

**MEETING
UNION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
July 2, 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, Cliff Mason, Chief Casey Curtis, Hebron Fire Capt. Ryan Wyse, Granville Township Trustee Dan VanNess, and John Black,

The Union Township Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 pm on July 2, 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 those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to open the meeting.

Minutes

The minutes from June 18, 2018 meeting, 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.

Guest

Chief Casey Curtis discussed that he would be emailing the run updates. Mr. Prince congratulated Mr. Mason for his appointment as Hebron Fire Chief.

Road and Bridge

Dave Cable reported that there is nothing new. There have been several calls of wet ditches and slow culverts.

Mr. Prince discussed SWOP4G coop program for road salt. Walnut Township received a contract from SWOP4G which, if signed, requires them to purchase 80% of their estimated amount of salt ordered, at \$89 a ton. SWOP4G salt contracts previously did not involve a minimum purchase. We did not receive a contract from SWOP4G and will purchase road salt through ODOT.

Mr. Prince said tar on Hayes Road at Granview is beginning to bleed through. Dave noted Hayes Road is scheduled for gravel tomorrow.

Mr. Prince would like the township to apply for two OPWC grants. Applications are due in early October. Mr. Prince wants to realign the Beaver Run Road to the west at the

intersection of State Route 37.

A second application would be for repairs to the canal embankment on Canal Road. Paula feels the new Licking Park District Director should be advised of the condition of the embankment.

The trustees discussed both projects. An Engineers report will be required with the submission of an OPWC application. Mr. Weekly moved to file an engineer's request for Beaver Run Road and the canal embankment with the Licking County Engineer's Office. The motion was seconded by Mr. Slater. Motion passed.

Zoning

Paula discussed the Licking County Prosecutor's Office training session scheduled for October. Mr. Weekly said he had responded to the Prosecutors Office when he received the email. Mr. Prince and Mr. Slater would like to see the training held during the winter. They would like to see one seminar rather than several one hour sessions. Paula will advise the Prosecutor's Office.

Paula met with the Licking County Planning Commission regarding the Accessory Dwelling Unit Amendment. After updating the amendment draft, it was forwarded Prosecutors office and the Planning Commission for final review before meeting with the Zoning Commission to begin the adoption process. Paula recommended holding a work session for everyone to review the amendment before submitting to the Zoning Commission.

The zoning violation appeals hearing filed by Randy Williams is scheduled for July 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Trustees

Fire Contract

Mr. Prince brought up his previously distributed Union Township Fire Levy Revenue Distribution document which allocates 40% of the revenue (as a readiness payment) based on where it was generated and the balance, after setting aside \$75,000 to \$100,000 a year to help fund a satellite station in the township, on the actual runs provided. Mr. Prince's proposal reduces Granville Township Fire contract revenue by 27% and increases Hebron's Fire Contract revenue by 11%. Mr. Prince stated this is his proposal and does not include input from the other trustees. Mr. Prince asked for questions.

Chief Curtis asked to clarify a statement made by Hebron Mayor McFarland's that Union Township is involved in fire district negotiations with the village.

Mr. Prince said the village had expressed interest in forming a fire district to include the township. The trustees have not discussed forming a fire district at this point.

Chief Casey believed the trustees had been in favor of a five year contract which makes fiscal planning more manageable for all. Chief Casey asked if the trustees are looking for a long or short term contract.

Mr. Slater would like to see a five year contract. Mr. Prince wants a minimum of a three

year contract..

Chief Curtis states he plans in one, five and ten years for his department. A short term contract does not aid his fiscal officer in planning.

Mr. Prince stated part of his formula for the contract is based on actual runs. Information was taken over the past four years run history.

Chief Curtis found a discrepancy in Mr. Prince's numbers in his proposal. Mr. Prince reviewed his document and agreed.

Chief Curtis reviewed the document's numbers with Mr. Prince. Brad Cotrell, Licking County Auditor's Office has updated levy income numbers and emailed his update to Granville, Hebron and township officials. Both Mr. Prince and Mr. Weekly said they did not receive the email.

Mr. Prince will review and present new numbers.

Chief Curtis said Mr. Prince's proposal solid financial planning more difficult and feels the variation in the Hebron contract area revenues stems from the Newark Industrial Park's buildings. Granville Twp. Fire service area has an insignificant amount of commercial buildings.

Businesses with tax abatements in both service areas were discussed. The Hebron contract area is only area affected by tax abatements. It was noted that Mr. Weekly sits on the tax abatement review committee.

Chief Curtis said based on revenue estimates for 2019, using Mr. Prince's numbers show's a 27% revenue loss to Granville's contract. Chief Curtis estimates 47% loss of revenue using Mr. Prince's formula.

Chief Curtis recommended a percentage of 25/75 or 30/70 be taken off the top for a new sub station and continue revenue to departments from their service areas.

Mr. Prince feels the current contract doesn't address Hebron Fire responding to more runs than Granville. Mr. Prince said the 2014-2017 data demonstrates that Granville receives far more revenue per run than Hebron (\$3,551.53 per run to Granville versus \$1,666.59 to Hebron per run).

If the current contract continues Hebron would still be receiving significantly less revenue per run and would not allow for the operation of a substation. Mr. Prince can not see going forward with a long term contract without considering the issue of service performed.

Mr. Prince was not in favor of turning over all levy revenue generated from the service areas back to the service area contractor. Mr. Prince said there are other types of tax revenue are divided by need not where the revenue is generated. Mr. Prince feels performing the service has got to account for something.

Mr. VanNess said miles Granville covers responding to emergencies are greater than

Hebron's average run miles. Responses made by Granville put's more wear and tear to equipment. Most of Hebron's runs are generated in the village of Hebron.

