

UNION TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

May 7, 2024

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, Brad Page, Renny Fisher, Zach Gay, Fred Moore, Devyn McPheeters, and Denny Ripka.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – None.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 2, 2024 were presented for approval. Ms. Hanscom made the correction of adding “documentation” to the minutes. Mr. MacNamara made a motion to approve the minutes, as corrected. Ms. Hanscom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

FINANCIAL

April 2024 Treasurer’s Reports and Payables. The secretary noted the auditor completed the audit. Ms. Hanscom asked several questions regarding bank deposits, checks and payments. Ms. Hanscom made a motion to approve the April 2024 Treasurer’s Reports (*Expenditures, Profit Loss & Bank Statements*) and April 2024 payables. Ms. MacNamara seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

- Fire company oversight committee. Ms. Hanscom reported insurance funds were received for repairs to the engine rescue. A grant was received to help pay down current debt. A contractor was approved to mow the fire company grounds. A chicken barbeque is scheduled for May 18th. A grant was also submitted for engineering needed for building improvements.
- Mid Centre Authority. No report.
- Building Code Agency Reports. The report was acknowledged.
- **Roads** – Mr. Taylor reported crews have been cleaning ditches and patching. Mr. Ripka asked about Bi Road. There is large stone along the bank and if calcium chloride could be used. The Sinclair driveway was discussed. Mr. Taylor was going to speak with former supervisor Snyder for clarification on permit issuance. Ms. Hanscom was contacted by a property owner on Unionville Pike regarding an issue with his driveway and township road. It was stated that maybe the Township can install a pipe if the property owner pays for it. Mr. Taylor is concerned about setting a policy for pipe installation and the cost to the Township. Mr. Taylor will contact the property owner to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Hall Farm Beef Facility Project. Devyn McPheeters from the Centre County Conservation district was present to discuss the plan. A Penn Vest funding is being applied for and the project ranks high for support. Stormwater management has been waived because agricultural buffers are in place. The Board had no concerns with the project. A letter of support is needed from the Township Planning Commission, but it was stated a letter of support from the Board would be sufficient. Mr. MacNamara made a motion to provide a letter of support for the project. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Fred and Karen Moore Subdivision Plan. Fred Gay discussed the plan. Clarification was needed if existing driveways need permitting. The Board decided no driveway permits are needed for the existing site. Additionally, a non-building waiver form is required for sewage planning. The Board agreed to approve the non-building waiver as well as provide no comments regarding the plan to the County Planning Office. Mr. Taylor made a motion to require no driveway permits for existing driveways and to provide the County Planning Office with no comments regarding the plan. Mr. MacNamara seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Mr. MacNamara made a motion to approve the non-building waiver form. Ms. Hanscom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Road project Bid opening.

Paving projects:

Egypt Hollow: **Glenn O. Hawbaker - \$81,989.00**; HRI - \$89,726.25; Ameron - \$124,366.00. **Low bid was Glenn O. Hawbaker.**

Jacobs Road: **Glenn O. Hawbaker - \$80,397.00**; HRI - \$87,511.60; Ameron - \$121,972.00. **Low bid was Glenn O. Hawbaker.**

Tar and chipping various roads: Midland – \$69,833.40; **Suit-Kote - \$66,968.44. Low bid was Suit-Kote.**

Ms. Hanscom made a motion to accept the low bidder for the tar and chipping from Suit-Kote for \$66,968.44. Mr. MacNamara seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the low bidder for the paving projects from Glenn O. Hawbaker for \$81,989.00 and \$80,397.00. Mr. MacNamara seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Road Projects. Mr. Taylor said the 2019 Dodge needs a power steering hose and the Township may need to look into purchasing another truck. Ms. Hanscom will look to see if any grant funds are available for equipment purchases. It was noted the international was inspected and the grader will be coming at the end of the month.

ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

The West Penn Power right-of-way agreement request will be placed on the next meeting agenda for June 2024.

CORRESPONDENCE

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Hanscom made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 PM. Mr. MacNamara seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Renee Swancer

Secretary/Treasurer