

UNION TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

July 8, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Union Township Supervisors was held at the Union Township Building located at 125 Sycamore Lane, Julian, Pennsylvania and was called to order by Chair Nick Taylor at 7:00 PM. Attendees included Nick Taylor, Tammy Hanscom, Michael MacNamara, Renee Swancer, Secretary/Treasurer, Solicitor Jeff Stover. Also attending were Denny Ripka, Bud Snyder, Herman Slaybaugh, Terry Robinson and Mary Elliot, a representative from Paul Takac Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Elliot stated she was attending if anyone had any questions for her.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

MINUTES

The minutes of June 3 and June 5, 2025, June 26, 2025 meetings were presented for approval. Ms. Hanscom made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. MacNamara seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VOTE: Mr. MacNamara – yes Mr. Taylor – yes Ms. Hanscom – yes

FINANCIAL

June 2025 Treasurer's Reports and Payables. The marcellus shale funds will be transferred to the marcellus shale in the amount of \$2,488.92. It was noted a check was received from Cleveland Brothers and Secretary is reviewing. It was also noted the fire company protection invoice was received by the Township. Ms. Hanscom made a motion to approve the June 2025 Treasurer's Reports (*Expenditures, Profit Loss & Bank Statements*) and June 2025 payables. Mr. MacNamara seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VOTE: Mr. MacNamara – yes Mr. Taylor – yes Ms. Hanscom – yes

MONTHLY REPORTS

- Fire company oversight committee. Ms. Hanscom reported the hose adapters were installed. The extension for the opt-out period for fire service agreement was approved to July 31, 2025. Thermal cameras should arrive soon. Airpaks are on hold. On July 20, 2025, a control burn of a structure will occur. Tanker bay is on-hold pending word on grant for air packs. It was reported 24 calls were logged. Year-to-date fund raising is \$5,900.00.
- Mid Centre Authority. Mr. MacNamara noted the reports have been transmitted.
- Building Code Agency Reports. The report was acknowledged.
- Roads – Mr. Taylor reported the crew has been mowing. The work performed by Midland Asphalt was not acceptable. Mr. Taylor said the signs are better priced from US Municipal. Mr. MacNamara said that Township should prepare a grant application for Egypt Hollow Road for paving. Tar and chipping will be done next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Company Agreement. Mr. Taylor reported the Board held a special meeting on June 26, 2025 to extend the opt-out period for the service agreement until July 31, 2025. Mr. MacNamara said the Board attended the meeting at Port Matilda Fire Company and that the PSATS was contacted regarding a fire protection formula that could provide an equitable way to compute fire protection rates based on millage, per capita, and call volume. Mr. MacNamara presented a map showing the call-box areas and which fire companies would be dispatched. Mr. Slaybaugh asked if the formula is weighted equally, and it is. The cost with Port Matilda Fire Company protection is less, and their Council of Governments requires approval to join for protection. Additionally, Port Matilda would like Union Township to work out an agreement with Milesburg Fire Company before considering a request to join. Mr. Taylor stated the existing agreement should be a five-year agreement allowing for discussion among municipalities regarding fire protection. Other items of concern included:

- Fire station location in Union Township,
- Majority rule
- Motor vehicle billings for accidents

- Completion of ISO forms
- Record auditing, and
- Voting structure of fireman's relief and fire chief should be separate individuals.

Ms. Hanscom is in support of the existing agreement and will not support opting out of the agreement. Mr. Taylor is hopeful all parties can come to an agreement to reduce the agreement from 10 years to a five-year term. The topic of donation to the fire company was also brought up. Mr. Taylor doesn't believe the Milesburg Fire Company has not been very cooperative in discussing this agreement. Discussion became heated and someone in the audience asked who Ms. Hanscom was working for the fire company? And she said the fire company.

The solicitor will contact the municipalities and fire company to schedule another meeting to discuss this agreement before the end of the month. The Board decided to hold another special meeting on June 28, 2025 for any final decision making before the end of the month. Mr. Taylor made a motion to hold a special meeting on July 28, 2025 at 7:00 PM. Mr. MacNamara seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VOTE: Mr. MacNamara – yes Mr. Taylor – yes Ms. Hanscom – yes

OLD BUSINESS

County Hazardous Mitigation Update – Mr. Taylor made a motion to table discussion until next meeting. Mr. MacNamara seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VOTE: Mr. MacNamara – yes Mr. Taylor – yes Ms. Hanscom – yes

Tar and chipping – tabled.

Dry hydrant Unionville Borough. Mr. Taylor will have our road crew work with Unionville Borough to repair. Union Township's Comprehensive Plan. It was noted the plan review occurs every 10 years.

CORRESPONDENCE

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MacNamara made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 PM. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VOTE: Mr. MacNamara – yes Mr. Taylor – yes Ms. Hanscom – yes

Respectfully submitted by:

Renee Swancer

Secretary/Treasurer