

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 12, 2009

The Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Parish at 7:06 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-Building Code Official, Donald Bucich-Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, Dennis Makel-Solicitor, Carl Dei Cas-Engineer, Joe Ferrero-Elrama Sewage Project Engineer, Judith Taylor-Secretary/Treasurer.

Public Comment

None

The minutes of September 12, 2009 were amended as follows: page 1, paragraph 3, add the word "allegedly".

Motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2009 regular Board meeting as amended, 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-abstain. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of September 21, 2009 workshop, 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.

Mr. Spahr reported he was approached about purchasing ladders designed to attach to the bed of a dump truck to aid in safely accessing the bed. Mr. Parish will get more information for the Board to consider purchasing the ladders.

Motion to approve payroll #19 dated September 18, 2009 in the amount of \$8,445.90, 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 #20 dated October 2, 2009 in the amount of \$8,287.73, 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 \$90,794.19 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 Invoice #18 for KAG Engineering Inc for the Elrama Sewage Project in the amount of \$35,986.70

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 payment of Partial Payment Estimate #9 for Guyer Brothers, Inc for the Elrama Sewage Project in the amount of \$54,235.97

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 change order #4 for Guyer Brothers, Inc increasing the total bid price in the amount of \$29,570

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 Payment Application #4 for M. B. & R. Piping Contractors for the Elrama Sewage Project in the amount of \$81,767.08

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 Payment Application No. 1 to David W. Jones Company for the Elrama Sewage Project in the amount of \$15,870.60

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 new tap fee schedule for residents included in the Elrama Sewage Project as follows: \$1000 payable until December 31, 2009; \$1200 payable until April 1, 2010; \$2000 payable thereafter

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 send the amended tap in agreement to Jefferson Hills Borough Council for approval

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 amended shut-off agreement with Pennsylvania American Water 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.

The Board will discuss the monthly sewer user charge calculation for residents in the Elrama Sewage Project at a workshop.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2009-5, adopting the Local Services Tax in the amount of \$52 per year, with an effective date of January 1, 2010, and an exemption for anyone earning under \$12,000 per year

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by George Cheplic

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

Keystone Collections Group will make the necessary notifications concerning the Local Services Tax to employers and self-employed persons.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2009-6 adopting a portion of Hobbit Lane into the township road system

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 Ordinance No. 2009-7 amending the Police Pension Plan in order to comply with requirements of amendments to Act 600

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 William Asay, Mockenhaupt Benefits Group, to purchase appropriate annuities to provide spousal survivor benefits as specified in Ordinance No. 2009-7

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by George Cheplic

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

Mr. Parish reported that he and Mr. Makel had met with Rep. Murtha's staff in Johnstown to discuss grant funding for the Union Valley Watershed Project. Rep Murtha will fund 65% of the \$1.7 million budget for the project. The Board agreed to move quickly to obtain further federal and state grant monies and apply for funds through the 2010 Local Share Account. Any available pictures and comments from residents concerning the past flooding in the area will be included in the application.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2009-13 applying for grant funds through the Local Share Account for the township's Union Valley Watershed 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 advertise for bids for sale of the old Sharp copier to be received by 5:00 p.m. on November 9, 2009

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 extended the deadline for receipt of liability insurance proposals until the next meeting.

Motion to approve the purchase of a 2010 Ford F650 XL dump truck with a 10-foot Western plow and 10 ½-foot steel bed in the amount of \$73,732

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

The solicitor reported that he had spoken to Michael Corace about his concerns with the McChain Road Slide Agreement. He will amend paragraph five and submit for Board approval at the next meeting.

Motion to approve the final plan for the Behling Dixon Holdings Land Development application as approved by the Engineer

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 Resolution No. 2009-11 adopting the Sewage Planning Module for Peters Creek Sanitary Authority's McChain Road Sewage Extension 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 Resolution No. 2009-12 supporting Peters Creek Sanitary Authority's 2010 Local Share Account application for grant funds for the McChain Road Sewage Extension 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 advertise workshops for the Elrama Sewage Project and 2010 budget on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., and for the 2010 budget on Monday, November 16, 2009 at 6:30 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 approve Resolution No. 2009-14 recognizing the Elrama Volunteer Fire Company for 75 years of service to the residents of the township

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by George Cheplic

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

Mr. Parish reported on correspondence received from the Washington County Sewage Council concerning an increase in fees for services for residents and a municipal assessment of \$350 for the township due to the state's failure to adequately fund the program.

Mr. Parish also notified the Board of a meeting concerning the state's Transportation Plan scheduled on November 16, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at Courthouse Square.

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

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by George Cheplic

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

The Board returned from executive session at 9:23 p.m. Mr. Makel stated that the discussion concerned Kingsfield litigation, and union negotiations.

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Motion to grant an extension of the grading permit of George Cheplic until March 1, 2010 with no additional fees due

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 adjourn the meeting at 9:25 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