

Union Township
September 2, 2025
Regular Trustee Meeting

The Union Township Trustees met on September 2, 2025, at 7:00 pm for a regular meeting. The Fiscal Officer Karen Nethers Roll Call showed the following trustees: Roger Start and Jeff Sharps. John Slater was absent. Administrator Paula Greene was present. Dave Cable was absent. Trustee Start led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests – Luke Medcalf and Sally Brigham.

Minutes –Mr. Sharps motioned, and Mr. Start seconded to approve the August 18 minutes. Motion carried.

Bills – Mr. Sharps motioned, and Mr. Slater, seconded to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Public Comments –

Luke Medcalf raised concerns about road conditions from increased detour traffic and said chip and seal surfacing poses risks to motorists.

Fiscal Officer – The audit is close to being finished.

Budget – Due to unexpected expenses the fiscal officer explained the need for a Supplementary Appropriation Budget Resolution. A discussion was held regarding the expenses and budgetary needs, after which the following motion was made:

Motion – Mr. Sharps motioned to approve the preparation of a resolution for a Supplementary Appropriation Budget. Mr. Start second. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge

Road projects—Chip sealing on Refugee Road and Old 37 has been completed. Paving is scheduled to start September 22.

Small's Asphalt—The fiscal officer received invoices for the chip seal projects indicating that the Township was charged \$415.85 above the bid contract amount. Paula emailed the company and received a voice message from Mr. Small, who said that Dave instructed him to pave to SR 37 and noted an increase in the price of one of the products. Paula has not returned the call yet.

Dave reported that Mr. Small called him on the day of chip sealing to confirm where to stop, and Dave advised stopping at State Route 37, which is the location specified in the bid. The Trustees discussed the billing and agreed that payment should not exceed the contract amount; they have requested guidance from the Prosecutor's Office. The fiscal officer is holding the bill pending further review.

Cemetery Trees – Bill and Pam's Tree Service have cleared the fallen trees.

Mowing - Mr. Start reported that the Whitehead and Deeds triangle needs mowing. Dave confirmed the County is responsible, but they will mow it while working nearby. Mowing should be finished by week's end.

Administration

Zoning Resolution Revision - The LC Planning Board issued a non-binding approval of the zoning resolution draft. The Zoning Commission will begin the review and set a hearing date on October 1.

Robertson Drive – No update

ODOT Public Open House: An open house regarding State Route 37 and Route 161 will take place on September 3 in Pataskala.

Road Worker Description – A revised description was sent to the Prosecutor's Office for review.

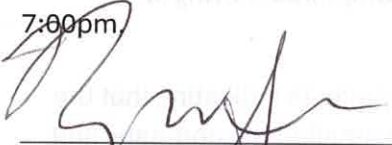
Economic Development – None

Public Comment – Sally Brigham addressed the Board to express her concerns regarding the condition of Canyon Road. Both Ms. Brigham and Mr. Medcalf requested that the Trustees engage in discussions with neighboring municipalities about the impact of their development on Township roads. Mr. Start responded by stating that the Trustees maintain ongoing communication with the relevant jurisdictions.

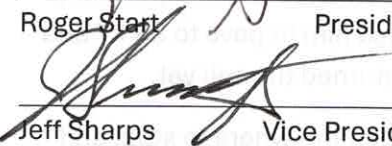
Trustees –

Mr. Start - Representatives from Free Point, Connecticut and the Newark Industrial Plant convened with Mr. Start and Paula to review the plant's purpose and its recycling process. They were informed that the final recycled product is converted into fuel, which is subsequently utilized for further plastic production. The issue of the black plume was addressed; it was a planned release, and the plant had notified the EPA in advance. It was confirmed that this event did not pose any threat to air quality.

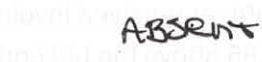
With no further business, Mr. Start moved to adjourn; Mr. Sharps seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm. The next Union Township Trustees meeting is Monday, September 15 at 7:00pm.



Roger Start President

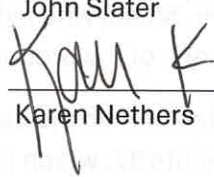


Jeff Sharps Vice President



John Slater

Trustee



Karen Nethers

Fiscal Officer