

Union Township Trustees

April 20, 2026

Regular Meeting

The Union Township Trustees met on April 20, 2026, at 7:00 pm for a regular meeting. The Fiscal Officer Karen Nethers Roll Call showed the following trustees: Jeff Sharps, Roger Start and John Slater. Administrator Paula Greene and Dave Cable, Road Superintendent, were present. Trustee Sharps led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guest – Martha Cable, Jessica Freytag, and Jennifer Kurkowski.

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

Public Comments – None

Fiscal Officer

An invoice for Salt used was sent to the Village of Buckeye Lake. The Fire Contract checks are being sent out.

Health Insurance – The proposal for Health Insurance from United Health Care was discussed. It was felt the policy was the best for the township employees at this time.

Motion- Mr. Start moved and Mr. Slater seconded to accept United Health Care policy for 2026/2027. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge

ODOT salt - The ODOT salt purchase for 2026/2027 has been received. Dave would like to request 400 ton of salt.

Resolution 2026-22 ODOT Salt Purchase

Mr. Start moved and Mr. Slater seconded to approve the purchase of 400 ton of salt for the 2026/2027 season.

Roll Call: Mr. Sharps – yes

Mr. Start-yes

Mr. Slater yes

Equipment Request – Dave has proposed the purchase of a Rhino tool post driver equipped with a Honda motor to facilitate the installation of traffic control signposts. The township recently acquired 400 signposts through an ODOT grant, with new post supplied by the company providing the signs. Dave indicated that utilizing this device would significantly enhance the efficiency of post installation.

Motion – Mr. Slater moved and Mr. Sharps seconded the purchase of a Rhino Post driver in the amount of \$3623.16. Motion carried.

Culvert maintenance – Dave reported the Department rebuilt a drainage box on O'Neill with good results.

Administration

Election Reminder – The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, May 6 @7:00pm, due to the upcoming elections on May 6.

Geist Park – Kyle Lund, Licking County Parks, shared with Mr. Start a tentative plan for the proposed park. Mr. Start has reached out to Mr. Geist and is waiting to hear back.

Economic Development

Kirkersville/Union/Hebron – A trustee needs to be appointed to the Kirkersville/Union/Hebron JEDD Board. The following resolution was presented.

Resolution 2026-23: Mr. Sharps nominated, and Mr. Slater seconded, that Trustee Roger Start serve as the Union Township representative on the Kirkersville/Union/Hebron JEDD Board.

Roll Call: Mr. Sharps – yes; Mr. Start – yes; Mr. Slater – yes.

Mr. Start, along with Holly Mattei and Paula met with a perspective developer earlier this month.

Public Comments – None

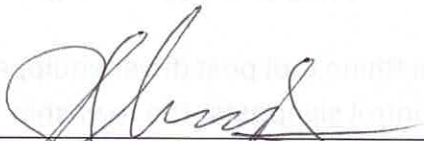
Trustees

Mr. Start asked if the ditch complaint from Joann Samples had been addressed. Dave said they have spoken with her several times and plan to clean the ditch tomorrow.

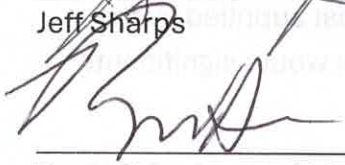
Mr. Slater asked for an avenue to contact the Fire Department when conducting a controlled agricultural burn. Mr. Slater was unable to contact a representative from West Licking Fire prior to conducting the agricultural burn. Mr. Sharps said he will contact Chief Treinish and get back with him.

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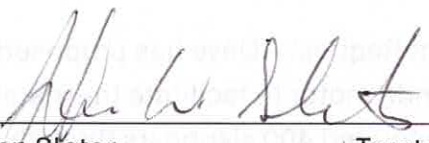
There being no further business Mr. Start moved and Mr. Slater seconded to adjourn at 7:19 pm.



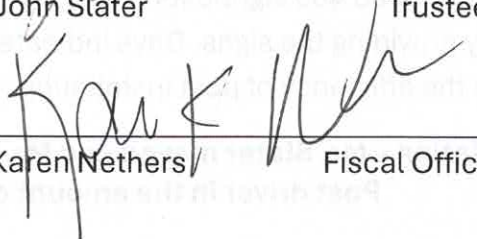
 Jeff Sharps President



 Roger Start Vice President



 John Slater Trustee



 Karen Nethers Fiscal Officer