

**MEETING  
UNION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES  
November 5, 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, Michelle Doran, Granville Township Trustee Dan Van Ness, Hebron Fire Chief Cliff Mason, Curt Painter Sr., Gregg Painter, Laney McLaughlin, Cory McLaughlin, John Black, Tonya Painter, Rick Black, Chris Dement, Jay Cook, Ryan Cottrell, Cory Zigan, Penny Slater, Michelle Doran, Dave Rutledge, John Klauder, John Ables, Bill McCullough, Tom Esh, Brittney Smith, Russ Ginise, Michael Bishop, and Frank Stewart.

The Union Township Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 pm on November 5, 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.

**Zoning Board Appointments**

Prior to the beginning of tonight's meeting the Trustees interviewed applicants to fill vacancies on the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Slater moved to appoint Michelle Doran and Tonya Painter to fill the alternate positions on the Zoning Commission and Doug Cunningham as the alternative for the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Weekly seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Minutes**

The minutes from October 1, October 15, 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. Weekly moved to approve the bills. Mr. Slater seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Road and Bridge**

Pavement markings – Dave received a complaint advising the roadway line markings are fading in the Newark Industrial Park. The pavement markings cannot be repainted until warmer weather.

Project Bright – Mr. Prince said Project Bright is moving ahead. Covestro, spun off from the Bayer Corporation, is expanding their Newark Industrial Park facility and adding 40+ jobs.. The township and Hebron received a joint Ohio Public Works Commission grant

with additional funding from Jobs Ohio to fund the construction. Hebron and the township will share the engineering expenses for the project.

MS4 - An MS4 audit is scheduled for November 15, 2018. The Township garage is being prepared for the inspection.

### **Administration**

Insurance Appraisers– OTARMA made a notification that in late November building appraisers will inspect all township owed buildings. No access to the old church will be given until after the inspection.

Auld Ridge Estates – Paula attended a meeting with several Licking County officials and representatives of a buyer who wants to purchase a parcel in Auld Ridge Estates. The buyer intends to split approximately 16-20 acres from a 40-acre parcel. The parcel in contract has frontage on an uncompleted cul-de-sac on Coyote Ridge North.

The buyer's representatives were advised of Licking County's pavement requirements to complete the cul-de-sac. There will no longer be a road installed to connect both Coyote Way North and South, therefore one of the Coyote Way's name will be changed by a petition for a road name change to the Licking County Commissioner's.

Map Amendments – The Union Township Zoning Commission has approved two map amendments. The Trustees will hear the Lees Map Amendment on November 19, 2018 at 6:15pm and the Asman Map Amendment at 6:30pm.

Discharging of Firearms -The Licking County Sheriff's Office met with the subject regarding the firearms incident. The subject has installed a backstop away from the Good residence.

### **Guests**

Jessica Corum, Lakewood Levy chairperson, gave a presentation in support of the Lakewood School levy to build a new elementary school and make other building improvements.

Rick Black found a Union Township Facebook page in which his home phone number appeared as a contact and asked for the number to be removed. Paula advised the Township does not have a Face Book account, but Union Township will appear under "places" on Facebook. The issue will be reviewed.

Mr. Black advised the board as there are three hotels in the township we could look into adding a bed tax for additional revenue.

## Fire

Hebron – Chief Mason gave run reports to the board. The fire engine was damaged at a recent fire and will be out of service while being repaired. Chief Mason recently swore in five part-time and one full time fire fighters. The Stop the Bleed class will be held at the complex this Wednesday. They will be updating their policy manual.

Granville – Nothing currently.

Fire Study - Dr. Kramer gave an update on his findings.

Contracts - Mr. Prince presented his current fire contract proposal, which was handed out to the audience and discussed changes he has made from his previous proposals.

Chief Curtis disagreed with Mr. Prince's cost reduction figures of approximately \$20,000 and said the reduction was approximately \$55,000 while Hebron's increase was higher than Mr. Prince's figures. Chief Curtis feels reducing his revenue will negatively effect his ability to continue the response time that meets Mr. Prince's requirements. Chief Curtis wants to address changing the response areas now.

Laney McLaughlin supported Chief Curtis request to review the service area boundaries at this time and not later.

Dr. Kramer is looking at poly-mapping and response areas.

A discussion was held on the re-alignment of the boundaries of response areas and continuing the contracts as they are now for another year. It was felt payment per run was not a solution to funding the departments. It was also noted the Granville service area residents present, know they are paying more for their service (cost per run) and have no complaints.

