

**MEETING
UNION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
June 4, 2018**

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

Guests

Granville Twp. Fire Chief Curtis, Cliff Mason, John Black, Debbie Eddy, Martha Cable and Bill McWilliams

The Union Township Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 pm on June 4, 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 the May 21, 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

Mr. Prince asked if the guests wished to speak. John Black stated he would address the board later in the meeting.

Road and Bridge

Hall Complaint

May 24 – Dave received a complaint through Mr. Weekly from Wayne Hall, 1300 Beaver Run Road. Mr. Hall stated he could not see to pull onto Beaver Run Road from his driveway due to the high grass. Mr. Hall complained to Mr. Weekly that he had almost struck someone pulling out of his driveway.

Mr. Hall also contacted Mr. Prince who checked with Mr. Weekly and then requested the start date and time cards for the employee in charge of mowing.

Both Mr. Prince and Mr. Weekly were concerned the high grass was a safety concern. Mr. Weekly also mentioned someone had stopped at his home complaining of overgrown grass at the Blacks and Beaver Run Road intersection.

Dave explained mowing of every township road (52 miles) occurs in a twenty day work cycle. Mowing began in late April due to the cold weather.

The second mowing cycle would have reached Mr. Hall's residence within 48 hours. Dave said the township mows areas in the Village of Buckeye Lake and the Village of Hebron which they are unable to reach with their equipment a few days before Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day Weekend. Mowing takes approximately a day and a half to complete. This is a long established practice.

The mowing operator keeps a daily diary recording his location of work. The township mowed Mr. Hall's hill on May 3, 2018.

Dave said the mowing employee was directed to Mr. Hall's residence immediately after receiving Mr. Weekly's call. Dave then found a voice message on the township's answering machine from Mr. Hall. Dave immediately contacted Mr. Hall by phone. According to Dave, Mr. Hall began telling Dave he was "worthless" and "no one knew what he or she were doing" and continued to insult Dave and our staff before ending the phone call.

Dave said Mr. Hall also complained in early November 2017 demanding his hill be mowed again as he could not see. At time mowing had been completed for the year. The tractor had been serviced and placed in winter storage.

Dave said once at Mr. Hall's they cut Mr. Hall's grass, which they found the grass to be approximately eight inches high, which was not high enough to be effective.

The trustees agreed Beaver Run Road is unique to other roads in the township due to its good condition, heavy traffic, relatively high speeds and limited sight lines for residents entering the roadway from driveways both above and below the grade. There is a narrow right of way along Beaver Run Road.

Mr. Slater stated the trustees should not be micromanaging the employees. Mr. Slater did acknowledge safety is always a concern, but does not feel to stop mowing in one area to travel across the township for one complaint is justifiable nor economical use of employee time and township funds. Mr. Prince said the issue is safety on the township's most dangerous road and that adjustments in the regular mowing routine should be made to respond to legitimate safety complaints, particularly on Beaver Run Road.

Mr. Slater felt Mr. Hall wanted his hill mowed before the holiday. Mr. Weekly stated that was not true, Mr. Hall was upset because the ditch at Evan's park was being mowed and not a safety issue and Mr. Hall could not see out of his driveway.

Mr. Slater felt the other trustees were not standing up for our employees.

Mr. Weekly felt there was a real safety issue, as he had stood in the driveway and observed how high the grass was and indicate there were other complaints regarding the height of the grass along Beaver Run Road. Mr. Weekly applauded Dave for taking care of the issue.

Zoning

There has been no response from Randy Williams regarding his zoning violation. The Licking County Prosecutors' Office attorneys office will be issuing a notice tomorrow. Licking County Building Code will issue a written notice to Mr. Williams

Two variances hearings were held last week and both were approved.

Trustees

Mr. Weekly asked Dave if he had received a call regarding installing a new culvert on Canyon Road. Dave has left a message.

Mr. Weekly asked we have received payment for the Swamp Road guardrail repair. Paula said our insurance company requested additional documentation which she will be forwarding to the agent.

Mr. Slater said the bridges on Palmer Road and Swamp are now open. Mr. Slater advised of overgrown brush on Swamp Road in need of clearing. Dave said he now has access to the brush since the bridges are open.

Licking Township Trustee John Holman advised Mr. Prince they have adopted the noise ordinance as written from the Licking County Prosecutor's Office. Mr. Prince urged the other trustees to review for further discussion.

