

**Union Township Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2023**

The Union Township Trustees met in regular session on July 10, 2023, at 7:00 pm. Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater's roll call showed the following trustees: John Slater and Jeff Sharps present. Mr. Start was absent. Paula Greene, Township Administrator and Dave Cable, Road Supervisor, were also present. Trustee Slater led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests: Kenneth Fisher, Jen Kurkowski, Tom Hankins, Martha Cable

Minutes – Mr. Start moved and Mr. Slater seconded to approve the June 20 regular meeting minutes with the correction of changing “will” to “may” in the JEDD meeting report. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments- Mrs. Cable said the cemetery looks much better since the church was taken down. Mr. Start said United Aggregation did an excellent job.

Jen Kurkowski asked the Trustees if through truck traffic could be prohibited on Hallie Lane. Truck traffic has increased, and it is difficult for a semi and car to pass. The Trustees discussed the situation and advised that in the past the Trustees do not have the authority to limit truck traffic but will the Prosecutor's and Engineer's Office.

Tom Hankins explained the Revolutionary War Soldiers program where small signs with QR codes are placed in cemeteries where these soldiers are buried. Union Township has three soldiers buried in two Cemeteries. Mr. Hankins was asked to contact Dave before posting the signs.

Road and Bridge

Demolition of building – The former church building was demolished without complications. The hole is approximately three-quarters filled, with additional dirt delivered this week.

OPWC Grant-An Engineer's Request for the OPWC Grant-Blacks Road Project was presented. Motion – Mr. Sharps motioned, Mr. Start seconded to submit an Engineer's request for the OPWC project. Motion Carried.

ROW Application – An ROW application was submitted to work in the ROW at Refugee Road. After a discussion, the following motion was made. Motion – Mr. Sharps motioned, Mr. Start seconded to approve the ROW permit. Motion carried.

Newark Industrial Park – Dave reported the Railroad Company repaired the tracks at the crossing over the weekend.

The Resurfacing bid opening was held at 6:45pm. One bid was submitted by the Shelly Company. The estimates are as follows:

Chip Seal:		
Beaver Run Road (Blacks-Beaver Run)	2.92 miles	\$75,751.00
Seminary, Canyon, and Sandstone	2.29 miles	60,123.25
Mill and resurface with 1.25" of Item 441 Asphalt:		
Grand Point and Simeon	.44 miles	64,052.25
Bending Oak and Willow View	.58 miles	77,342.75
Fallen Ash Road	.34 miles	47,393.40
Granview Crossing	.03 miles	44,204.45

Dave recommended accepting the bids for Willow View, Bending Oak, Granview and Simone. Mr. Start asked if the citizens would complain that these roads were being resurfaced with asphalt. A discussion was held on the subject. Dave said these roads are in very poor condition, the best opinion in this situation is replacing the asphalt. Motor pave had been placed on roads sometime in the past

which does not last.

Motion - Mr. Sharps moved, and Mr. Start seconded to approve the resurfacing of Bending Oak, Willow View, Grand Point Road and Simeon Drive with Asphalt in an amount not to exceed \$141,395.00.

Administration

Building updates – The offices were painted last week. Trim and one office need to be finished.

National Trail Raceway – The prosecutor’s opinion regarding the closure of Refugee Road for races at NTR was read in part and discussed. It was Attorney Carnes opinion that the Trustees have the authority to close the road in the event of an emergency, which holding drag racing event was not. Paula emailed Jay Livingston the Opinion along and offered to assist in making the crossover safer. There was no response from Mr. Livingston.

Interior painting completed.

Trebel Aggregation – Revised letter to new customers.

Meeting Date Reminders: Monday, July 31; Monday, August 14; Tuesday, September 5 and Monday, September 18, 2023, at all begin at 7:00 pm

Economic Development

Water & Sewer Partnership – Mr. Start has been approach by a group wanting to create a Water & Sewer Partnership; the group wants the Township to commit/join the Partnership for all future water and sewer needs. Mr. Slater said the County would like to provide services throughout the county also. It was suggested to include water and sewer options in the Comprehensive Plan.

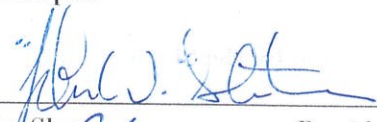
CRA Amendment – The amendment request was filed with the Licking County Commissioners on June 22. The request will be forwarded to Lakewood School and the Village of Hebron for their input. The Commissioners will schedule additional discussion after hearing back from them.

Public Comment:

Mr. Fisher felt Union Township should be responsible for cleaning the ditches within the Township and not a shared responsibility with Harrison Township. Mr. Fisher feels Harrison Township is not as efficient as Union Township.

There were no trustee comments. There being no further business, Mr. Sharps moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm. Mr. Slater seconded. Motion carried.

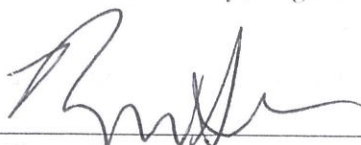
The next meeting of the Union Township Trustees will be held on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm.



John Slater President



Jeff Sharps Trustee



Roger Start Vice President



Jessica Slater Fiscal Officer