

**MEETING
UNION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
October 1, 2018**

Present: Charlie Prince, Trustee
John Slater, Trustee
Randy Weekly, Trustee
Jessica Slater, Fiscal Officer
Paula Greene, Administration
Dave Cable, Road Supervisor

Guests

Bill McWilliams, Granville Twp. Fire Chief Casey Curtis, Martha Cable, Sally Brigham, Michelle Doran, Granville Township Trustee Dan Van Ness, Bill and Amy Treciak, Trisha Good, Hebron Fire Chief Cliff Mason, Curt Painter Sr., Gregg Painter, Laney McLaughlin, Cory McLaughlin, John Black and Bill McWilliams.

The Union Township Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 pm on October 1, 2018 at the Union Township Complex. Roll call showed the following trustees present: Trustee Charles Prince, Trustee John Slater, and Trustee Randy Weekly. Jessica Slater, Fiscal Officer, was present. Trustee Prince led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

The minutes from September 17, and September 26, 2018 meetings, were reviewed. Mr. Weekly motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Slater seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bills

The Fiscal Officer certified that the money to pay the bills was in the treasury or the process of collection. There were no questions regarding the bills. Mr. Slater moved to approve the bills. Mr. Weekly seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Road and Bridge

Tree removal - Skyline Tree Removal Service has completed the tree removal project.

Newark Industrial Park/Catch basin replacement – Work has begun on the second catch basin replacement which should be completed this week.

Licking County Board of Elections – Brian Mead, Deputy Director, (LCBOE), sent a letter to notify the trustees that the temporary warning sign/flashing lights the township agreed to install on election days were not in place during the May and August elections. It was noted the sign/lights would be in place for the November election.

Canyon Road Culvert Replacement – Mr. Prince will contact Dave Cable prior to meeting with Licking County Engineer Jared Knerr and Assistant County Prosecutor Austin Lecklider regarding outstanding issues with the culvert replacement.

Administration

Williams's violation – A civil complaint has been filed with Licking County Common Pleas Court regarding Mr. Williams zoning violations.

Zoning Commission positions - The trustees requested Paula forward the applications submitted to fill the Zoning Commission alternate positions.

Ohio Public Works Applications - The costs estimate for two projects that Mr. Prince wanted to make a grant application in 2018 were returned late last week. After speaking with a grant administrator earlier today, Paula learned the grant applications were due October 5, and the Beaver Run Road intersection (west) with Ohio 37 re-alignment project would need an agreement from Ohio Department of Transportation and the Canal embankment restoration would need an agreement from Ohio Department of Natural Resources and possibly other government agencies. Any government agencies connected to the project may have a financial responsibility. This would require a financial declaration document from the government agencies involved.

The Licking County Engineer's estimated the Canal project at \$222,638 including \$80,000 in permit fees and Beaver Run project at \$101,000. Mr. Prince wants to pursue the Beaver Run project and will attempt to have the documents in place by Friday.

Guests

Firearms incident - Trisha Good, a Canyon Villa resident, advised the Board that on Saturday evening at approximately 5:50 pm a bullet went through exterior and interior walls hitting a towel in her bathroom and missing her head by six inches. The bullet came from a gun fired by a neighbor who was believed to be on their own property when the gun was discharged. The incident was investigated by the Licking County Sheriff's Office, who located the person who discharged the firearm. It is believed the bullet ricocheted through the trees. The family in question continued target practicing the next evening.

Mrs. Good agrees everyone had the right to own firearms but wanted everyone to be aware of the negligence of others, noting there have been other incidents where bullets have been discharged and struck houses in her neighborhood.

Mr. Prince discussed the situation Ohio townships are in regarding the discharging of firearms. As there had been no follow up contact from the Sheriff's Office at this point, Paula will contact them tomorrow. It was suggested a safety class be offered to the community.

Church Building - John Black has contacted Claggett Engineering to determine if the building's exterior is structurally sound. Mr. Black would like a hold harmless release in the event of an injury while viewing the property. This will be discussed with the Licking County Prosecutor's Office. Mr. Black verified he would be responsible for the cost of engineers or others that he hires to inspect the building.

