Union Township Trustees March 21, 2022

The Union Township Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 pm on March 21, 2022. Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater's roll call showed the following trustees present: John Slater, Roger Start, and Jeff Sharps. Paula Greene, Township Administrator, and Dave Cable, Road Supervisor, were also present. Trustee Slater led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests: Marth Cable, Casey Curtis, Tonya and Curt Painter, Rick Black, Leslie Herro, Vicki Quick, Shawn Hittle, Mike Bishop, Brock and Fran Harmon, Frank Boeshart, Jeremy Rhodes, Dennis Wollenberg, Joe Hager, Dwight Swick, and Craig Vance.

Minutes

Mr. Start moved to approve the March 7 minutes. Mr. Sharp seconded. Motion approved. Mr. Start moved to approve the March 14 Special meeting minutes. Mr. Sharps seconded. Motion approved.

Bills

The clerk certified the money to pay the bills in the treasury or is in the collection process. Mr. Start motioned to pay the bills. Mr. Sharps seconded. Motion carried.

<u>Appropriations</u>

Mrs. Slater presented Resolution 23-2022 for Permanent Appropriations. After a review, Mr. Start moved to approve the Resolution, and Mr. Sharps seconded.

Roll Call:

Mr. Slater-yes

Mr. Start-yes

Mr. Sharps-yes

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Road and Bridge

Dave reported the following- Cold Patching has begun, completed repairs to the washout on Gale Road, and added dirt to the berm next to a culvert on Hayes Road.

Committee Report

Over the past three months, a group of township residents consisting of Mike Bishop, Tonya Painter, Karen Nethers, Valerie Mockus, Shawn Hittle, and Vicki Quick met, researched, and discussed how the residents feel regarding Fire/EMS protection in the Township. Mr. Bishop read his report (reviewed and approved by the committee) to the Trustees.

Overall, the committee found the residents felt there was no problem with the way service was provided before the district was formed and would like to return to contracting with Hebron and Granville Township or start a Union Township Fire Department. However, the committee realized that starting a Township Department would be difficult.

Mr. Slater said he has heard from individuals that having 6265 open has provided quicker service and would like to see service continue from this location.

A general discussion of the report findings was held. In addition, the Township's and the Village's Fire/EMS millage was held.

Mr. Start asked if the group would be continuing their work as they could assist in supporting a levy in the future. The group said they could continue working together.

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A discussion was held regarding Mayor Layton's request for an open meeting with Council and the Trustees. Mr. Sharps said he felt a meeting with both boards would not be productive.

Mr. Sharps will speak with Granville Township regarding creating an MOU for Fire/EMS services.

It was agreed that a good plan for Fire/EMS services was needed for a levy to pass.

Dewmar Addition

Brock Harmon, president of the Home Owner's Association, spoke on behalf of the residents on Dewmar Drive regarding the condition of their road. The residents thought their road was unsafe with the amount of dust and loose gravel left on the road from chip sealing last fall.

Dave said the road had been swept after the chip sealing; Dave said there was more gravel than needed. Mr. Slater said he viewed the road and said the excess gravel needed to be swept. Mr. Slater recommended hiring Strawser Street sweeping to clear the gravel. Dave agreed and will have Strawser sweep the street.

A discussion was held on the cost of paving and chip sealing roads. It was noted that the road was not frequently traveled; therefore, the gravel does not settle into the chip seal as well.

Mr. Slater reminded the residents that the roads were for motor vehicle traffic and not a playground. The residents are concerned for their safety when riding motorcycles.

Motion - Mr. Sharps motioned, and Mr. Start seconded that Strawser Sweeping be retained to sweep Dewmar Drive. Motion carried.

Economic Development

Mr. Start was made aware of the possibility of creating a joint economic project with Granville Township.

Administration

Bloody Run Swamp Project – Paula attended a Technical Review Committee regarding the project. Mr. Slater said the project includes reestablishing the county ditch. There are concerns among landowners that changing the direction of the creek will cause more flooding, but believes the Stream and Wetlands Foundation will take precautions to avoid additional flooding.

There being no further business, Mr. Start moved, and Mr. Sharps seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm. The next meeting of the Union Township Trustees will be held on April 4, 2022.

John Slater

President

Trustee

Roger Start

Vice President

Vessica Slater

Fiscal Officer