

UNION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

February 3, 2018

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

Guests: Rebecca Hayes, John Black, Harold Martin, Bill McWilliams, and Patty Costello

The Union Township Trustees met on February 3, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., at the Union Township Complex, for a regular meeting. The meeting was called to order by Charlie Prince at 7:00 p.m. Trustee members also attending the meeting were John Slater and Randy Weekly. Roll call was taken.

Visitors

Lakewood School Levy - Rebecca Hayes, representing Lancer Pride, spoke of the upcoming levy for a new elementary school. Ms. Hayes gave examples of the issues at the current Hebron Elementary School.

Licking County Sheriff's Deputy Collins attended for the Sheriff's Office yearly visit to townships. Mr. Slater said with the return of the township's police officer that should reduce some of the Sheriff's Office runs in the township. Mr. Prince said he had observed their cruisers at the Truck Stops to deter incidents occurring there. Mr. Weekly asked that the speed trailer be set in his yard to deter speeding on Beaver Run Road. Deputy Collins agreed with trustees and would speak with Captain Slayman regarding the speed trailer.

Bills

The Clerk certified that the money to pay the bills was in the treasury or in the process of collection. There being no questions regarding the bills, Mr. Slater moved to approve the bills. Mr. Prince seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes

Mr. Prince had not reviewed the previous meeting's minutes.

Road & Bridge

Swamp Road Berm Complaint - Union Township resident Harold Martin spoke of his concerns on Swamp Road. He feels there are two locations where the road has sunken in and there is limited berm in some areas. Mr. Martin said with the increased traffic on

Swamp Road due to Pigeon Roost, VanBuren Farms, and the Christmas lights at National Trails Raceway and feared drivers new to the area are not aware of the roadway and its condition.

Mr. Slater said the culvert near the Martin and Son office should be replaced this year. Dave said the Licking County Engineer's Office was in the area last week collecting information in preparation for replacing the culvert.

Mr. Prince asked if posting signs was possible to caution drivers of the road conditions. Dave said it would be possible to place "No Berm and "One Lane Road Ahead" signs; he will order these signs.

O'Neil Road Project – Mr. Weekly and Dave attended the Village of Hebron's bid opening for the O'Neil Road Project. The project includes removing 1 ½" of asphalt and placing 2" of new asphalt on Enterprise Dr.

The Shelly Company submitted the lowest bid. Mayor Jim Layton said the Village has the funds available to pay for the project. Mr. Weekly said at most the Township would be responsible for \$50,000 - \$60,000 in this joint project.

A discussion was held on paving Milliken Drive while Shelly Company was paving Enterprise/O'Neill Drives in the Industrial Park. Using the Engineer's Estimates, he believed the cost to pave Milliken Drive between O'Neill Drive and the railroad tracks to be \$ 24,346.77 and \$113,163.68 from the tracks to the end of Milliken Drive.

Fire

Mr. Prince reported earlier today the Refugee Canyon Joint Fire District Board held a special meeting to accept a 30-day extension with Granville Township Trustees at the current rate. Mr. Prince said the Board would be working on a more extended contract at a lower rate with Granville Township.

Satellite Station – Today, the workers completed most of the hanging of drywall. Mr. Weekly will be notified when the ADA compliant shower is scheduled to be delivered. The door package has arrived.

Resident Patty Costello voiced her concerns about the Township's entering into a Fire District and felt there was a lack of research done before entering into a district. Ms. Costello was upset the Trustees failed to notify the residents of the township of the possibility of a fire district.

Ms. Costello felt as two township trustees sit on the Fire Board, a conflict of interest issue would arise between the Township Trustees and the Fire Board members. Mr. Slater said with two Township Trustees on the Fire Board, the Township Trustees could not make any decisions regarding the fire district.

Administration

License Plate Fee - Two hearings in front of the Trustees are required for the License

Plate Fee Resolution. The hearing dates are to be published in the Newark Advocate before the first hearing; the second hearing is required to be held within ten days of the first hearing. The collection of the license plate fee begins on January 1, 2021. It was decided to hold the first hearing on February 18th at 6:45 pm and the second hearing to be held on February 24th at 9:00 am.

Paula notified Carolyn Carnes, Chief ~ Civil Division, Licking County Prosecutor Office that the trustees would stay with the original settlement offer. There has been no response from Ms. McNamara at the time.

Zoning – The Zoning Commission will hear two map amendment applications on February 4. The Board of Zoning Appeals will hear a variance request for a reduction in the rear set back requirement on February 20.

Randy Williams - Judge Branstool heard the contempt complaint Paula filed on Randy Williams on January 24. Judge Branstool heard testimony from Paula, Chad Brown, Director of the Licking County Health Department and Troy Warnock, Director of the Licking County Building Code All testified Mr. Williams has not complied with any of the agencies present at the hearing, and all stated that neither the camper nor the barn had been issued permits to be a residence, therefore, they are not habitable.

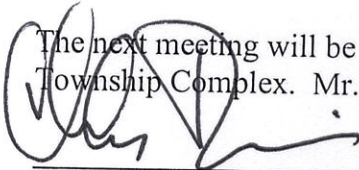
Judge Branstool advised Mr. Williams that he could not reside on the property. Paula gave Mr. Williams seventy-two hours to leave the property. The contempt hearing was continued to March 4 to give Mr. Williams time to comply with all agencies.

Owens Drive extension – Paula advised the trustees that Keith Wills had purchased a farm at the end of Owens Drive and will be extending the road to Licking County requirements. Mr. Wills will be splitting two parcels off of this farm; the new parcels will be over ten acres each. Mr. Weekly asked if this would resolve the address issue of one of the residents on Owens drive. Paula said they hoped the property owner would change his address, but we cannot force them to do so.

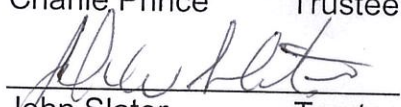
Trustees

Mr. Weekly asked for confirmation of the March Township Trustee meeting dates and asked for Officer Lucas' patrol sheets. Paula advised she emailed the records before the meeting.

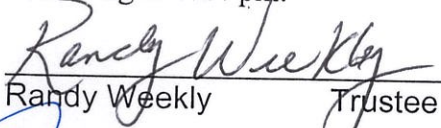
The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 18, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Union Township Complex. Mr. Slater moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm.



Charlie Prince Trustee



John Slater Trustee



Randy Weekly Trustee



Jessica Slater Trustee