Union Township Trustees Regular Meeting November 5, 2025

The Union Township Trustees met on November 5, 2025. Fiscal Officer Karen Nethers roll call showed the following trustees: Roger Start, Jeff Sharps and John Slater. Administrator Paula Greene and Dave Cable, Road Supervisor, were present. Trustee Start led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests – Jessica Freytag, Luke Metcalf, Sally Brigham and Martha Cable.

Minutes –Mr. Start motioned, and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve the October 20 minutes. Motion carried.

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

<u>Public Comments</u> – Luke Medcalf expressed concerns about the safety of using chip seal on roads, noting that he believes paving is a safer alternative. He also provided information regarding potential grants. Sally Brigham requested that a hole located at the end of her driveway (within the right of way) be repaired.

<u>Fiscal Officer</u> – A resident reported debris in the Refugee Road ditch from the removal of trees at National Trail Raceway. The resident felt the road may flood during heavy rains. Dave will check the ditch. A new employee packet has been prepared for Mr. Nutter.

Fiscal Officer – A local resident expressed concern about debris left in the Refugee Road ditch after tree removal at National Trail Raceway, fearing that the area could flood during heavy rainfall. Dave plans to inspect the ditch. Additionally, a new employee packet has been assembled for Mr. Nutter.

Road and Bridge

The OPWC – Deeds Road Project application was submitted on October 23.

New Employee - Mr. Nutter started his new position today as a new employee.

Tree Trimming - Dave discussed with a manager from A-Z Tree Expert (Zanesville) about removing tree limbs that obstruct traffic; the company offers eight hours of equipment and crew for \$3,500, with possible cost adjustments if the Township Road crew helps. Dave noted it's challenging to find local tree services. Mr. Start asked Dave to seek additional estimates, and Mrs. Brigham suggested considering Basic Tree Trimming, currently working with Granville Village.

Administration

Licking County Parks - Paula and Karen attended the Open House.

Cemetery - A vehicle left Canyon Road and damaged several cemetery headstones; the extent of the damage is being assessed.

Covestro MOU – A revised MOU for the installation of a crosswalk was presented. The following resolution was presented:

Resolution 2025 -28 Covestro MOU

Mr. Start motioned and Mr. Sharps second to accept the Covestro MOU.

Roll call: Mr. Start ~ yes Mr. Sharps ~ yes Mr. Slater ~ yes

Economic Development

JEDDS - A conversation took place regarding a second amendment to the Luray JEDD map, since multiple businesses have submitted petitions to be included. The group also talked about setting a date for a hearing to start the amendment process. Additionally, progress is being made on the Kirkersville JEDD.

Public Comment-none

Trustees

Mr. Slater said a property owner on Blacks Road inquired whether the Board would consider accepting a donation of land for the development of a park on Blacks Road. Additionally, the same property owner may apply to the Board of Zoning Appeals seeking approval to operate a small windmill facility. It was decided that more information was needed.

With no further business, Mr. Start moved to adjourn; Mr. Sharps seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm. The next regular meeting of the Union Township Trustees is Monday,

November 17, 2025

Roger Start

President

Jeff/Sharps

Vice President

John Slater

1 Trustee

Karen Nethers

Fiscal Officer