

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Special Meeting
February 23, 2009

The Board of Supervisors Special Meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Parish at 7:00 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 7:02 pm. Also in attendance: Harold Ivery-Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, Dennis Makel-Solicitor, Joe Ferrero-Elrama Sewage Project Engineer, Judith Taylor-Secretary/Treasurer.

Public Comment

None

Motion to approve the request submitted by Attorney Albert Torrence representing NHS Human Services, Inc for a 30-day continuance of the public hearing on the conditional use request, with Mr. Torrence's stated agreement to waive the 30-day statutory time period for the conditional use decision, a copy of the letter to be attached to the minutes
Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach
Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to set date for continued public hearing on the conditional use request by NHS Human Services, Inc for March 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., with Mr. Makel to send a letter to Mr. Torrence informing him of the date, and the Zoning Officer to repost the property and send notices to the affected abutting property owners by certified and regular mail, additional expenses to be borne by the applicant
Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach
Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve change order #2 in the amount of \$114,844.00 in Contract No. 02-1 for the Elrama Sewage Project
Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Linda Evans
Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to send the Elrama Sewage Project informational mailing package to the affected residents only at this time, commercial owners to be notified later
Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr
Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. James Hoey appeared before the Board to inquire on the status of the condemnation of his property at 4490 Finley-Elrama Road for the Elrama Sewage Project. Mr. Makel will contact him when the appraisal has been completed.

Mr. Parish will request an updated proposal and a formal contract from Pennsylvania American Water Co for doing the billing for the Elrama Sewage Project for the March meeting.

The Board will review the copies of rules and regulations provided by WESA and the solicitor for the future operation of the Elrama Sewage system.

Mr. Parish reported that no comments on the Multi-Municipal Plan agreement had yet been received from the engineer, planner or Planning Commission.

Motion to go into executive session for personnel reasons and possible litigation at 7:52 p.m.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Linda Evans

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

The Board returned from executive session at 8:20 p.m. Mr. Makel stated that the discussion concerned employees, pension items, Kingsfield litigation, and Trax Farms rezoning issue.

Motion to appoint Donald Bucich as Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, effective February 24, 2009, on a part time basis of 20 hours per week plus attendance at Board and Planning Commission meetings, at \$15.00 per hour, with no other benefits

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion to authorize a 60-day transition period for Harold Ivery to continue to serve as the Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer; and continue as Building Code Official with the submittal of a new payment proposal

Motion by Linda Evans, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion to accept the resignation of Donald Bucich from the Zoning Hearing Board effective February 23, 2009

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion to advertise to accept letters of interest for one permanent member and one alternate member of the Zoning Hearing Board until March 23, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach

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

Motion to authorize the solicitor to draft and advertise a proposed ordinance to rezone an approximate fifty acre parcel along Route 88 owned by Robert L. Trax/Trax Farms, Inc. for possible adoption at a special meeting scheduled for Monday, March 30, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach

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

Motion to authorize the solicitor to reply to Mr. Gerald Cook that the statement concerning Finleyville Airport's failure to comply with proper permitting procedures which Mr. Cook categorized as a false statement was not made as stated in his letter of February 12, 2009

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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

Judith L. Taylor, Secretary