

## **UNION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES**

The Union Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, March 12, 2025. The meeting was held at the Municipal Building, 3111 State Route 72, Jonestown, PA.

Kerry McCrary called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Present:

Kerry McCrary, 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

Fourteen (14) Attendees

**Public Comments** – Alan McCord from the Fort Indiantown Gap Training Center gave updates on things happening within Fort Indiantown Gap.

**BOS Minutes** - Approve the BOS Meeting Minutes for February 12, 2025, the motion was made by Kerry McCrary and seconded by Dennis Firestone. All Approved.

**Financial Report** - Approve the Financial Report for February 12, 2025, the motion was made by Kerry McCrary and seconded by Dennis Firestone. All Approved.

**Cleona Borough Police Services** – Corporal Henning reported that there were 53 incidents in the previous month. There is a new, part-time hire, Todd Soderberg, who has been in training and will be filling in from time to time. Also, the police will be increasing their speed enforcement within 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** – Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan – 10781 Allentown Blvd - approve the plan, Land Development, Stormwater Maintenance/Monitoring and Ingress and Egress agreements.

The motion was made by Kerry McCrary and seconded by Dennis Firestone to approve the 3 agreements for the Jono Land Development Plan. All Approved.

2. **Marlin Champ** – Stormwater Management Plan – 19 Huckleberry Road – approve the following 5 waivers and accept the 90-day time extension.

**SWMO Section 11.j.1** – Waive the requirement that the minimum of 50% of the volume of the post-developed 2-year storm event is to be completely retained and infiltrated.

**SWMO Section 11.j.2** – Waive the requirement of the post-developed peak discharge for the 2, 10, and 25-year storm events not exceeding 75% of the peak discharge for the corresponding pre-developed storm events, and the post developed peak discharge for the 100-year storm event, not exceeding the peak discharge for the corresponding pre-developed storm event.

**SMWO Section 14.b** – Waive the requirement for basin emergency spillway to be in virgin ground.

**SMWO Section 14.j** – Waive the requirement for interior slopes of detention basins being restricted to maximum side slopes of 5:1 unless access to the basin is restricted by physical means.

**SMWO Section 14.k** – Waive the requirement for a cutoff trench of impervious material being provided.

The motion was made by Kerry McCrary and seconded by Dennis Firestone to approve the five waivers. All Approved.

The motion was made by Kerry McCrary and seconded by Dennis Firestone to accept the 90-day extension letter dated June 10, 2025. All Approved.

3. **Daniel Rupp** – Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan – 21 Gold Mine Road - approve the following SALDO waivers:

**Section 4.02.C.3.c.** - to waive showing proposed on-lot well and sewage disposal system locations, as well as soil probe and percolation test locations for sewage disposal systems. There is no land development proposed on this plan. Lot 7 is to remain agricultural use only.

**Section 5.09.A.** - to clearly indicates the areas reserved for on-lot sewage disposal shall not be disturbed. There is no land development proposed on this plan. Lot 7 is to remain agricultural use only.

**Section 4.02.C.4.** - to waiver illustrating stormwater management facilities for lot 7. There is no land development proposed on this plan. Lot 7 is to remain agricultural use only.

**Section 4.02.E.6.** - an Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Plan approval letter and a copy of the E&SPC Plan shall be provided. There is no land development proposed on this plan. Lot 7 is to remain agricultural use only.

**Section 4.02.E.7 and 5.03.a.** - approval of a highway occupancy permit. SURVEYING SEWAGE PLANNING SEPTIC DESIGN. There is no land development which would require a driveway.

**Sections 5.07.** - Stormwater Management Ordinance 5.6 -A stormwater management plan is required for each subdivision. There is no land development. Proposed lot 7 is to remain agricultural use only.

**Section 5.11.C.14.d.** - Safe sight distance measurements shall be specified on the plan, a future driveway location in accordance with PennDOT requirements. There is no land development which would require a driveway.

**Section 5.11.C.17.h.** - a minimum of 1 street tree shall be provided for each residential lot along the existing street. Proposed lot 7 is to remain agricultural use only.

