

**Union Township**  
**May 7, 2025**  
**Regular Trustee Meeting**

The Union Township Trustees met on May 7, 2025, at 7:00 pm for a regular meeting. The Fiscal Officer Karen Nethers Roll Call showed the following trustees: Roger Start, Jeff Sharps and John Slater. Administrator Paula Greene and Dave Cable, Road Superintendent, were present. Trustee Start led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests – Martha Cable, Eric Metzger, Greg Large, Lauri Haley, Linda Hutras and Jeff Shoemaker.

Minutes – Mr. Sharps motioned, and Mr. Slater seconded to approve the April 21 minutes. Motion carried.

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

**Public Comments** – Greg Large inquired about the posting date for the 2025 minutes. It was indicated that they would be available soon.

Lauri Haley has concerns about heavy traffic through the subdivision. The Trustees assured her that her location should not experience a significant increase in traffic; however, if there is an issue, the Sheriff's Department could be requested to patrol the area.

Jeff Shoemaker has expressed interest in obtaining permission to operate a coffee truck at the intersection of State Route 37 and US Route 40. He consulted with zoning officials and was informed that a temporary business would not be permitted. Mr. Shoemaker seeks to gather signatures in support of his initiative. The Trustees have indicated that the Zoning Resolution is currently under revision and emphasized that there are specific reasons for the restrictions in place.

**Fiscal Officer** –

The State Auditor's Office has initiated the 2022 and 2023 audits.

**Road and Bridge** –

2025 Road Projects – The Engineer's Office submitted the estimates for the 2025 Road projects. After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion – Mr. Start moved and Mr. Sharps seconded to advertise for the bids based on the estimates received from the Engineer's Office. Motion carried.

**Administration**–

LC Recycling – The Prosecutor approved the MOU with Recycling. Bins can be removed within 30 days if problems arise. Paula and Dave will contact Recycling if items are left outside the bins. Mr. Slater does not want it to become unsightly.

Motion – Mr. Start moved, and Mr. Sharps seconded to enter the Licking County Recycling MOU and appointed Paula to sign the MOU for the Township. Motion carried.

Insurance contributions – The following resolution was presented:

**Resolution 2025-21 Insurance Contributions**

**Mr. Start motioned for Mr. Slater to modify the insurance contributions: trustees to contribute 5% of their plan costs, while employees are exempt.**

**Roll call: Mr. Start – yes Mr. Sharps-yes Mr. Slater-yes**

**Economic Development**

Kirkersville/Union/Hebron JEDD –The following Resolution was presented:

**Resolution 2025-22 A Resolution setting a JEDD Public Hearing Date and authorizing any Township Trustee or other Appropriate Township Official to publish Notice of the Public Hearing; and other related Authorizations pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 715.72.**

**Mr. Slater moved, and Mr. Sharps seconded to set a JEDD public hearing Date of June 16, 2025, at 7:00pm.**

**Roll call: Mr. Start – yes Mr. Sharps-yes Mr. Slater-yes**

**Public Comments**

Mr. Large requested an erosion check on the edges of Deeds Road. Dave will handle it.

**Executive Session**- Mr. Start moved to enter Executive Session per OR 121.22G(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee. Mr. Sharps seconded the motion. Motion carried at 7:32pm. At 7:35pm Mr. Slater moved to return to the regular meeting. Mr. Sharps seconded.

**Roll call: Mr. Start – yes Mr. Sharps-yes Mr. Slater-yes**

Motion – Mr. Sharps moved, and Mr. Start seconded to declare a vacated position of road worker and that a notice of employment be posted. Motion carried.

**Trustees – None**

There being no further business, Mr. Start motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Slater seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm. The next meeting of the Union Township Trustees will be May 19, 2025.

  
Roger Start President

  
Jeff Sharps Vice President

  
John Slater Trustee

  
Karen Nethers Fiscal Officer