

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
November 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 by roll call were Steve Parish, George Cheplic, Larry Spahr and Linda Evans. Scott Tkach arrived at 7:10 p.m. Also in attendance: Dennis Makel–Solicitor, Harold Ivery-Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, Judith Taylor-Secretary/Treasurer.

Public Comment

None

The minutes of October 13, 2008 were amended as follows: page 2, paragraph 7, add “and other residents grading permits which were also affected”.

Motion to approve the minutes of October 13, 2008 regular Board meeting as amended, and 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.

Motion to approve the minutes of October 27, 2008 budget workshop as presented, and 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.

Motion to approve the George Cheplic subdivision Lot 1 of 1.0 acres, Lot 2 of 1.59 acres to be added to the existing parcel of George Cheplic, as recorded in deed book volume 248, page 49, for recording purposes only and all fees being paid

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach

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

Motion to have the Engineer notify PA DEP that the Township will not be installing a pipe and inlet on Ross and Orchard Streets in relation to the mine drainage problem

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Mr. Parish reported that he had attended the Washington County Redevelopment Authority meeting concerning brownfields on November 6, 2008 in New Eagle PA. The BDH redevelopment on Cardox Road is high on the priority list.

Mr. Parish also reported that he and the secretary had met with members of the WESA board to discuss whether they are willing to do the monthly billing for the Elrama Sewage Project. A response has not yet been received.

Motion to approve payroll #21 dated October 17, 2008 in the amount of \$8,029.63 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.

Motion to approve payroll #22 dated October 31, 2008 in the amount of \$7,558.09 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 approve payment of the general fund invoices in the amount of \$54,737.74 as presented by the Secretary/Treasurer 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.

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

Motion to pay the outstanding invoice from September of \$414.15 to Makel & Associates LLC that pertains to the Cheplic and others grading and overweight vehicle permit issues

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion to pay KAG Engineering Invoices No. 8 and No. 9 in the amount of \$45,632.50 for the Elrama Sewage Project

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 purchase a diesel-powered generator, installed, from A-1 Electric for \$35,000, as the lowest responsible bidder on bids opened on October 13, 2008, with 90 days for installation from date of award

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach

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

No bids were received in response to the second advertisement for unleaded gasoline.

Motion to rescind the award of the bid for rock salt to Del-Sir Supply at a cost of \$150.00 per ton as the material does not meet Penndot specifications

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

The Board discussed a possible source of 1,000 tons of approved salt that PennDot notified the township may be available if bids were advertised a second time. If no bids were again received, PennDot would be willing to supply the Township up to 1,000 tons of salt from their supplies.

Motion to re-advertise for sealed bids for 1,000 tons, more or less, of rock salt delivered or picked up, to be received by 5:00 p.m. on November 24, 2008

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 appoint Judith Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer as the right-to-know officer for Union Township until reorganization

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach

Motion was withdrawn by Mr. Spahr with the concurrence of Mr. Tkach as the law does not take effect until 2009 and can be addressed at the reorganization meeting.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2008-9, in regards to rules and regulations for the disposal of personal property of the Township

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 will begin the income surveys of Elrama residents, which need to be completed by the end of the year, as required for the CDBG Program. A visible form of ID will be carried by the Board members.

Motion to approve the renewal of the liability, public officials and umbrella insurance policies for a premium of \$22,508 as presented by Higbee Insurance, Inc.

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 adopt a resolution authorizing the incurring of non-electoral debt for capital purposes by issuance of a general obligation note in the amount of \$92,042 from National City Bank, and authorizing the Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer to sign any and all necessary documentation

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 sponsor and approve a resolution in support of Peters Creek Sanitary Authority application for the Local Share Account for the installation of 4,500 linear feet of public sewers on McChain Road as a special interest project

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 solicitor to contact Code.sys Code Consulting to ascertain if they are willing to perform electrical inspections on a regular basis, but any other inspections on an as-needed basis when required by the Code Enforcement Officer acting as the Building Code Official

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 approve the attendance of Mr. Spahr, Mr. Parish and Mr. Cheplic at the gas drilling seminar in the Washington County Extension office on November 18, 2008 at a cost of \$25 per attendee

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 approve Resolution No. 2008-13 to permit use of PennDot's dotGrants system to file Liquid Fuels forms and DCED annual reports electronically

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

Andy Tullai, 26 Cardox Road, commented that the gas drilling rigs near his home are extremely noisy and drill continuously around the clock. The Board agreed but regulations for gas well drilling are set by PA DEP.

He also commented that the Earned Income Tax collector did not seem to be aware that Union Township residents earning less than \$3,200 in income were exempted from the tax. The Board will review the issue.

Mr. Tullai reported that the computer program was completed for the road crew reporting system and he was continuing to work with them on its use.

Motion to go into executive session for personnel issues and reasons of litigation at 9:00 pm

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach

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

Returned from executive session at 9:40 p.m. Mr. Makel stated that the discussion concerned litigation involving AdVenture and a personnel matter concerning a deceased former police officer.

Motion to schedule a meeting on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. with representatives of AdVenture and their legal counsel to present their intended use for their property

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 adjourn the meeting at 9:44 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.

Judith L. Taylor, Secretary