**Section 4.02.C.5.** - to waive the plan scale exceeding 50 feet to the inch.

**Section 5.11.C.10a & 5.11.C.10.b** - where a subdivision or land development abuts an existing street, the developer is required to make certain improvements to existing streets to match the standards for new streets as specified in section 5.11.B, including widening the cartway and shoulders of the existing street and dedicating additional right-of-way.

The motion was made by Kerry McCrary and seconded by Dennis Firestone to approve all 12 waivers. 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 \$635.00. Mr. Kenz's (11 Wolfe Lane) engineer has submitted a stormwater plan to SESI for their review and Mr. Shuey's attorney is working with our solicitor to bring the Violet 1 and 2 to a close.

**Road Foreman's Report – Bryan Michael** stated that they are plowing snow and maintaining the plowing equipment.

**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. The Township received an executed grant contract from the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) since the last Board of Supervisors' meeting. CFA will reimburse the Township for eligible project costs incurred between 10/22/2024 to 6/30/2027. Bids for the construction contract for Culvert #2 were opened on Monday, January 27th. Arthur "Pat" Aungst, Inc. of Pine Grove was the low bidder with a bid of \$44,489.00. The Township held a special meeting on Tuesday, January 28th and awarded the contract to Arthur "Pat" Aungst, Inc. Due to potential bog turtle habitat and related

USFWS regulations, all in-stream work is required to be substantially completed by March 31st. The remainder of the work is required to be completed by April 30th. On January 16th, the Township ordered the 73" x 55" polymer coated CMP arch pipe from Lane Enterprises via the CoStars program for a price of \$8,390.00. Construction of Culvert #2 commenced this week. Work is expected to be substantially completed early next week, including final paving restoration.

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 Stormsewer System (MS4) permit regulations. Paul Bametzreider will review the draft Ordinance and provide comments and/or suggested revisions.
3. **Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance Update.** As directed at the January 8th Board of Supervisors' meeting, we are in the process of updating the Township's Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance and related fee schedule.
4. **Pedestrian Poles at southeast and southwest corners of the intersection of State Route 72 and Jonestown Road.** We are investigating potential ways to prevent the existing pedestrian poles from being knocked over by vehicles at this intersection. Potential solutions may include the following options:

**A.** The pole located at the southwest corner of the intersection at Turkey Hill could be moved back a little further away from the street. However, this relocation will not help if the pole is getting knocked over more often by vehicles in the Turkey Hill parking lot. The Township could install bollards just outside of right of way to protect the pole, but that would require Turkey Hill's permission and that could severely limit maneuverability next to the fuel pump area. **B.** At the southeast corner of the intersection, next to Hutter's, it may be possible to relocate the push button to the main traffic signal pole underneath the pedestrian signal head. **C.** PennDOT may permit the intersection to only have three crosswalks, which would allow for elimination of the crosswalk across the northbound approach to the intersection along State Route 72. This would allow for removal of the two most troublesome pedestrian poles.

Any of the preceding options would require PennDOT's approval of a revised Traffic Signal Permit plan. For option C, the Township would need to provide vehicle and pedestrian counts and provide justification for removal of the crosswalk.

**Solicitor's Report – Paul Bametzreider** – Paul Bametzreider stated that he has nothing to report for this month.

#### **New Business –**

1. Approve the payment for four tires needed for the John Deere boom mower. The McCarty Tire Service Quote is \$6,340.06. The motion was made by Kerry McCrary and seconded by Dennis Firestone. All Approved.

#### **Old Business – none**

**Bills Payable** - General, Recycling, Liquid Fuels, Street Light, and Payroll - \$109,427.78, a motion was made by Kerry McCrary and seconded by Dennis Firestone. All Approved.

**The Date of the next Planning Commission Meeting** is Wednesday April 2, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

**The Date of the next Lickdale Sewer Treatment Plant Meeting** is Wednesday April 9, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

**The Date of the next Board of Supervisors Meeting** is Wednesday April 9, 2025, beginning right after the Lickdale Sewer meeting.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.**

**Recording Secretary,**

Brent McFeaters, Manager