

**Union Township Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2023**

The Union Township Trustees met on February 21, 2023, at 7:00 pm for regular meeting. Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater's roll call showed the following trustees: John Slater, Roger Start and Jeff Sharps present. Paula Greene, Township Administrator and Dave Cable Road Superintendent was present. Trustee Slater led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests: Ralph Devine, Patrice Francis, Greg Vance, Bill McWilliams, and Martha Cable.

Minutes – Mr. Start moved and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve the February 6 Special Meeting(Montrose) and Regular meeting.

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

Public Comments-None

JEDD Discussion -

Greg Vance asked the Board to explain the “non-annexation agreement” included in the JEDD agreement. The Board explained that portions of the Township within JEDD area could not be annexed into Heath unless the landowner (who's property adjoins the Heath boundary) petitioned into Heath.

Ralph Devine said the map difficult to understand. Mr. Start explained the annexation boundaries. Mr. Devine asked where the Township was in the permitting process. Permitting is the responsibility of the Water District, which they currently are working on. Mr. Devine asked if two waterlines can be placed in the same area. Mr. Start said he did not know.

Mr. Devine met with Mark Shovan, representing the Village of Hebron earlier today, who stated Hebron had the necessary permits for their waterline in hand. Mr. Devine asked to see them. Hebron has not produced the permits.

Mr. Slater said Hebron portrays they have been approved for permits but it's not the case. Mr. Start said he did not understand who would choose to pay Hebron's higher water rate. Mr. Devine said some don't want to pay for the JEDD. It was explained that only business and their employees are affected by the tax. Residents and farms are not subject to the tax.

Mr. Sharps asked Mr. Devine how the Township could inform the public of our project. Mr. Devine said Glen Gram attended a meeting at Hebron for Township residents in their waterline project. Mr. Gram said a Trustees was turned away from this meeting. Mr. Devine advised Mark Shovan, that Hebron had missed the opportunity to have a discussion with both parties. The Mr. Shovan said that Hebron didn't want a “free-for-all”. Mr. Start said he was asked to attend the meeting by a Township Resident, and when he arrived, Hebron Officials asked him to leave, and a Hebron Police Officer escorted him out of the building. The officer then took post at the council chambers door and two officers stood post outside at the front office doors. Mrs. Slater said she and her husband, who live in the area of the waterline, were not invited to the meeting.

