

**SPECIAL MEETING  
UNION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES  
December 10, 2018**

**Present:** Charlie Prince, Trustee  
John Slater, Trustee  
Randy Weekly, Trustee  
Jessica Slater, Fiscal Officer  
Paula Greene, Administration

**Guests**

Granville Twp. Fire Chief Casey Curtis, Gregg Painter, Curt Painter Sr., Donard Myers, Chris Dement and Bill McLaughlin.

The Union Township Trustees met in special session at 6:00 pm on December 10, 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.

The purpose the Special Meeting is for the discussion and possible signing of the Fire/EMS contract with Granville Township and issues stemming from the Canyon Road Culvert Project and an executive session to discuss the purchase of property. No other issues would be discussed.

At the start of the meeting, Mr. Prince announced the discussion of the Canyon Road Culvert Project issues would be held during the next regular Trustee meeting, December 17.

Mr. Prince said he received a contract some contract language from Granville Township Fiscal Officer Jerry Miller. Mr. Prince read the contract language to the audience. Mr. Prince said when he did not receive a contract from Granville Township after their (Granville Twp.) last meeting, he drew up a contract based on comments made during Granville Township's meeting, which he attended.

Mr. Prince read the contract language he prepared and said that Austin Lecklider, Assistant Prosecutor, and Licking County Prosecutor's Office has approved the language.

Mr. Slater asked if Mr. Prince's contract was an addition to the current proposed contract.

Mr. Prince believes Granville Township has accepted the revised contract and he is now presenting additional language based on the Granville Township Trustees comments made during the Granville Township meeting he attended. Mr. Prince said two Granville Township Trustees requested a two-year agreement with a 60-90 day cancellation notice option.

Mr. Slater questioned the addition of the cancellation clause.

Mr. Prince said the addition of the cancellation language is based on comments made by Granville Township Trustees.

Paula asked for a copy of the documents Mr. Prince was reading from.

Mr. Prince said the Granville Township proposal extends the contract from 12 months to 15-months.

Mr. Weekly said he believed the contract proposal Mr. Lecklider approved was to be accepted. Mr. Slater agreed the second-year language had been added to the contract by Granville Township and felt the added cancellation clause was a concession.

Mr. Prince suggested presenting Granville Trustees with a choice of accepting a one-year extension to the contract as previously stated or the two-year agreement which has been cleared by Mr. Lecklider with a clause which provides 60-day cancellation by written notice.

Chief Curtis felt his Trustees would not accept the proposed changes.

Chris Dement asked if the Trustees received a proposal from Granville Township Trustees.

Mr. Prince said he had but the contract was not acceptable and believed the proposal contained language Mr. Lecklider would not approve. Chief Curtis recommended Mr. Lecklider review the proposal.

A discussion was held regarding on intent of the language Granville Township Trustees' proposal and the negation process.

Mr. Slater said he wanted to understand the differences in the contracts. Mr. Prince said the difference is this proposal is a 15-month contract instead of a 12-month contract. Mr. Slater recommended accepting the language and change the effective date.

Mr. Prince then recommended the following language. "This agreement shall be effective as of the 1st day of January 2019 and shall expire on December 31, 2020. Either party may cancel this contract at any time after August 31, 2019, and without penalty by providing no less than a 60-day written cancellation notice to the other party."

. Chief Curtis believes this language agrees with Granville Township Trustees intent.

Mr. Slater moved the agreement with Granville Township shall be effective January 1, 2019 and shall expire on December 31, 2020. Either party may cancel the contract after September 30, 2019 without penalty by providing no less than 90-day written cancellation notice to the other party.

Mr. Weekly seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Slater-yes; Mr. Weekly-yes; Mr. Prince-yes.

Mr. Dement asked Dr. Kramer's report has been submitted. It has not. Mr. Dement asked if the Trustees were still discussing entering a fire district.

Mr. Prince said the trustees approved a contract with the Village of Hebron that included the condition the Trustees will discuss the creation of a fire district.

Mr. Prince said he would forward a copy of the language approved tonight approved to Mr. Miller. Chief Curtis asked to be copied on the email.

Paula asked for a copy for the files as the document was being discussed during a public meeting. Mr. Prince said he would.

Mr. Prince moved to go into executive session at 6:25 pm, to discuss the possible purchase of property. Mr. Weekly seconded. Motion carried.

