

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
May 11, 2009

The Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Parish at 7:03 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 were Steve Parish, George Cheplic, Scott Tkach, Larry Spahr and Linda Evans. Also in attendance: Harold Ivery-Building Code Official, Dennis Makel-solicitor, Judith Taylor-Secretary/Treasurer

Public Comment

Andy Tullai, 26 Cardox Road, requested a copy of the 2008 audit in electronic form to assist in posting on the Township's website.

Paul Owens, 6314 Jack Street, suggested the Township consider publishing mission statements and ongoing business reports on a regular basis.

Motion to approve minutes of the April 13, 2009 regular Board meeting as presented, 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.

The board discussed the sliding bank which is damaging the curb on McChain Road. There is concern that power lines could be knocked down by sliding trees. The Township engineer has not yet presented his report on the situation. There were also comments on trees leaning or pressing on power and cable lines elsewhere in the Township.

The Board will review the comments received from the Planning Commission on the draft Intermunicipal Agreement for the Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan. Comments from the engineer had not yet been received.

The road foreman presented quotes for installation of used guiderail along College Street and Kennedy Road received as follows: Pennline Services--\$5,680.63; Interstate Enterprises--\$7,278: and Green Acres Contracting--\$9,177.50

Motion to approve the lowest quote received for installing used guiderail along College Street and Kennedy Road from Pennline Services in the amount of \$5,680.00

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Linda Evans

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

The road foreman presented quotes for pipe received as follows: JMD Co--\$3,313; James M. Cox Co--\$4,421; U.S. Municipal Supply--\$5,176.82

Motion to approve purchase of pipe from JMD with lowest quote of \$3,313.00

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Linda Evans

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

The road foreman presented quotes for street signs and posts received as follows: U.S. Municipal Supply--\$21.80 per sign and \$4.85 per post; Walsh Equipment--\$39.90 per sign and \$7.50 per post; Corson Custom Graphics--\$40.00 per sign

Motion to authorize the road foreman to purchase 30 signs and posts from U.S. Municipal with lowest quote total cost of \$751.00

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by George Cheplic

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

The road foreman requested the Board purchase a trailer large enough to transport both lawn tractors as the present one will only hold one, and they must use an unsafe procedure of driving one of the tractors up a ramp into the bed of a truck. He presented a proposal from Tom's Equipment in Hickory PA.

Motion to purchase a 16-foot trailer to transport lawn mowers from Tom's Equipment for a cost of \$2,260

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by George Cheplic

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

Jonathan Madaras, Lieutenant/Information Specialist, Elrama Fire Company, presented the monthly activity report for April, 2009.

Motion to approve Payroll #8 dated April 17, 2009 in the amount of \$9,557.93 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 #9 dated May 1, 2009 in the amount of \$8,115.15 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 pay outstanding bills totaling \$25,275.25 from the General Fund as of May 11, 2009 as presented by the Secretary/Treasurer, 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.

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

Motion to approve Partial Payment Estimate #5 for Guyer Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$502,560.30 for the Elrama Sewage 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 approve an advance to Guyer Brothers, Inc. on Partial Payment #5 in the amount of \$50,000 for the Elrama Sewage 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 approve payment to First Commonwealth Bank for interest on \$375,000 interim financing drawdown in the amount of \$1,196.87 for the Elrama Sewage 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 approve payment to M B & R Piping Contractors for Payment Request #1 in the amount of \$13,393.80 for the Elrama Sewage Project

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 payment of Invoice #13 for KAG Engineering Inc. in the amount of \$29,051.60 for the Elrama Sewage 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 approve agreement with Allegheny Power and payment in the amount of \$23,862.46 for power supply to the pump station for the Elrama Sewage Project

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 Pennsylvania American Water contract for billing and revenue collection services in the amount of \$.65 per bill for a term of three years for the Elrama Sewage 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 approve the shut off agreement between Pennsylvania American Water and Union Township for users in default in the Elrama Sewage Project

