

UNION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

The Union Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. The meeting was held at the Municipal Building, 3111 State Route 72, Jonestown, PA.

Kerry McCrary called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

Present:

Kerry McCrary, Chairman

Gary Longenecker, Vice Chairman

Dennis Firestone, Secretary

Brent McFeaters, Township Manager

Bryan Michael, Road Crew Supervisor

Paul Bametzreider, Township Solicitor

Steve Sherk, Township Engineer

Chief Farneski, Cleona Police Department

Twenty-three (23) Attendees

Public Comments – A few residents expressed their concerns about any future expansion of the Industrial Zoning District within the Township. Another concern was to permit any new warehouses to access Pa State Route 72 as their only means of access to the proposed warehouse, due to safety and the overcrowding of trucks on the roadway.

Also mentioned was a concern about the Yield sign located at Fisher Avenue allowing traffic to flow southwardly onto PA State Route 72. Steve Sherk was going to review the Penn Dot Signal Light permit to see what was required and what could be done in the future to have drivers obey the Yield sign rather than driving through the sign.

Organization Meeting Minutes – Approve the Organization Meeting Minutes for January 6, 2025, the motion was made by Kerry McCrary and seconded by Dennis Firestone. All Approved.

BOS Minutes - Approve the BOS Meeting Minutes for December 11, 2024, the motion was made by Kerry McCrary and seconded by Gary Longenecker. All Approved.

Financial Report - Approve the Financial Report for December 11, 2024, the motion was made by Gary Longenecker and seconded by Kerry McCrary. All Approved.

Cleona Borough Police Services – Chief Farneski reported that there were 74 incidents in the previous month, approximately 902 calls for the year and most calls are accident related. The Chief said that the recent burglary on Plymouth Drive was solved, a gun was stolen by a minor. The Chief also stated they are looking to purchase more equipment to help regulate truck traffic in the Township.

Northern Lebanon Fire and Emergency Services – Rob Taylor, handouts (Only when provided by the NLFES)

Life Lion Ambulance Services – Joel Hocking, handouts (Only when provided by Life Lion)

Planning Commission – Steve Sherk

1. Jono/Ace Hardware Expansion – 10781 Allentown Blvd. – Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan – accept a 90-day plan extension and approve the following waivers:

SALDO Sections – Sections 5.13.A. and Section 5.20.A.2. (Curbing). PC approved.

The motion was made by Kerry McCrary and seconded by Dennis Firestone to accept a 90-day plan extension dated December 30, 2024. All Approved

The motion was made by Kerry McCrary and seconded by Gary Longenecker to approve the waiver for curbing with the condition of 3 no parking signs being added to curbing. All Approved.

Zoning Officer's Report – Brent McFeaters

Brent McFeaters stated that there were five permits issued last month and fees for those five permits were \$489.00. Mr. Kenz's (11 Wolfe Lane) engineer contacted Brent to inform the Township that he is now working on the stormwater plan. The plan was held up due to Mr. Kenz being out of the country and no payment being made to the engineer. The engineer insisted the stormwater plan would be submitted within the next few weeks.

Road Foreman's Report – Bryan Michael stated that they changed the oil in the equipment and prepared the trucks for the winter weather.

Engineer's Report – Steve Sherk commented on the following topic:

1. Culvert Replacements at 10/15 Campmeeting Road and 112/129 Campmeeting Road. The Township completed replacement of Culvert #1 at 112/129 Campmeeting Road last year. In October 2024 the Township received notice of a Local Share Account (LSA) grant award in the amount of \$69,514 for installation of Culvert #2 at 10/15 Campmeeting Road. As of the date of this report, the Township has not received an executed grant contract from DCED. However, according to Chad Deitrich, Economic Development Analyst with DCED, the Township may start reimbursable work, including preparation of bid documents. There are wetlands located at the Culvert #2 (10/15 Campmeeting Road) which are potentially bog turtle habitat. Therefore, the culvert replacement and associated work must occur between November 1st and March 31st in accordance with USFWS regulations. The construction contract for Culvert #2 is currently advertised for bids. Bid documents are available on PennBid. The Township will procure the culvert materials from Lane Enterprises via Co-Stars. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 17th at 10am. Bid opening is scheduled for 10am on Monday, January 27th at 10am. As previously discussed, the Township will hold a special meeting at noon on Tuesday, January 28th to review the bids and award the contract.
2. Stormwater Management Ordinance Update. We completed a draft Stormwater Management Ordinance update. The updated ordinance brings the Township into compliance with current NPDES-Municipal Separate Storm sewer System (MS4) permit regulations. Paul Bametzreider will review the draft Ordinance and provide comments and/or suggested revisions.

3. Fee Schedule Update. With the planned updates to the Township's Stormwater Management Ordinance, we suggest the Township consider updating its zoning/SLDO fee schedule to include review of SWM Plans. The Township's fee schedule was last updated in 2016. The motion was made to authorize Steve Sherk to update the fee schedules by Kerry McCrary and seconded by Gary Longenecker. All Approved.
4. 181 Ridge Road – Nancy Richi – Final Minor Subdivision Plan – a motion was made by Kerry McCrary to accept the time extension until August 4, 2025, and seconded by Dennis Firestone. All Approved.

Solicitor's Report – Paul Bametzreider – Paul Bametzreider is still working with Mr. Shuey's attorney on Violet Lane 1 and 2. Paul stated that the County Court hearing will be held on February 3, 2025.

New Business –

1. Appoint Robert Rehman to the NLCA Board, for a five-year term. The motion was made by Kerry McCrary and seconded by Gary Longenecker. All Approved.

Old Business – none

Traffic and Parking Commission – meeting was held on January 8, 2025, at 7:45 pm. Kerry McCrary, Brent McFeaters, and Bryan Michael were present. Discussion took place about continuing to paint the stop bars on all Township roads, paint the two handicap spaces in Jonestown, and future road projects.

Bills Payable - General, Recycling, Liquid Fuels, Street Light, and Payroll - \$69,267.26, a motion was made by Kerry McCrary and seconded by Dennis Firestone. All Approved.

Date of the next Planning Commission Meeting is Wednesday February 5, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Date of the next Lickdale Sewer Treatment Plant Meeting is Wednesday February 12, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Date of the next Board of Supervisors Meeting is Wednesday February 12, 2025, beginning right after the Lickdale Sewer meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Recording Secretary,

Brent McFeaters, Manager