At 7:00 pm Mr. Weekly moved to end executive session and return to the regular meeting.

It was noted that persons attending the earlier public meeting had left the building.

A discussion was held on purchasing a property for sale on State Route 37 at the railroad tracks for the purpose of a satellite EMS station.

Mr. Prince moved to offer a maximum of \$140,000 for the purchase of the Mary Weekly property, 5060 Lancaster Road, with the contingency a "no construction" easement agreement can be obtained from the adjacent property owners within the next ten days.

Mr. Weekly felt the Township would be able to utilize the property for EMS purposes for five to six years and when the property was no longer needed could be a location to store the townships mowers.

Mr. Prince said once a Fire District is established the Trustees will have half the vote.

Mr. Slater said the revenue would be best spent on a property everyone would be happy with. Mr. Prince did not believe existing resources were adequate for any other purchase than this property.

Mr. Slater asked what was amount of money in the fund. Mr. Prince said it was approximately \$500,000 in the fund.

Mr. Slater said he would rather invest the money in different property. Mr. Slater has



spoken with Matt Gulick who is interested and serious about selling his property and feels this is a better location for a satellite station.

Mr. Prince felt Mr. Gulick's price would exceed their revenue with renovations and that he could not locate another location along State Route 37 that he felt was financially feasible.

Mr. Prince said he wanted to make an offer to the home owner (Weekley) with the contingency an agreement was able to be reached with the adjoining landowner regarding a no build zone and in the meantime discuss an offer for the Gulick property.

Mr. Slater said if the intent is to spend the money prior going into a fire district, they should purchase a property that the township can be proud of.

Mr. Prince said a medic station could operate from the Weekley location for about \$200,000 or less and the cost of the Gulick property is an unknown and did not want to lose the opportunity to purchase the Weekley property as there was a pending offer from another buyer, but agreed Mr. Slater should speak with Mr. Gulick. Mr. Prince noted that the owner of another possible property wanted more than \$300,000 before any renovations to house a medic. Mr. Slater felt those renovations would be inline with Monroe Townships new station and he does not approve of the Weekley property as a location for a satellite station.

Paula reminded the board that they were in open meeting and had a motion on the table.

Mr. Weekly seconded the motion with contingency to investigate the no build easement.

Mr. Prince ask for 10 days to negotiate a no build easement.

Mr. Weekly stated he also did want to lose the opportunity to place an offer on the Weekley property and wanted to investigate the possible purchase of the Gulick property to see where we can get the most for our money.

Mr. Slater said he still did not agree with the purchase of the Weekley property as the property is low and downhill and the parcel would not be good location for the street department either.

Mr. Prince said he feels it is the duty of the trustees to provide good Fire/EMS service and not just to invest in things that look good. Mr. Prince said the trustees need to provide better service to the residents for a Fire/EMS when they are paying over one million a year in fire/EMS levies.

Mr. Slater said he was happy they were at the point of looking to purchase property after years of discussing the idea of purchasing property. Mr. Weekly agreed.

Mr. Slater said he wanted a satellite station to not only provide service but something the township could be proud of.

Mr. Prince said at the Weekley property the addition of a garage would give a professional appearance and could be called a Medic Substation.

Mr. Slater said if we invested \$200,000 in the Weekley property the Fire District would still have \$300,000 of the Township's fire funds to spend.

Mr. Prince felt something else could be done with the leftover funds and did not want to leave \$500,000 to the fire district. Mr. Prince said if Mr. Gulick was serious about selling his property, Mr. Slater could speak with Mr. Gulick regarding the cost of purchasing his property in ten days. Mr. Slater agreed.

Mr. Weekly seconded Mr. Prince's motion. Mr. Prince said the motion had been moved and seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Prince motioned to adjourn. Mr. Slater seconded.

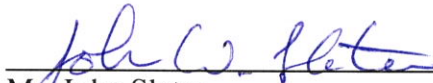
The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.



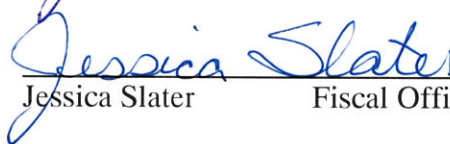
Mr. Charlie Prince



Mr. Randy Weekly



Mr. John Slater



Jessica Slater

Fiscal Officer