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 award the bid for summer road materials to Russell Standard for 20,000 gallons, more or less, of CRS-2 (E-3) emulsion, delivered and applied as directed at \$1.835 per gallon

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 award the bid for summer road materials to Del Sir Supply for 1,000 tons, more or less, of #8 crushed aggregate, washed and delivered (1-B), at \$25.97 per ton

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 award the bid for summer road materials to Laurel Aggregates for 250 tons, more or less, of #57 crushed aggregate, delivered (2-B), at \$18.15 per ton

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 award the bid for summer road materials to Hanson Aggregates for 500 tons, more or less, of Superpave asphalt 9.5 mm, PG 64-22, 0 to 0.3 million ESAL's SRL-G, 0.3 to 3 million ESAL's SRL-G picked up at \$53.00 per ton

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 award the bid for summer road materials to Hanson Aggregates for 500 tons, more or less, of Superpave asphalt 19.00 mm, PG 64-22, 0 to 0.3 million ESAL's SRL-G, 0.3 to 3 million ESAL's SRL-G picked up at \$48.00 per ton

Motion by Scott Tkach, Seconded by Larry Spahr

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

Motion to award the bid for summer road materials to Laurel Aggregates for 250 tons, more or less, of 6 inch gabion aggregate, delivered, at \$17.65 per ton

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 re-advertise the bid for 250 tons, more or less of bituminous coldpatch material, picked up, to be received by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2009

Motion by Scott Tkach, Seconded by Larry Spahr

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

Motion to advertise the Traffic Ordinance of 2009 for adoption at the June 8, 2009 meeting

Motion by Scott Tkach, Seconded by Larry Spahr

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

Mr. Makel reported that he had not received a response from Jefferson Hills Borough's attorney concerning a meeting to discuss the Elrama Sewage Tap-in Agreement. The Board held this issue in abeyance until Mr. Makel can contact him.

The Board asked Mr. Harold Ivery to prepare a one-year agreement for Building Code Official services for the June meeting. Mr. Ivery will also set up a meeting to view a demonstration of software for a permit and zoning computer system.

The Board reviewed the final site plan for Tuscany Heights Phase Five. Letters of approval had been received from the Township engineer, Union Township Planning Commission and Washington County Planning Commission.

Motion to approve the final site plan for Tuscany Heights Phase Five as presented

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Stephen Cypher of Cypher & Cypher presented the 2008 audit to the Board. He felt the financial condition of the Township was satisfactory and commended the Board for implementing recommendations from previous audits. He recommended the Supervisors consider the accounting of the Operating Reserve monies be moved from the General Fund into its own Fund.

Motion to accept and advertise the 2008 audit as presented

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 advertise for bids for a Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling Contract for a three-year term to be received by 5:00 p.m. for opening at the meeting on June 8, 2009

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 reported that he had discussed the 2009 Paving Project with Rick Skovensky, Municipal Services Representative, to repair catch basins on Hobbitt Lane, install new catch basins on Don Street Extension and Spring Street; and pave Hobbitt Lane, Don Street, Don Street Extension, Norman Avenue, Spring Street, and Bowling Green Street for approximately \$130,000.

Motion to advertise for bids for contractors to repave Norman Street, Don Street, Bowling Green Street, Don Street Extension, Spring Street and Hobbitt Lane with 1-1/2 inch Superpave compacted per Penndot specifications, and repair and install catch basins and risers as required, and possibly add the catch basin replacement on Stonebridge Drive next to Giant Eagle, to be received by 5:00 p.m. for opening at June 8, 2009 meeting

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 proposal by Cypher & Cypher to audit the Earned Income Tax Collector for 2008 collections for a cost of \$775

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 Joe Kirk, Mon Valley Progress Council, would like to meet with supervisors who are available on May 20, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion to go into executive session for reasons of personnel and possible litigation at 9:20 p.m.

Motion by George Cheplic, Second by Linda Evans

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 the discussion involved personnel issues, Trax zoning appeal, and Kingsfield litigation.

Board Approved 6/8/09

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 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