

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
July 14, 2008

The Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Parish at 7:15 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 by roll call were Steve Parish, Larry Spahr and Linda Evans. Scott Tkach arrived at 7:20 p.m. Also in attendance: Carl Dei Cas-Township Engineer, Dennis Makel-Solicitor, Judith Taylor-Secretary/Treasurer.

Public Comment-

Andy Tullai, 26 Cardox Road, inquired whether funds could be requested from the Turnpike Commission because of increased traffic on township roads from PA Turnpike 43; he also inquired as to the status of the Multi-Municipal Plan.

Motion to approve the minutes of June 6, 2008, June 12, 2008, June 16, 2008, and June 19, 2008, subject to being true and correct

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Linda Evans

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

The Board agreed to reconvene the Board meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 2008 after the Trax rezoning hearing to discuss the airport hazard zoning ordinance before the special meeting scheduled for July 24, 2008. Mr. Dei Cas will supply a copy of the ordinance pertaining to Rostraver Airport for their review.

Three quotes through the COSTARS program for a new lawn tractor with a 60-inch mowing deck were received as follows: (1) Vaccari Enterprises for a Kubota BX2660 with trade-in of \$600.00 for old tractor--\$9,795.66; (2) Bull International for a New Holland T1010--\$10,236.00; (3) Maple Mountain Equipment for a John Deere 2305--\$11,469.60.

Motion to purchase a Kubota BX2660 with 60"deck for a cost of \$9,795.66 with trade-in of \$600.00 for old tractor

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Linda Evans

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

Three quotes, all in excess of \$10,000, were received for used guiderail to be installed on Gilmore Road, Pleasantview Road and at Brownsville Park requiring the project to be let out for bid.

Motion to advertise for bids for used guiderail to be installed for approximately 1100 feet on Gilmore Road, 400 feet on Pleasantview Road and 325 feet at Brownsville Park with the addition of double swing pipe gates for the park for opening at the August 11, 2008 meeting

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach

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

Motion to approve payroll #12 dated June 14, 2008 in the amount of \$9,065.43 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, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payroll #13 dated June 28, 2008 in the amount of \$10,109.93 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, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payroll #14 dated July 11, 2008 in the amount of \$7,396.56 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, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to pay outstanding bills totaling \$35,337.52 from General Fund as of July 11, 2009 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, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Parish and Ms. Millicent Powell, representing the Township and the Agricultural Security Committee, will attend the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission hearing on its Agricultural Lands Condemnation Approval Board on August 6, 2008. The Township has forwarded a copy of the Committee's comments to the Commission.

The Board discussed the Mid-Mon Valley Transit Authority park-and-ride plans and agreement for the crosswalk signal. The grading permit and plans were approved by Mr. Dei Cas.

Motion to approve the MMVTA park-and-ride crosswalk signal plan and sign agreement
Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach

The motion was subsequently amended by Mr. Spahr with the agreement of Mr. Tkach subject to receipt of two copies of the agreement with the exhibits referred to in the agreement

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

The Board reviewed the letter from the Western PA Teamsters and Employers Pension Fund concerning changes necessary to prevent the Fund from becoming underfunded. The secretary was directed to supply a copy to each employee, for which they will sign a receipt, and to send a copy to the auditor.

Mr. Dei Cas reported that he approved the amendment to the Township's Act 537 Plan for the Orchard Hill Plan of Lots which was approved June 9, 2008 subject to his review and approval.

The Board reviewed a quote from Allegheny Ford for two 2008 Ford F450 dump trucks for \$55,241 each and two 2009 Sterling Bullet 4500 dump trucks for \$64,386 each with pricing through the South Hills Area Council of Governments bid

Motion to purchase two (2) 2008 Ford F-450 dump trucks for \$55,241 each according to the quoted specifications through the S.H.A.C.O.G. contract subject to review of the financing by the Board and inspection by the road foreman

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

The Board reviewed three quotes received for security cameras with supporting video technology, analog, digital or a combination at Brownsville Park as follows: (1) Dagostino Electronic Services—\$6592.12; (2) ADT Commercial Security--\$3,369.48; (3) Surveillance Group--\$5975.00. The Board will review the proposals for discussion at the August 11, 2008 meeting.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2008-7, Union Township Building Code Ordinance

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

The secretary will call neighboring municipalities to determine how they have handled the establishment of a UCC appeals board.

The Board discussed and agreed with John Rheel's recommendations to destroy insignia and badges of the police department, donate ammunition and other property to a local police department, and to sell the guns valued at less than \$1,000 to Ace Sporting Goods.

Motion to authorize the solicitor to prepare a resolution to allow the sale of lots of personal property valued at less than \$1,000, and to sell the guns to Ace Sporting Goods

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach

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

The Board directed the secretary to request dates to meet with the Southwest Regional Police Department for discussion at the August Board meeting.

The Board discussed the Washington County Association of Township Officials convention to be held on September 25, 2008. A motion had been passed at the reorganization meeting to permit all elected officials to attend the convention.

Motion to authorize the solicitor to prepare a resolution in support of House Bill 2159 in regards to airport hazard zoning to present at the convention

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion to pass Resolution No. 2008-4 recognizing Jeremy Buono's achievement in attaining the rank of Eagle Scout

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion to reappoint Joseph Benedetti to the Board of Peters Creek Sanitary Authority retroactive to January 1, 2008 for a 5-year term expiring in January, 2013

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach

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

The Board reviewed the complaint from Stanley and Maybelle Schies regarding sewage being directed onto their property at 275 Courtney Hill Road from neighboring properties. The Board will request further information and a written report from the Washington County Sewage Council.

Motion to send a letter to Stanley and Maybelle Schies informing them that the matter will be reviewed after a written report from WCSC has been received by the Township

Motion by Linda Evans, Second by Scott Tkach

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

Motion to approve the use of the fields and facilities at the Brownsville Road Park by the Finleyville Area Soccer Association from August 1, 2008 to October 30, 2008 subject to receipt of an insurance certificate and with the proviso that they clean the facilities and restrooms after each use

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach

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

Motion to approve a 5-year agreement with the U.S. Army for use of a portion of the Nike site for storage of road materials

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

The Board discussed the request from Michael Settlemeier, 12 Circle Avenue in Elrama for the Township to remove a large tree in front of his property that he says is in the right of way. Mr. Joseph Ferrero will be asked to review the drawings done for the sewage project.

Public Comment--

None

Motion to go into executive session for personnel reasons and litigation issues at 9:45 pm

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Returned from executive session at 9:55 p.m. Mr. Makel stated that the discussion concerned the Kingsfield litigation.

Motion to authorize the solicitor to provide a copy of the Kingsfield file to Scott Dunlop, attorney for the Township's insurance carrier and to act as co-counsel during any litigation

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Board Approved 8/11/08

Motion to reconvene the meeting at 9:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter on Wednesday, July 16, 2008 after the Trax rezoning hearing
Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Linda Evans
Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

Judith L. Taylor, Secretary