Mr. Prince said the growth is out in the township and most of our subdivisions are full. Mr. Prince said West Licking Fire District has closed its Kirkersville Fire station and opened a station further west and didn't know what effect this has on response time

Mr. Slater said his thoughts still with the cost of being ready and which takes planning. Mr. Slater thought when EMS billing has established the monies received from billing would be of assistance to the department's revenues and feels we need to know the cost of a satellite station before going further.

Mr. Weekly stated he has always believed the township needed a satellite station and wanted to put money away for this purpose in a few years. Mr. Weekly feels we could start with a small station that was built to grow. Mr. Weekly believes an option is to have an EMS unit respond from the township complex during a few days a week. Mr. Weekly discussed the history of Hebron Fire Department's growth over the years.

Chief Curtis said you couldn't staff a satellite station for weekends as you don't know when and where your runs are going to be. Chief Curtis has increased his staffing during the hours of 8 am to 8 pm with volunteers available after 8 pm. Chief Curtis feels bringing a Hebron EMS unit to the Complex depletes the staff at the Hebron Fire Department.

Mr. Prince feels there several issues that need further discussion and if we continue another five year contract we would not be able to start a satellite station which is unacceptable to him.

Chief Curtis asked if we intend to run a Union Township Fire Station. Mr. Prince and Mr. Slater said it was not. Mr. Weekly said we could not do without both departments.

Mr. Weekly thinks there needs to be a station in the middle of the township to fill the void of the distance between Granville and Hebron's station locations. Emergency runs to the center of the township will increase over time.

Mr. Prince wants to update his information adding the village of Hebron will be paying on another Union Township fire levy after the first of the year. Mr. Prince intends to approve a contract that will improve the response times, adding response times have increased with West Licking replacing the Kirkersville station by relocating to building a further west of the township.

Chief Casey said the Kirkersville station was an additional responding unit. Mr. Weekly stated they were closer by being in Kirkersville. Chief Casey said the West Licking station in Kirkersville was not listed first to respond. Mr. Weekly feels as they were in Kirkersville they were closer. Mr. Prince added that he feels run cards and can be manipulated noting that his evaluation of run cards in the Village of Buckeye Lake were not always based on the quickest response time.

Mr. Prince again stated he would review the new information and get back with everyone in a week to ten days.

Mr. VanNess suggested a one mill levy for the satellite station. If a levy were to pass the trustees would know if the township residents supported a satellite station. Mr. VanNess said they spent a lot of time researching and contacted outside sources to determine the best location for their new station for the best run time.

Mr. Prince will consider this. Mr. Prince asked the status of Granville's new station. Mr. VanNess said the process is slow but feel they will begin construction in the spring.

Chief Curtis said he has asked Mr. Prince to meet with him to review run times and asked again to meet with him. Mr. Prince wants to correct his information before he meets with Chief Curtis.

Mr. Slater feels the tonight's presentation by Mr. Prince's implies all three trustees agree and he does not.

Mr. Prince said his presentation is a start and there are six months left on the contract.

Chief Curtis feels the trustees need to agree before they bring a proposal to the fire departments. Chief Curtis wants hard numbers to plan.

Mr. Prince said this had been a one way discussion with Granville. Mr. Prince believes with the new Hebron Fire Chief we can all talk. Chief Curtis wants all to meet together. Mr. Prince agrees once he understands the new figures

Cliff Mason stated he is no longer an elected official and begins his position as Hebron Fire Chief around July 11 and is present as a resident. Mr. Mason said it's known they would like to start a fire district. Mr. Mason wants to refrain from making any comments until begins as Fire Chief. Mr. Mason said Chief Casey brought up issues he wants to think about.

The Village of Hebron will be filling two council seats due to the resignation of Mr. Mason and Jim Friend, whom both served on the Fire Safety Committee. The vacancies are to be filled within thirty days.

Mr. Slater and Mr. Weekly had nothing else to report.

Buckeye Lake 2030

Mike Fornataro, Buckeye Lake 2030 advised the township's 2018 fee would be \$275.00 to join the association. Mr. Prince feels we could determine if participating in the group would be an asset to the township at this fee. Mr. Slater moved to pay \$275 to join Buckeye Lake 2030 for the balance of 2018, Mr. Weekly seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Slater would be the township's representative and Mr. Weekly will be the alternative.

Mr. Prince suggested renewing our membership with Grow Licking County. The fees are

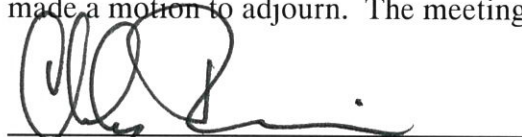
\$2500 per year for three years. Mr. Weekly moved to renew the Township's Grow Licking County membership. Seconded by Mr. Slater. Motion passed.

Mr. Slater asked if the release from Mrs. McNamara had been signed and returned. It has not.

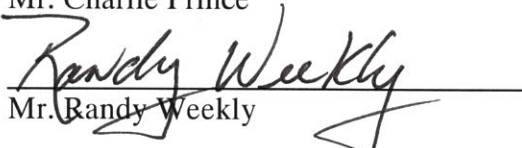
The first meeting in August will rescheduled to Monday, July 30, 2018 at 7:00 pm

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, July 16, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Union Township complex.


There being no further business, Mr. Prince asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Slater made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.



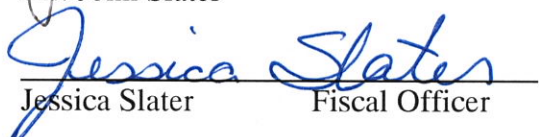
Mr. Charlie Prince



Mr. Randy Weekly



Mr. John Slater



Jessica Slater Fiscal Officer