

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 9, 2009

The Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Parish at 7:03 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: Harold Ivery-Zoning Officer(Interim), Building Code Official, Donald Bucich-Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, Dennis Makel-Solicitor, Scott Groomes representing Carl Dei Cas-Engineer, Joe Ferrero-Elrama Sewage Project engineer, Judith Taylor-Secretary/Treasurer.

Public Comment

None

Motion to recognize the attendance of Garrett Breinig, 6438 Union Avenue, Finleyville PA, member of Boy Scout Troop 1452, as a requirement of his Citizenship badge.

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 instructed Mr. Bucich and Mr. Ivery to investigate the problem of dilapidated mobile homes in the Township.

The Board discussed the need to replace all the street signs in the new few years to meet new PennDOT requirements. The road department will proceed to order new signs a few at a time.

The Board discussed Hobbit Lane and Aragon Place being added to Liquid Fuels reimbursement. The portion of Hobbitt Lane from Route 88 to Aragon Place can be added, but the cul-de-sac on Aragon Place is five feet too small in diameter to meet the requirements.

Jonathan Madaras, Lieutenant/Information Specialist, Elrama Fire Company, announced an Open House and Dedication Ceremony for the Company's new truck to be held on Sunday, April 5, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

Motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 2009 regular Board meeting, 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.

The minutes of the February 23, 2009 meeting were amended as follows: page 2, paragraph 10, Mr. Parish abstained from the roll call vote.

Motion to approve the minutes of February 23, 2009 as amended, subject to being true and correct

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Motion to approve payroll #4 dated February 20, 2009 in the amount of \$7,987.53, 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.

Motion to approve payroll #5 dated March 6, 2009 in the amount of \$8,492.66, subject to being true and correct

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 payment of the general fund invoices in the amount of \$68,883.62 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 payment of Guyer Brothers, Inc Partial Payment Estimate #3 for the Elrama Sewage Project in the amount of \$414,936.46

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 advance payment in the amount of \$50,000 to Guyer Brothers, Inc as verbally approved on March 12, 2009 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 approve the Secretary/Treasurer to issue advances to Guyer Brothers, Inc in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 as approved by the Board

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 KAG Engineering Inc Invoice #11 for the Elrama Sewage Project in the amount of \$28,797.80

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach

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

No comments had yet been received on the Multi-municipal Plan agreement from the consultants, or Planning Commission.

The continued public hearing for the NHS Conditional Use request on property located at 6181 Brownsville Road is scheduled for March 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to authorize the solicitor to investigate and respond to the letter from Berggren and Turturice regarding the use and possible widening of Boyka Drive for access to the Tuscany Estates property for the proposed new middle school

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 for letters of interest in the position of member of Peters Creek Sanitary Board for a term of five years to be received by Monday, April 13, 2009 at 5:00 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 send a letter to Penndot requesting three large arrow signs to be installed on two sharp bends on Finley-Elrama Road

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by George Cheplic

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

Motion to authorize the Supervisors to inspect township roads and bridges on any Saturday in April as convenient

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 Leonard Bailey, Elrama Fire Company Chief, as Union Township's Emergency Management Coordinator

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach

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

Mr. Bailey will review and update the Township's Emergency Operations Plan.

Motion to appoint Scott Tkach as the Township's Earned Income Tax Collection Committee delegate

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Linda Evans

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

Motion to appoint Larry Spahr as the Township's alternate Earned Income Tax Collection Committee delegate

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by George Cheplic

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

The Board held in abeyance pending further information the request for funding from Washington County Planning Commission for a hazardous waste collection.

The Board will set up a meeting with Jefferson Hills Borough to discuss the Elrama Sewage Project tap in fee agreement.

The Board discussed a request to increase the meeting fee paid to Peters Creek Sanitary Board members from \$25 to \$50. Mr. Tkach will investigate the matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A resident asked if Waste Management could pick up recycling materials more than once per month. The Board will consider requiring recycling collections twice per month when renewing the contract.

Motion to go into executive session for personnel reasons and possible litigation at 9:10 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.

The Board returned from executive session at 9:30 p.m. Mr. Makel stated that the discussion concerned the Kingsfield litigation, pension items and the Trax Farms rezoning.

Motion to authorize the solicitor to contact Mockenhaupt for further information and to respond to the Auditor General's office concerning pension issues

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 respond to the letter from Robert Clarke to grant an extension to the time line for responding to the request for appeal of the Trax Farm rezoning

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 adjourn the meeting at 9:35 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.

Judith L. Taylor, Secretary