Granville Township Trustee Van Ness said he obtained minutes from a recent Hebron Village council meeting which said Chief Mason, Mayor McFarland and Village Solicitor Wes Untied created the contract that was given to the Township. Trustee Van Ness then called Chief Mason a "liar," for claiming that he just delivered the contract. Both Mr. Prince and Chief Mason challenged Trustee Van Ness' name-calling. Chief Mason said he only brought the contract to the trustees on behalf of the Village and said he did not write the Village's minutes.

Jack Justice questioned response time. Dr. Kramer said as our departments are staffed most of the response times to the residents is six minutes although there are areas where response time is 10-12 minutes. Dr. Kramer feels a station along State Route 37 would resolve the areas where response times are 10-12 minutes for most.

Mr. Justice said during his time as trustee, negotiating fire contracts with Hebron were always difficult whereas Granville was easy to work with and he sees this pattern continues today.

Russ Ginise asked if fire and ems services can be provided elsewhere if an agreement with Hebron could not be reached.

Mr. Prince does not believe we could afford to contract with Heath and West Licking Fire District, noting Hebron often provides mutual aid to Heath.

Mr. Slater feels increasing Granville's service area and compensating Heath Fire is a possibility.

Mr. Weekly feels the contacts should continue for a year as they are currently written to give everyone time to review Dr. Kramer's study.

Mr. Slater agreed with Mr. Weekly and moved to make a motion.

Mr. Slater moved to continue the current EMS/Fire Contracts as they are currently for a period of one year with no change of boundaries. Mr. Weekly seconded.

Mr. Prince wanted to include the joint resolution he created which he said was like the resolution created by Hebron.

Mr. Slater asked if the resolution had been reviewed by the Licking County Prosecutor's Office and if not, it needed to be kept separate.

Mr. Prince said it had not been reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office.

Paula asked that the resolution be reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office and said the two issues need to be addressed separately.

Mr. Prince wants Hebron to know we are taking the Fire District discussions seriously.

Mr. Slater said it's all a negotiation effort to continue the well-funded fire and ems and one-year contract and will not be able to address the response time issue immediately.

Chief Casey asked to address boundaries which would help to reduce response time. Mr. Weekly felt Chief Curtis' information along with Dr. Kramer's information is necessary to review in the upcoming year. Dr. Kramer agreed with Granville Fire expanding their coverage area.

Chief Mason recommended a roving medic rather than changing boundaries and asked to be a part of any boundary discussions.

Mr. Weekly agreed in leaving the boundaries as is. Mr. Slater feels the boundaries need to review at some point.

Mr. Prince restated the motion - Renew current Fire/Ems contracts, retain the same the boundaries and payment will be from revenues generated in the service area.

Mr. Prince said he would agree to the motion if the board supports the joint resolution with Hebron. Mr. Slater said once the resolution has been approved by the Prosecutor he would agree. Mr. Prince agreed and continued with the motion on the floor.

Mr. Prince asked for a Roll Call – Mr. Slater-yes; Mr. Weekly-yes; Mr. Prince-yes;

Mr. Prince reviewed his resolution.

A discussion was held on the wording in Mr. Prince’s resolution as it was felt the resolution read the township was agreeing to a Fire District. Mr. Prince said his resolution was for the review of a fire district only.

Mr. Prince moved to accept the Resolution. Mr. Weekly seconded.

Roll call: Mr. Slater – yes; Mr. Weekly – yes; Mr. Prince- yes.

Mr. Prince moved to enter in to executive session at 8:40pm to discuss the purchase of property and an employee issue.

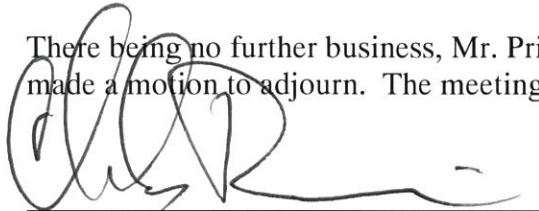
At 9:10 the trustees returned to regular meeting moved by Mr. Slater and seconded by Mr. Weekly.

**Trustees**

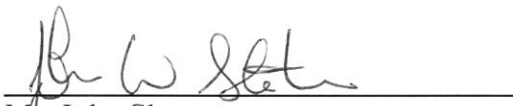
AEP – The property owned by AEP on Seminary Road will be undergoing improvements. Mr. Slater received information from AEP regarding the updates which will be on file in the township should anyone have questions.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, November 19, 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 9:17p.m.



Mr. Charlie Prince



Mr. John Slater



Mr. Randy Weekly



Jessica Slater Fiscal Officer