

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 14, 2009

The Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Parish at 7:08 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 by roll call were Steve Parish, George Cheplic, Scott Tkach, Larry Spahr. Also in attendance: Harold Ivery-Building Code Official, Carl Dei Cas-Engineer, Joe Ferrero-Elrama Sewage Project Engineer, Dennis Makel-Solicitor, Judith Taylor-Secretary/Treasurer.

Public Comment

None

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2009 regular Board meeting amended as follows: Page 1, paragraph 7, add "Kingsfield Corporation" and page 4, paragraph 6, add "The Board directed the delegates to share that information with the Committee."

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

The Board discussed some complaints from residents concerning an individual who habitually fails to comply with the burning ordinance. The complaint will be directed to the Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Parish will contact DEP to check whether a complete moratorium on burning has been approved for the Monongahela Air Basin.

Motion to authorize the solicitor and Chairman to contact the DEP for information to update Ordinance 70 and authorize the solicitor to prepare an ordinance as required

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Mr. Marflak read a letter concerning Mr. Bucich being unable to respond to a question about the zoning of his property on Brownsville Road.

Motion to approve Tom's Tire quote for recapped tires for winter maintenance for all trucks as needed

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Mr. Parish read the Elrama Fire Company monthly activity report for August, 2009. Lt. Madaras had received a fire call and excused himself from the meeting.

Motion to approve payroll #17 dated August 21, 2009 in the amount of \$8,687.68, as presented by the Secretary/Treasurer, 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. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payroll #18 dated September 4, 2009 in the amount of \$8,047.57, 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. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of general fund invoices in the amount of \$37,532.50 as of September 14, 2009, 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. Motion carried.
Mr. Parish abstained from voting on those items pertaining to the Finleyville airport.

Motion to approve payment of Invoice #17 for KAG Engineering Inc. in the amount of \$33,901.78 for the Elrama Sewage Project
Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach
Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Partial Payment Estimate #8 for Guyer Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$66,111.77 for the Elrama Sewage Project
Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach
Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Change Order # 3 for Guyer Brothers, Inc., resulting in a decrease in the total bid price of \$25,200
Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach
Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise a workshop on September 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Elrama Sewage Project draft rules and regulations, tap fee due dates and Jefferson Hills agreement
Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach
Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes. Motion carried.

The Zoning Hearing Board continued hearing on the appeal of the Trax Rezoning will be held on Monday, September 28, 2009 at 12:00 noon.

Motion to approve the McChain Road Maintenance Agreement, subject to approval and execution by Michael A. Corace with no change in language
Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach
Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes. Motion carried.

The old copier will be offered to a charity, or if there is no interest, advertised for sale.

Motion to approve an increase in salary from \$25 to \$50 per meeting for the members of the Peters Creek Sanitary Board
Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr
Roll call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2009-4, concerning nuisance motor vehicles
Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach
Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise the Local Services Tax Ordinance as required
Motion by George Cheplic, Second by Scott Tkach
Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the preliminary plan for the Behling Dixon Holdings Land Development application
Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach
Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Biddle subdivision, Lot 1 being 1.5622 acres, residual tract 17.4 acres, for recording purposes only and subject to all fees being paid
Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by George Cheplic
Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$129,890.63 to El Grande Industries, Inc from the Liquid Fuels Fund for the 2009 Paving Project
Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr
Roll call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Parish reported on a conversation he had with George Zubasic, concerning a storm water drainage issue on his property on McChain Road. The engineer and solicitor concurred that the Township can drain storm water from the road surface into a natural watercourse.

The engineer will update the costs for the Union Valley Watershed Project in order to apply for grant funds through the state H2O and Army Corp of Engineers Section 313 programs.

The Board requested the engineer review the old survey and plans for the Mingo Circle Watershed Act 537 Sewage Needs Plan in order to begin the process of planning for public sewage in this area.

Motion to approve release of the bond for Tuscany Estates, Phase III, subject to written approval from the engineer
Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr
Roll call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise request for proposals for liability, umbrella insurance packages
Motion by George Cheplic, Second by Larry Spahr
Roll Call Vote: Parish-yes, Cheplic-yes, Tkach-yes, Spahr-yes. Motion carried.

The Board held in abeyance a donation to the ambulance service until 2010 budget discussions.

Motion to set the date for Halloween trick-or-treat for October 31, 2009 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

The Board scheduled the annual leaf pick-up for the weeks of October 26 and November 2, 2009. The road crew will pick up leaves in biodegradable bags put out at the curb.

Motion to pass a resolution recognizing Mrs. Urbanja, 3945 Finley-Elrama Road, Elrama PA, on the occasion of her 104th birthday, October 12, 2009

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach

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

Motion to approve the supervisors to inspect the roads at their convenience in October

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach

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

Mr. Parish presented two quotes for dump trucks from Allegheny Ford: 31,000 GVW with plow--\$79,548; and 26,000 GVW with plow--\$71,500. There were some changes needed, and he will request updated quotes for the next meeting.

Motion to advertise the ordinance adopting a portion of Hobbitt Lane into the Township road system

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach

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

Motion to advertise the ordinance amending the Police Pension Plan

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach

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

Public Comment

None

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

Motion by George Cheplic, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Returned from executive session at 9:20 p.m. Mr. Makel stated that the discussion concerned the Kingsfield matter.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach

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

Judith L. Taylor, Secretary