

Union Township Board of Supervisors  
70 Municipal Lane, Winfield, PA 17889  
Minutes/ Regular Meeting  
November 5, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Union Township Board of Supervisors was held on November 5, 2019 with Supervisors Tom Reitz, Billy Allred and Mark Bieber present. Also in attendance were Jeffery Brouse, Nelson Poe and Chris Benfer.

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

Having reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting a motion was made by Tom Reitz, seconded by Mark Bieber and carried to approve the minutes as presented.

Chris Benfer, President of the UTFC attended the meeting to discuss the tax credit incentives for municipal volunteers of Fire Companies. Having discussed the incentives at a meeting, the Fire Company members decided that holding a company banquet to honor the service of all volunteers would be a way to include active members that live outside of the Township. This option would also eliminate paper work and show appreciation to all that volunteer. After discussion a motion was made by Billy Allred, seconded by Tom Reitz and carried to cover expenses for a Fire Company banquet in 2020 not to exceed \$2000.00.

Roadmaster report:

- The Maplewood project is completed.
- The Supplee Mill pipe replacement is in progress.
- Jeff Brouse, Mark Bieber and the Secretary attended the Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance certification course to allow the Township to be eligible for LVR grant application.
- Discussion was held on protocol for 911 central dispatch employees regarding where the responsibility lies to monitor down power lines until the electric company arrives.

Robert Grayston requested the release of the remaining \$1000.00 Letter of Credit on the Winfield Storage Units storm water retention basin. After review, it was the recommendation of Charles Axtman, PE to release the bond. A motion was made by Mark Bieber, seconded by Billy Allred and carried to close out the Letter of Credit.

A motion was made by Billy Allred, seconded by Mark Bieber and carried to approve Resolution 19-09 required by Penn DOT for the Green Light Go Grant, giving the Secretary authorization to sign and submit the application.

Having reviewed the Service Electric Franchise Ordinance a motion was made by Billy Allred, seconded by Tom Reitz and carried to authorize Atty. Lyons to prepare and advertise the adoption of the Ordinance for the December meeting.

The 2020 budget was discussed. A motion was made by Billy Allred, seconded by Tom Reitz and carried to authorize the advertisement of the proposed 2020 budget at \$656,132.00 for enactment at the December meeting.

A motion was made by Tom Reitz, seconded by Mark Bieber and carried to authorize Atty. Lyons to prepare and advertise the 2020 Tax Resolution at the following rates: real estate tax for the General Fund to be fifty hundredths (0.50) of a mill, real estate tax for Fire Protection to be forty-three hundredths (0.43) of a mill, real estate transfer tax to be one-half (1/2) of one (1%) percent, and earned income tax to be one-half (1/2) of one (1%) percent.

Discussion was held on driveway permit applications due to some concerns with an installation that the Roadmaster was not made aware of. Further research will be done to discuss at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Billy Allred, seconded by Tom Reitz and carried to approve a Proclamation recognizing January 26 – February 1, 2020 as School Choice Week.

The County Conservation Office reiterated the requirements for NPDES permits and E&S plans with concern that due to a lack of zoning, the permits could potentially be missed. It was noted that the Township Storm Water Maintenance and Subdivision Ordinances cover the requirement.

After noting that the CKCOG approved a building permit rate increase, Billy Allred proposed looking into another third party contractor as an option for issuing building permits. This will be discussed further at the December meeting.

UGI pipeline extensions within the Township were discussed.

Checks 4307-4346 were presented for payment with bills totaling \$24,149.81. A motion was made by Tom Reitz, seconded by Mark Bieber and carried to approve checks as presented.

A motion was made by Mark Bieber, seconded by Tom Reitz and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Wendy Yoder  
Secretary