

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 14, 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: Harold Ivery-Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, Dennis Makel-solicitor, Judith Taylor-Secretary-Treasurer.

Public Comment-

Mr. Chuck Wilson questioned whether the intermunicipal agreements for the Elrama Sewage Project would be affected by a possible future sewage plant in Jefferson Hills. Mr. Ferrero stated that the Elrama Project would be finished well before any possible new plant could be built.

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2008 special meeting

Motion by George Cheplic, Second by Larry Spahr

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

The minutes of the March 10, 2008 meeting were amended to correct the spelling of the name of resident Colleen Ginsburg.

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2008 Board meeting as amended

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

The minutes of April 7, 2008 workshop were tabled.

Motion to approve Payroll #6 dated March 21, 2008 in the amount of \$8,016.45 as presented by the Secretary/Treasurer subject to being true and correct.

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 approve Payroll #7 dated April 4, 2008 in the amount of \$9,113.11 as presented by the Secretary/Treasurer subject to being true and correct.

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 pay outstanding bills totaling \$34,274.64 from the General Fund as of 04/14/08 as presented by the Secretary/Treasurer subject to being true and correct

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach

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.

Mr. Bob Suty, Jr. addressed the Board concerning the Union Ambulance Service. He stated that the ambulance service is not currently licensed for advanced life support, and he does not respond to calls issued by 911.

The Board opened three sealed bids for summer road materials and read the bid amounts.

Motion to table bids for further review until the May 12, 2008 Board meeting

Subject to Board Approval 05-12-08

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

On the Elrama Sewerage Project, Mr. Makel stated that the railroad easement is still outstanding because he could not find clear title to the property. He requested ownership documentation from the railroad company. The Pennvest closing is scheduled for May 28, 2008. Reimbursement for engineering invoices had been received from the Army Corp funds.

Motion to pay KAG Engineering invoices #6 and #7 in the amount of \$46,597.50

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 adopt Ordinance No. 2008-3, Elrama Sewer Tap-in Ordinance

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Linda Evans

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

The Board held a continued hearing on the big box ordinance on March 31, 2008.

Motion to authorize the solicitor to incorporate changes to the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to Large Scale Commercial buildings as required, to forward a correct copy and advertise the ordinance for adoption pursuant to the MPC

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Harold Ivery reported that he had investigated a complaint of construction at the Finleyville Airport without a building permit. The airport did have a building permit for construction of hanger #4. The Board requested copies of the building plans for their review.

Mr. Charlie Fife, Houston Borough Council President, appeared before the Board to request support for changes in the distribution of the local share of the gaming funds for next year.

The Board will review the resumes received for the position of zoning/code enforcement officer and set up interviews.

The Board directed the solicitor to review the minutes pertaining to the current UCC ordinance.

Motion to reappoint Hal Breinig to the Planning Commission for a five-year term to expire on March 1, 2013

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by George Cheplic

Roll Call Vote: Parish-no, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan. The next steps will require signing an intergovernmental agreement and updating of zoning ordinances to incorporate the plan components.

The township Planning Commission recommended approval of the Trax rezoning request on April 3, 2008.

Motion to authorize the solicitor to set a tentative date for a public hearing on the Trax rezoning issue for Monday, May 5, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by George Cheplic

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

Review of the Holding Tank Ordinance was held for consideration at the May 12, 2008 meeting.

Motion to schedule a spring leaf pick-up for township residents on May 12, 2008

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 authorize the Roadmasters to inspect the township roads and bridges for maintenance needs at their convenience

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach

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

Motion to advertise for an experienced operator/laborer with a CDL license for the road crew, applications to be received until 3:00 p.m. on May 12, 2008

Motion by Linda Evans, Second by Scott Tkach

Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-no, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to establish a computerized system for road work reports to be implemented as soon as possible in order to track maintenance and materials requirements

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 Secretary/Treasurer to attend the PSATS state convention in Hershey on May 12, 13, 14, 2008, and to attend a Quickbooks training there for a cost of \$90.00

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 look into replacing two trucks with high mileage by utilizing the state piggyback purchasing program. Mr. Parish will have information on cost for the May 12, 2008 meeting.

Public Comments

Paul Laur, 5118 Chevy Chase Drive, notified the Board that the pipes in a catch basin near his home have deteriorated. He requested the Township purchase new pipe and he will do the repairs. The Board will have the engineer review the situation for the May 12, 2008 meeting.

Jim Watts, L.B.C., appeared before the Board to request the Township take over Walter Long Road. The engineer will review the procedure necessary to bring the road up to required specifications.

Mary Ellen Brozek, 208 Stonebridge Drive, addressed the Board concerning a vacant house apparently entered illegally in her neighborhood and the need for local police protection.

Colleen Ginsburg, Stonebridge Drive, also spoke on the issue of local police protection. She reported that she had called the state police to report the house being entered apparently illegally, and had been treated very discourteously by the dispatcher and the supervisor on duty. Mr. Spahr stated that he had spoken to a corporal in the state police, who thought the issue was a civil matter between a mortgage holder and a former tenant; but he will look into the matter of the impolite responses.

Don Stumpf, Stonebridge Drive, also spoke on the issue of local police protection.

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Motion to go into executive session for personnel reasons and litigation issues (Time-10:25 pm)

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by George Cheplic

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

Returned from executive session at 10:50 p.m. Mr. Makel stated that the discussion concerned litigation involving Adventure and the airport.

Motion to adjourn the meeting (10:50 pm)

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Linda Evans

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

Judith L. Taylor, Secretary