Union Township Municipal Building, 3904 Finley-Elrama Road, Finleyville, PA. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Board Members in Attendance were Steve Parish, George Cheplic, Scott Tkach, and Linda Evans. Board Member Larry Spahr and Solicitor Dennis Makel were absent. Also in attendance: Judith L. Taylor, Secretary-Treasurer.

South Park Township Supervisors George Smith, Dave Buchewicz, Walt Sackinsky, and Manager Karen Fosbaugh requested the meeting to discuss concerns about proposed commercial development in Union Township which will result in increased traffic at the Rt. 88 and Brownsville Road intersection near the Library fire hall, which is already often a bottleneck. They are currently developing a revitalization plan for the Library commercial corridor in South Park.

Mr. Parish stated that no formal plans or applications had been received at this time, and a rezoning request in the area is currently in litigation. The Board agreed to keep South Park officials informed on the issue, and in turn, South Park will supply dates for their public meetings dealing with the Library area development.

Mr. George Smith also questioned the status of the BDH redevelopment project. Mr. Parish stated that the company is currently remediating the site with close DEP oversight. The plans BDH submitted to the Township were for zoning purposes only and the only permit they had applied for was a grading permit.

South Park is presently engaged in a major clean up and requested that Union Township's code enforcement officer review a lot on the border which has a considerable amount of refuse visible.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Judith L. Taylor, Secretary