Union Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting/ Minutes November 7, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Union Township Board of Supervisors was held on November 7, 2017 with all Supervisors present. Attendance sheet is also attached.

Minutes of the previous meeting were called for and approved as read.

Public Comment: Greg Wagner and Steve Anderson attended the meeting on behalf of the Fire Company. They presented the Board with updated incident reports and an update on the status of the FEMA grant. The Fire Company is in the process of introducing Fire Police and went over the procedure for that process. Once they are voted in at the fire company they will need to be sworn in by the Township as well as part of the procedure.

The Chairman gave an update on the recycling grant and proposed adding the refurbishment of our two backup 40 CY bins as well as changing the method of loading the cardboard bin to have the back door swing open. The additional cost would be \$5000.00 with our cost on the match of the grant being \$500.00. The Board agreed to go ahead with the additional refurbishment.

Billy Allred reported on the CKCOG annual report. He reported that the main issue that needs to be looked at with respect to rates is that a profit is being made on building permits but not on building code enforcement and zoning. He proposed that as a non-profit those rates should be changed proportionally.

A motion was made by Tom Reitz, seconded by Billy Allred and carried to change our phone and internet service provider to Service Electric on a three year term.

The Board discussed an upcoming PSATS training for newly elected supervisors and agreed to pay for the courses for that person to attend.

Discussion was held on House Bill 271 authorizing gambling expansion opportunities throughout the Commonwealth. The Act provides municipalities the option to prohibit category 4 casinos. Atty. Lyons will be preparing a Resolution for the next meeting to be delivered to the Gaming Control Board prohibiting category 4 casinos in Union Township.

A Planning Commission meeting will be held on Nov. 16, 2017.

Billy Allred updated the Board on concerns that some residents have expressed regarding high arsenic levels in wells as a result of blasting for the CSVT project. One resident made him aware that they have an agreement with PennDOT to buy out their property if they choose. There are also other properties on County Line Road with failed water tests. Rep. Keller has been made aware of the issue.

The 2018 budget was discussed and a motion was made by Billy Allred, seconded by Tom Reitz and carried to approve the proposed budget at \$622,206.00.

A motion was made by Tom Reitz, seconded by Billy Allred and carried to authorize Atty. Lyons to advertise the publication of the proposed budget and to prepare the tax resolution and to advertise as follows: real estate transfer tax to be $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1%, earned income tax to be 1%, real estate tax for the general fund to be fifty hundredths (.50) of a mill, and fire protection real estate tax to be forty three hundredths (.43) of a mill.

Checks 3630-3664 were presented for payment with bills totaling \$58,765.56. A motion was made by Tom Reitz, seconded by Billy Allred and carried to approve bills as presented.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Wendy Yoder Secretary

General Fund \$123,668.76 State Fund \$749.41 Equipment Fund \$42,786.02 Total \$167,204.19