

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Minutes/ Regular Meeting
May 2, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Union Township Board of Supervisors was held on May 2, 2017 with all Supervisors present. Attendance sheet is also attached.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM followed by the pledge to the flag.

Minutes of the previous meeting were called for. One correction was made by Billy Allred and the correction is reflected in the April 4, 2017 minutes.

The Agricultural Security Area was discussed. The Board will now refer the proposals to the Township Planning Commission, County Planning Commission and the Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee which was formed in 1993 and will now have a quorum with three members that are still valid: Thomas Reitz, Kenneth Ulrich and Glenn Eberhart Jr. It was also discussed that the Commonwealth of PA Agricultural Security Area Handbook does not contain accurate documentation about all of the secured areas in Union Township. Tom Reitz and the Secretary will look into resolving the issue.

A motion was made by Tom Reitz, seconded by Billy Allred and carried to send a letter of recognition to Aaron Benfer for his accomplishments in becoming an Eagle Scout.

The Board discussed the Susquehanna Greenway Project's proposed Lake Augusta West Shore Trail Feasibility Study. A letter of support from the Township along with a \$500.00 contribution to the study was requested by SGP. Robert Long attended the meeting to express his opposition to the proposed trail, noting that he owns the portion of property in Union Township that would be required to complete the trail. All Supervisors agreed that they are opposed to the trail. Billy Allred noted his reason for opposition is not only for practical reasons, but also stated that it reduces the rights of property owners and increases the role of government as well as the use of tax payer money through requiring grants. Billy Allred made a motion to send a letter of opposition of the Lake Augusta West Shore Trail Feasibility Study to SGP as well as copies of the opposition to the State organizations reviewing the grant. Motion was seconded by Tom Reitz and carried.

The Chairman has a road tour scheduled for May 5, 2017 with Penn DOT municipal services rep. Brian Haight.

The Chairman updated the Board on the Green Light Go and ARLE grants that we will be applying for along with East Buffalo Township.

The Township internet service was discussed as it was requested by the Tax Collector that the office internet speed be increased in order to accommodate a new remote tax collecting

program that is being required by the County. Prices were compared between Windstream and PenteleData. Billy Allred suggested conducting a test of the program using a higher speed connection before changing service.

Billy Allred made a suggestion to get quotes on establishing a Township website so this can be included in the budget for next year.

A motion was made by Tom Reitz, seconded by Billy Allred and carried to authorize the advertisement of the Public Hearing for the Agricultural Security Area to be held during the July 11, 2017 regular monthly meeting.

Checks 3494-3516 were presented for payment with bills totaling \$34,292.02. A motion was made by Tom Reitz, seconded by Billy Allred and carried to approve checks as presented.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wendy Yoder
Secretary

General Fund	\$131,196.09
State Fund	\$89,266.03
Equipment Fund	\$85,452.06
Total	\$305,914.18