Fire Contract

Mr. Prince prepared a Union Township Fire Levy Revenue Distribution fact-sheet that covers fire levy revenue distribution and runs in the respective contracted areas for the 2014 – 2017 period. He also presented a Proposed Fire Levy Distribution based on allocating 40 percent of the levy revenue generated in each contract area to the contractor as a readiness or insurance payment with the balance of the revenues allocated on the basis of contract area runs the preceding year. Mr. Prince provided poposal copies to Mr. Slater, Mr. Weekly, Mr. Mason, Paula and Chief Curtis. Mr. Prince this is his recommendation and has had no input from the other trustees.

Cemetery Building

John Black, introduced his cousin, Debbie Eddy advising the trustees of their interest to restore the building. Mr. Black felt Ms. Eddy could apply for grants to cover the cost of repairing the building.

Mr. Prince will listen to ideas, advising the township does not have the revenue to restore the building.

Mr. Weekly feels due to the current condition of the building a significate amount of funds would be needed to restore the building.

Mr. Slater states he feels the building is currently a safety issue and liability to the township. Mr. Slater feels something should be done with the building soon.

Mr. Prince stated he was following up on a safety complaint and was not criticizing employees. He did view Beaver Run Road and Mr. Hall's property and believed the banks needed mowing.

Mr. Slater felt both trustees acted without speaking with Dave before their actions.

Chief Curtis asked if overgrown was photographed for documentation as the height of the grass seems to be an ongoing issue. Mr. Weekly said there was no need as he viewed the site himself. Chief Curtis thought that pictures should have been taken to show at what rate the grass is indeed growing and to help determine if adjustments to the mowing schedule are necessary. Mr. Weekly, stated again, he viewed the grass from Mr. Hall's driveway and determined the overgrowth need to be mowed.

Mr. Weekly stated he believes Beaver Run Road is the most traveled Road in the township and the speeds exceed the posted limits. Mr. Weekly stated to Dave mowing Beaver Run Road may take more than the routine mowing, once every thirty days, in the high priority areas like Beaver Run Road.

Dave asked the trustees if he was to continue mowing in the Villages of Hebron and Buckeye Lake, noting Hebron was in Union Township. The trustees agreed to carry on mowing as we have in the past but to mow any areas posing a safety issue first.

Mr. Black highly praised the Township Road crew in their work.

Crack Sealing.

Dave and crew began using the new crack filling machine and likes the results. Machine prep is approximately one half hour. Today they completed over six tenths of a mile of crack filling.

Resurfacing Additional Township Roads

Mr. Prince asked Dave to compare the resurfacing material prices from the 2017 and 2018 Shelly Company contracts to determine if it makes financial sense to resurface more roads this year due to this year's material prices.

Railroad Crossing

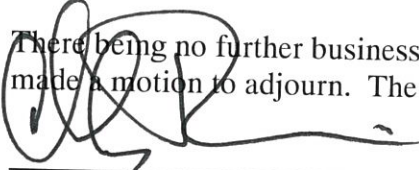
Paula has made contact with Jason Babcock with Ohio Central Railroad. Mr. Babcock has plans for the replacement or reconstruction of the Milliken Railroad Crossing. He advised the crossing Southgate Development who along with companies who use the railroad should be sharing the maintaince cost.

Ohio Central Railroad paid for the last crossing repairs and will not do so in the future.

Paula advised the township is responsible for repairs to the crossing approach up to two feet of the track itself. Paula will set up a meeting at the crossing with Mr. Babcock to discuss the repairs needed. Paula has requested documentation of the railroad crossing's ownership. Mr. Prince thought economic development or Ohio Rail Development Authority grant money might be available for repairs. Paula suggested refraining from adding to resurfacing project until we know the cost of repairs to Milliken Road.

Paula reminded Mr. Black the building has not been in use for many years, therefore is no parking available at the site of the building, nor is there land to install a safe parking lot as there is burial site on three sides of the close to the building. The road right of way goes through the sidewalk next to the building. Mr. Black said he would come up with another plan.

There being no further business Mr. Prince asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Weekly made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



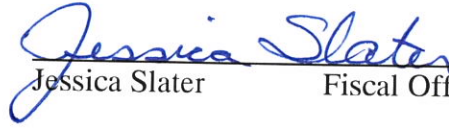
Mr. Charlie Prince



Mr. John Slater



Mr. Randy Weekly



Jessica Slater

Fiscal Officer