

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

The Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Parish at 7:04 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 (arrived at 7:30 p.m.), Judith Taylor-Secretary/Treasurer.

Public Comment

None

Mr. Parish requested a moment of silence in memory of Karen Henze, a former member of the Recreation Board who passed away recently.

Motion to approve the minutes of October 12, 2009 regular Board meeting as presented, 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 the minutes of October 21, 2009 workshop, 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-abstain. Motion carried.

There was some discussion of changing the demolition permit application to add a disclaimer that any unpaid property taxes are the responsibility of the property owner or permittee with no research to be done by the Township before issuing the permit. The Board agreed to maintain the current procedure of denying demolition permits if property taxes are owed.

The Board discussed a report that substantial grading is being done on the Zubasic property on McChain Road. The Township had not received a land development or storm water management plan. Mr. Bucich, Mr. Dei Cas, and Mr. Ivery will meet with Mr. Zubasic to discuss the matter.

The solicitor reported that Michael Corace still had concerns with the McChain Road Slide Agreement. He and Mr. Bucich will try to meet with Mr. Corace on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 to discuss the issue.

The Board discussed the damage done to Airport Road by Mountain View Oil & Gas Co. In the future photographs and video will be taken of the entire road in case damage is done outside of the bonded distance, and a blanket bond agreement should be signed by the applicant which accurately assesses costs for damages.

Subject to Board Approval 12/14/09

Motion to approve payroll #21 dated October 16, 2009 in the amount of \$8,439.04, 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 #22 dated October 30, 2009 in the amount of \$8,260.83, 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, Evans-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of general fund invoices in the amount of \$93,706.03 as presented by the Secretary/Treasurer, subject to being true and correct

Motion by Linda Evans, Second by Scott Tkach

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 #19 for KAG Engineering Inc for the Elrama Sewage Project in the amount of \$24,770.10

Motion by Linda Evans, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Mr. Parish reported that a walkthrough with Guyer Brothers and the Elrama Sewage Project engineers took place on Friday, November 6, 2009. They noted any remaining items to be put on a punch list.

Motion to approve payment to Makel & Associates LLC in the amount of \$1,001.86 for the Elrama Sewage Project

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by George Cheplic

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

Mr. Makel stated that he would send the tap-in agreement to Jefferson Hills this week.

The Board agreed to have KAG Engineering set up a meeting with West Elizabeth Sanitary Authority to discuss an operation and maintenance agreement for the Elrama Sewage system.

The Board and the solicitor will review the proposals for liability insurance for approval at the next meeting.

Motion to authorize the solicitor to send a letter to Mountain View Oil and Gas concerning the damages to Airport Road

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by George Cheplic

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

Mr. Tkach updated the Board on the Earned Income Tax Collection Committee meeting he attended. There was discussion about asking for loans of startup funds from municipalities and school districts until regular operations can begin. Mr. Tkach noted to the Committee that Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreements may be necessary in this instance.

Motion to authorize the solicitor to investigate the issue of Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreements in regards to Act 32

Motion by Scott Tkach, Second by Larry Spahr

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

Discussion on the Burning Ordinance was held in abeyance until further information was received from the PA DEP.

Mr. Makel will request a new copy of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for the Multi-Municipal Plan from Mr. Bigi. It was also noted to ascertain that the maps are accurate.

Washington County Planning Commission is planning another household hazardous waste collection in 2010.

Mr. Parish reported that due to limited production of dump trucks in 2010, the dealer was unable to place the Township's order for the Ford 650XL. He did have a similar 2009 truck that would be acceptable for \$74,311.

Motion to rescind the motion approving purchase of the 2010 Ford 650XL dump truck for a cost of \$73,732

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 purchase a 2009 F750 regular cab, 26,000 GVW dump truck for a cost not to exceed \$72,000

Motion by George Cheplic, Second by Scott Tkach

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

Motion to advertise a special meeting on November 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. to present the 2010 proposed budget and a special meeting on December 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. for final adoption of the 2010 budget

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Linda Evans

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

Mr. Mark Scelsi, landsman for Kriebel Resources, appeared before the Board requesting a change in the application process for an overweight vehicle permit. He stated that he cannot supply a list of the vehicles to be used because that is under the control of a subcontractor who could send any one of a number of vehicles to the job site.

Motion to approve Kriebel Resources request for an Overweight Vehicle Permit for seven tenths (.7) of one mile of Garvin Road utilizing the Penndot Type II permit process pending approval of a bonding agreement between Kriebel and the Township; both photographs and video being taken of the entire road; appropriate fees paid, including inspection fees; and appropriate bond in place, in excess of standard bond of \$12,500 per mile of paved surface, due to special circumstances relating to Garvin Road being repaved only two years ago

Motion by Larry Spahr, Second by Scott Tkach

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

Mr. Parish reported that a review by the Township's workers' compensation insurance carrier noted that two doors in the garage and the drainage grates in the garage floor need to be repaired as soon as possible. The engineer will be asked to supply a drawing for repair of the grates since it is a public building. The work will be done next spring when the trucks can be parked outside to allow the cement surrounding the grates to cure. In the meantime the grates must be covered by metal plates for safety purposes. In addition, a tear in the entrance rug and broken tiles in the entryway to the Board room should be repaired.

Motion to approve the quote received from Martik Brothers for replacement of two steel man doors on the garage building with new hardware, locks, etc., for a cost of \$3,335
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 purchase a one-half inch thick steel plate, 40 feet long by 24 inches wide, from Walter Long Manufacturing for a cost of \$1,100
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 authorize 3R Services to replace the rug in the entrance hall, repair broken tiles in the Board room floor, and replace the runners in the hallways
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 go into executive session for personnel reasons and possible litigation at 9:10 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 9:45 p.m. Mr. Makel stated that the discussion concerned personnel issues and the Kingsfield litigation.

Motion to increase the fee for a permit for road cuts, road bores, etc, of Township roads to \$200
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 adjourn the meeting at 9:46 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