

Union Township Board of Supervisors  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
September 8, 2008

The Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Parish at 7:05 p.m. 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, Scott Tkach, Larry Spahr and Linda Evans. Also in attendance: Harold Ivery-Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, Dennis Makel—solicitor, Judith L. Taylor-Secretary/Treasurer

Public Comment

Andy Tullai, 26 Cardox Road, questioned if Mr. Clackson misquoted the information in the letter from DEP at the Trax Rezoning hearing.

Kevin McCrory, 21 Holman Road, a member of Boy Scout Troop 1393 in McMurray, attended the meeting as a badge requirement.

Bernie Wagner, Gun Club Road, requested that trees along Gun Club Road be trimmed back; reported that trucks are speeding on Finley-Elrama Road. He also reported that West Elizabeth Sanitary Authority does not want to collect the debt service portion, and possibly any of the billing, for those residents in the Elrama Sewage Project. The Board requested a letter from WESA to that effect and will plan to meet with the Authority Board to discuss the subject.

Mr. Parish reported that Mr. Scheib, PA DEP, recommended that Mr. Cheplic agree in writing that the Township will not be responsible for the storm sewer that he had laid through his property on Mingo Circle Road which connects to a Township cross drain.

The minutes of August 11, 2008 were amended as follows: page 2, paragraph three, add “and implement the findings”.

**Motion** to approve the minutes of August 11, 2008 regular Board meeting as amended, and subject to being true and correct  
Motion by Larry Spahr, Seconded by Scott Tkach  
Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

**Motion** to approve the minutes of August 19, 2008 workshop subject to being true and correct  
Motion by Larry Spahr, Seconded by Linda Evans  
Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

**Motion** to approve the minutes of August 25, 2008 special meeting subject to being true and correct  
Motion by Larry Spahr, Seconded by Linda Evans

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

The minutes of the reconvened special meeting of July 24, 2008 held on August 27, 2008 were amended as follows: page 2, paragraph 1, correct spelling of name of Larry Brager; page 2, paragraph 3, add "The Board requested the addition of subsection 14(c), reservation of rights".

**Motion** to approve the minutes of reconvened special meeting of July 24, 2008 held on August 27, 2008 as amended, and subject to being true and correct

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Linda Evans

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

The Board of Supervisors will inspect the township roads and bridges for maintenance needs at their convenience in October. Cardox, Coal Bluff and Garvin Roads will be seal coated on September 15, 16, 2008.

**Motion** to approve payroll #17 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 #18 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 payment of the general fund invoices in the amount of \$53,716.58 as presented by the Secretary/Treasurer subject to being true and correct

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach

A question was raised whether the expenditure of \$414.15 on the solicitor's invoice that resulted from a telephone call by Mr. Cheplic to Mr. Makel concerning the requirements for his grading and overweight vehicle permit applications were of a personal nature, or within his supervisory authority, and the research done by the solicitor would have been required in any event.

Roll call vote: Parish-no on the portion of the solicitor's bill dealing with the Cheplic matter, yes on remainder, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-no on the portion of the solicitor's bill dealing with the Cheplic matter, yes on remainder. Motion carried. \$414.15 will be deducted from the solicitor's payment. Mr. Parish abstained from voting on those items pertaining to the Finleyville airport.

**Motion** to adopt Ordinance 2008-10 amending Ordinance No. 2008-9, changing guaranteed revenue notes to guaranteed revenue bonds and reaffirming the increase in indebtedness to Pennvest in the amount of \$1,941,301 in self-liquidating debt as required for the Elrama Sewage Project

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

The Board will hold a workshop on Monday, September 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to listen to a presentation from the Southwest Regional Police Department.

Two proposals were received for grant writing services which the Board will review for the October meeting.

**Motion** to hold a special meeting on Monday, September 29, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to possibly take action on the request by Robert Trax to rezone from RD to C-2 an approximate 50 acre parcel along Route 88.

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Mr. Parish reported that he had spoken with a representative of Allegheny Valley Railroad, who agreed to review the poor condition of the crossings on Finley-Elrama and Stone Church Roads.

**Motion** to approve the Secretary/Treasurer to attend a training class at the Penndot offices in Uniontown in order to access the new website for filing Liquid Fuels and DCED annual reports electronically

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Mr. Parish reported to the board that Peters Township Police Department wishes to buy the Datamaster breathalyzer machine. There was a question whether the equipment could be sold since it was purchased with grant funds.

**Motion** to authorize the solicitor to contact the granting agency to determine the legal position regarding the police department equipment purchased with grant funds

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

**Motion** to advertise for bids for 1500 tons, more or less, of road salt for opening at the October 13, 2008 meeting

Motion by Larry Spahr, Seconded by Scott Tkach

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

**Motion** to advertise for bids for unleaded gasoline, in an amount to be determined by the supervisors and road foreman, for opening at the October 13, 2008 meeting

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

**Motion** to advertise for bids for antiskid, in an amount to be determined by the supervisors and road foreman, for opening at the October 13, 2008 meeting

Motion by Linda Evans, Second by Larry Spahr

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

**Motion** to advertise for bids for an emergency backup generator system for the office building and garage for opening at the October 13, 2008 meeting

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach

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

The Board reviewed a letter from the Mayor of Monongahela offering to discuss extending police services to the Township. The matter was tabled until further information is available.

The Board scheduled the annual leaf pick-up for the week of October 27, 2008. The road crew will pick up leaves in biodegradable bags put out at the curb. There will be a truck available at the Township building for drop off of biodegradable bags of leaves the weekend before and after the scheduled pickup.

The Board of Supervisors authorized the presentation of a certificate honoring Mrs. Urbanja, 3945 Finley-Elrama Road, Elrama PA, on the occasion of her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday, October 12, 2008.

Public Comment--  
None

**Motion** to go into executive session for personnel reasons at 9:35 pm

Motion by Larry Spahr, Seconded by Linda Evans

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

Returned from executive session at 9:50 p.m. Mr. Makel stated that the discussion concerned personnel matters and issues pertaining to former employees.

**Motion** to authorize the solicitor to investigate the possibility of pension benefits for a former police officer or his family

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

**Motion** to set the date for Halloween trick-or-treat for October 31, 2008 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting (9:55 p.m.)

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

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Judith L. Taylor, Secretary