

# UNION TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

April 1, 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, Terry Robinson, Brad Page, and Laura and Mike Reese.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. MacNamara mentioned he passed along to FNB the request to have the bank account interest at 4%.

### PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

#### MINUTES

The minutes of the March 4, 2025 meeting was presented for approval. Ms. Hanscom made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Mr. MacNamara seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

### FINANCIAL

No financials were presented due to bank statement unavailability.

### MONTHLY REPORTS

- Fire company oversight committee. Ms. Hanscom reported that wing night was successful. Thermal imaging cameras were approved to purchase. Additional pagers were purchased. She reported Chief Keith Russell said that Union Township Supervisors want to amend the fire company agreement, but there have been no discussions with the fire company regarding this request. Ms. Hanscom stated that any discussions from the Supervisors would need to be generated from thru a Union Township Board meeting and reported back to the fire company thru her as a representative. Mr. MacNamara said he had a discussion with Mr. Russell, but it originated because of ISO ratings for Union Township and how it could be improved. Mr. MacNamara said the Union Township Planning Commission reviewed years ago the fire company service contracts and the existing service contract would expire soon and maybe there should be discussion regarding the contract. It was mentioned that dry hydrants throughout the Township would help with the ISO rating. Discussion centered around millage versus use rate and would a different computation rate benefit municipalities. Boggs Township is the largest contributor to the current arrangement. Ms. Hanscom stated that any municipality wanting to change the existing agreement would need to have unanimous approval of all parties. Mr. Taylor wondered if a usage rate versus a millage rate be beneficial to Union Township. After a lot of discussion among the board members, the solicitor was to draft a letter to the municipalities to see if a work session could occur. Mr. MacNamara made a motion to ask the municipalities to schedule a meeting. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ms. Hanscom opposed.

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

- Mid Centre Authority. Mr. MacNamara reported Eagle Creek is looking to realign the railroad.
- Building Code Agency Reports. The report was acknowledged by Keystone Inspection Agency.
- Roads – Ms. Hanscom made a motion to approve getting the grader/roller from Bradco Supply. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

The track hoe rental will be coordinated by Mr. Taylor. Headwalls will be arriving. Culvert pipes were discussed. All pipes needed will cost \$11,360.00. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the purchase of the pipes for \$11,360.00. Ms. Hanscom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Trees at the end of the driveway at 350 Bi Road will be looked at by Mr. Taylor. Midland Asphalt did core testing on Ammerman Road. Quotes for Ammerman road were discussed.

Fire extinguishers for the Township need to be evaluated by Swartz Fire. Secretary will follow-up. The Secretary will also follow-up with finding someone to clean the office building.

An additional part-time road crew was discussed. Additional crew will be needed, and a retired Penn DOT worker is available to work. The solicitor stated advertising is not necessary. It was agreed to pay \$20.85 for an hourly rate and that Mr. Taylor could hire the person outside a meeting. Mr. MacNamara made the motion for Mr. Taylor to hire the employee at a rate of \$20.85/hr. if found acceptable after the interview. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VOTE: Mr. MacNamara – yes

Mr. Taylor – yes

Ms. Hanscom – yes

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

2025 Dirt and Gravel Application. Application will be submitted. No additional motions are necessary.

2025 Road Projects. Tar and chipping were discussed for Baney, Spotts and Ammerman Roads. Mr. Taylor will discuss this with our Penn DOT representative, Matt Kenepp. Mr. Taylor made a motion to contact Matt Kenepp about tar and chipping bids. Ms. Hanscom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Line painting. The secretary stated that Centre Region sent out the bids.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA**

Mr. MacNamara made a motion to schedule a work session to discuss the fire protection agreement on May 13, 2025 at 7:00 PM to be held at the Union Township building. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 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