Fire

Dr. Kramer submitted a cost proposal to revise the 2004 study in the amount of \$15,900 with an additional allowance of \$800.00 for travel and mileage expenses.

Mr. Slater feels issues needed to be reviewed are included in the proposal. Errors in the proposal were discussed. Mr. Prince emailed Dr. Kramer with an error on page two. Chief Curtis requested the location of the new Granville Township fire station location would be taken into consideration and noted the end of page one was not complete. Chief Curtis asked if the study would be complete before the end of the fire contract and what the trustee's plans for service would be after January 1, 2019.

Mr. Prince said Mayor McFarland would have a proposal for the trustees soon and thought a short-term contract would be developed but could not commit to terms as Hebron's conditions are unknown. Chief Curtis said Hebron wants a Fire District.

Mrs. Nolan doesn't understand why Hebron's proposal is affecting Granville's contract and asked that the Granville service area contract be renewed.

Mr. Prince believes both contracts should be reviewed at the same time and shared his thoughts of what the fire contracts should include and the issues he wants to be addressed in the contracts.

Trustee Van Ness spoke with Mayor McFarland after the last meeting and learned Mayor McFarland said he offered to give the fire department to the township. Mr. Prince said when he heard this statement he felt Mayor McFarland was talking in jest and has not heard the statement recently. Mayor McFarland needs to talk to the trustees. Mr. Prince asked Chief Mason for any updates.

Chief Mason said he was asked to deliver a contract that has been approved by the Mayor and the Council but not signed for our review. As the contract proposal is a public record it will be made available after the meeting.

Mr. McWilliams asked what was learned from the last study.

Mr. Slater said one of the major points from the 2004 study was the need to increase fire revenue to maintain service. An additional fire levy was added which increased compensation to both Hebron and Granville Township Fire Departments.

At the time of Dr. Kramer's study there several housing developments were being established. Mr. Slater said they recognized the eventual need of a satellite station, but the economy and development slowed. Mr. Slater acknowledged the necessity to be proactive to the needs of the residents while remaining within our financial means.

The current lack of new development in the township and the increased minimum of new lot sizes were discussed. Chief Curtis believes most of the new houses are in the Granville School District. It was asked if there are any specific plans for new housing developments in the township. There are not.

Chief Curtis provided copies of his run cards as there have been questions about them in the past meetings.

Mr. Slater said he had hoped to see cost savings as this is a study revision but hopes the results of the study will help to plan wisely and save money in the long run. Mr. Slater said we, as residents, should be proud of the heritage in the township and wants our residents to make it known that they live in Union Township.

Mr. Slater moved to enter into a contract with Dr. Bill Kramer for a revision of his 2004 Fire/EMS study, once corrections previously discussed were made to the contract and authorizing Trustee Prince to sign the contract. Mr. Weekly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Trustees

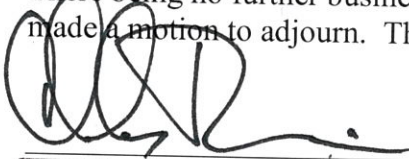
Buckeye Lake Region Corporation - Mr. Slater was sworn in as a member of the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation Board of Directors at their September 25 meeting. Mr. Slater feels there are goals in place and committees have been formed. The organization has invested a lot of money but have found to accomplish their goals they will need a great deal more. One of the group's priorities is to make the lake accessible from several areas throughout Licking, Fairfield and Perry Counties.

The water quality scores for Buckeye Lake were low this year which may be due to the heavy spring rains. E. coli was also found in the water this year which could have been caused by the water becoming too warm too quick.

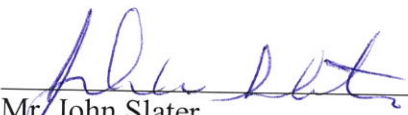
Loan Documents - The trustees signed the required documents to secure the loan for the 2019 Ford F550.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday October 15, 2018 at 7:00 pm.


There being no further business, Mr. Prince asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Weekly made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Mr. Charlie Prince



Mr. John Slater



Mr. Randy Weekly



Jessica Slater Fiscal Officer