

Minutes for Special Meeting of East Union Township Supervisors

Held on Wednesday, May 15th, 2024, at 5:00 pm located at 10 E Elm St. Shepton PA 18248

- **Time Meeting Called to Order: 5:03 pm**
- **Supervisors/Officers Present at the Meeting:** Chairperson – K. Mummey, Vice-Chairperson – W. Danchision, Supervisor – J. Careyva, Treasurer – Micheal Gaizick, Secretary – Stephanie Van Gieson, Attorney Favreau – present
Engineer – Dominic Yannuzzi, Code officer – Rich Verbonitz, Zoning/UCC – Henry Mleczyński – absent (there attendance was not necessary for this meeting)

New Business:

1. Motion/Discussion on air conditioning system quote – TABLED – Motion made by J. Careyva, seconded by W. Danchision.
Roll Call: Mummey X ; Danchision X ; Careyva X
2. Motion to approve new Collective Bargaining Agreement – Motion made by W. Danchision, seconded by J. Careyva.
Roll Call: Mummey X ; Danchision X ; Careyva X
3. Motion to appoint a Police Chief – Motion to appoint Christopher Dimmick was made by W. Danchision, seconded by K. Mummey.
Roll Call: Mummey X ; Danchision X ; Careyva Nay
4. Motion/Discussion on the hiring of additional police officers – Discussion had.
Roll Call: Mummey _____; Danchision _____; Careyva _____
5. Motion/Discussion on other general business that comes before the Board –
Roll Call: Mummey _____; Danchision _____; Careyva _____

Air Conditioning Quote – J. Careyva stated there aren't many hot meetings that spending the funds on system is an unnecessary expense. K. Mummey advised that it is beneficial to invest in the Township infrastructure. W. Danchision advised that there will be PP&L, a credit, and a warranty. K. Mummey advised that the current air conditioning unit is outdated and loud. This makes hearing during the meeting very difficult.

CBA – 2024 – 2028. K. Mummey requested to have the contract updated. The updates are fair – there we some salary increases, some time off decreases, and updates with scheduling.

Police Chief position/additional Police coverage – J. Careyva stated that she has nothing but good things to say about Officer Dimmick; however, she would like the Police Survey back before appointing a Chief. K. Mummey advised that the survey is still in the process of gathering information. There may not be many updates until Fall 2024. W. Danchision stated that the survey is not solely about the Police Dept. but also all aspects of the Township which was discussed on the Zoom call. K. Mummey stated that the survey will not provide a recommendation on the Chief position and/or the appointment of additional police officers. J. Careyva questioned what had occurred with the interviews for additional officers. K. Mummey advised that they were withdrawn from part-time positions due to them being offered additional hours/time at the departments they were currently residing in. Chief Dimmick

stated that there are two pending applications which will be scheduled for interviews soon pending on the Board's availability.

Purchasing additional Police Vehicle – Chief Dimmick recommended it would probably be best to retire the explorer due to its age, safety concerns, and habitual issues/needed repairs. Chief Dimmick advised that there was a \$12,000.00 donation received (Donators have been SOVFC, Cargill, and PFNonwovens). He researched police vehicles and was able to locate a 2023 Dodge Charger. This would be approximately \$39,000.00 before the outfitting's. K. Mummey reiterated the concerns with the Explorer. W. Danchision stated that the Explorer can be placed on Muncibid or see if a trade-in would be possible, for additional funds for the new vehicle. M. Gaizick advised that the Township is in good financial standings; taxes coming in. J. Careyva asking if an additional vehicle was need if there is only one police officer on duty and there should be no rush on this until additional officers are hired. K. Mummey stated that there is no back up vehicle if there was an issue and needed repairs, accidents, and the current vehicle isn't ideal if there were to pursuits.

Motion to add Explorer police vehicle to Muncibid for selling – Motion was made by W. Danchision, seconded by J. Careyva.

Roll Call: Mummey ___X___; Danchision ___X___; Careyva ___X___

J. Careyva stated that we should hire additional coverage before the purchase is complete. W. Danchision advised that they may lose the current offer that was given (there was a decrease in price upon negotiation). There are some other items the police need to purchase; however, the remaining of the funds will be applied to the police vehicle (AWD). This price is COSTAR approved and is equipped with LED lighting, has a spotlight, etc.

Motion to purchase the new police vehicle (2023 Dodge Charger) using some of the funds from the donations that were received for the down payment, and trade in/posting the Explorer on Muncibid (whichever offers the most funds). Motion was made by W. Danchision, seconded by K. Mummey.

Roll Call: Mummey ___X___; Danchision ___X___; Careyva ___Nay___

Public participation on agenda/non agenda items only (Chairperson reserves the right to limit each person to five minutes). *Note: Attendees may make public comments; your name and address may be recorded in meeting minutes. Comments/questions not serving legitimate Township purpose may not be addressed or answered by the Supervisors.*

Ray Trojan – PennDOT was utilizing machines to monitor/track traffic on 924. K. Mummey stated that one reason this is occurring is due to Jo Anna Shovlin and the Board meeting with PennDOT and Representative Watro about her concerns with Eagle Rock/Humboldt for the traffic survey.

Marty Kutsko – seeking clarification on why one of the previous police officers was discharged. K. Mummey that this is a personnel matter that cannot be discussed. He was questioning what the Board is doing and if other parties need to be involved. In which K. Mummey reiterated that these are personnel matters, and they are not able to be discussed. He stated that he also allegedly ran off the road. M. Gaizick stated that

there is a dash cam in the vehicle, as well as GPS, which solidifies that the Board is listening to residents and ensuring their safety.

Bob Gabardi – advises about the sign for oil and chipping for PennDOT before going down the mountain. W. Danchision was seeking clarification if the road can stay like this as it has aided in drivers slowing down and alleviating accidents that occur (there were three fatalities last year). Unfortunately, there is not much that can be done to ensure that the road will not be re-tarred.

Motion to Adjourn: 5:31 pm | Motion to adjourn was made by J. Careyva, seconded by K. Mummey. All in favor, motion carried.