

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
December 8, 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, Scott Tkach, Larry Spahr and Linda Evans. Also in attendance: Dennis Makel–Solicitor, Harold Ivery-Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, Scott Grooms for Carl Dei Cas-Engineer, Judith Taylor-Secretary/Treasurer.

Public Comment

None

Motion to approve the minutes of November 10, 2008 regular Board meeting as presented, and 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.

Motion to approve the minutes of November 12, 2008 special meeting regarding Trax rezoning request 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 minutes of November 12, 2008 budget workshop as presented, and 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 the minutes of November 24, 2008 special meeting as presented, and subject to being true and correct

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Linda Evans

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

Motion to approve the minutes of December 3, 2008 special meeting regarding AdVenture Development as presented, and subject to being true and correct

Motion by George Cheplic, Second by Scott Tkach

Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, 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.

Board discussed the problem the road crew is having turning around at the end of Hobbit Lane due to the property owner not completing the development or finishing the planned cul-de-sac. Mr. Makel will contact the property owner to establish a temporary cul-de-sac.

The Board requested that the road foreman obtain three quotes for 30-inch Penndot-approved stop signs for the next meeting.

Mr. Makel reported that he had not been able to reach Mr. Bigi concerning the Multi-Municipal Plan. He will continue to try to contact him.

Mr. Parish announced an open house for the Peters Creek Sanitary Authority's new building at 3502 Lincoln Avenue in Finleyville on Wednesday, December 17, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 pm.

Mr. Parish also announced a dedication ceremony for the new MMVTA Park and Ride Lot on Route 88 on Thursday, December 18, 2008 beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Motion to approve payroll #23 dated November 14, 2008 in the amount of \$7,239.01 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 #24 dated November 28, 2008 in the amount of \$7,776.60 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 payment of the general fund invoices in the amount of \$107,136.93 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, 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 approve use of the Union Township CDBG Program funding for the Street and Drainage Improvements Project in the village of Elrama

Motion by Larry Spahr, Seconded by George Cheplic

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

Motion to authorize the Engineer to prepare a map for the CDBG Program Street and Drainage Project showing the homes, and to develop cost estimates for the affected repaving and drainage areas

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 authorize the solicitor to review the railroad licensing agreement with Emily Shade and Donna Davis concerning the railroad not tapping into the new sewage line in Elrama
Motion by Larry Spahr, Seconded by George Cheplic
Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to authorize the purchase of memory and computer upgrades for the office and zoning department computers, and schedule training with Russell Stevens, Technical Products and Supply, on the computer backup system
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 advertise the storm water, landscaping and lighting ordinances for possible adoption at the special meeting on December 29, 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 advertise the reorganization meetings of the Board of Supervisors on Monday, January 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., and the Board of Auditors on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., and the first regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on Monday, January 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
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 the Board of Supervisors' intent to use a CPA to prepare the 2008 audit
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 open a general fund and payroll fund account at Citizens Bank as depository of Township funds for the balance of 2008
Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr
Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Ivery informed the Board of the approval by the Planning Commission of a request by NHS Human Services for a conditional use to double the size of the Marflak personal care home at 6181 Brownsville Road Extension. Mr. Makel will contact the attorney for NHS Human Services to schedule and advertise a conditional use public hearing on the request on Monday, January 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Ivery will post the property and send out the required notification by certified and regular mail.

The Board agreed to permit John Stats, Custom Contracting, to run two shifts on an as-needed basis to complete the DEP reclamation work on the Joki property on McChain Road. Mr. Ivery will monitor the situation.

Ms. Evans reported that she had spoken to Mr. Mike Settlemeier, 12 Circle Drive, Elrama concerning removal of a large tree he claims is on the township right-of-way. Mr. Parish will have the engineer examine the tree again to verify if it is a safety hazard.

Mr. Tony Arnold appeared before the Board to request permission to install approximately 250 feet of private sewage line in the township right of way on McChain Road. He would also need to install approximately 350 feet on Lookout Lane, a private road, before reaching McChain Road. It was suggested that Mr. Arnold wait to see if the Local Share Account committee awards Peters Creek Sanitary Authority's request for funds to install public sewers on McChain Road in the area.

Public Comment

Mr. Chuck Wilson, 316 Stone Church Road, inquired on the status of the ordinance codification process, the appointment of a Planning Commission member, and the results of a recreation board survey.

Andy Tullai, 26 Cardox Road, commented on Keystone willing to consider refund of EIT for those residents making less than \$3200, and inquired on letters to Elrama residents concerning tap fees and low-interest loans.

Motion to go into executive session for personnel issues and possible litigation at 9:00 pm
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 returned from executive session at 9:35 p.m. Mr. Makel stated that the discussion concerned the pension fund for former police officers, litigation involving AdVenture, Kingsfield and the Finleyville Airport.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m.
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