Union Township Trustees
October 19, 2026
Regular Meeting

The Union Township Trustees met on October 19, 2026, at 7:00 pm for a regular meeting. Fiscal Officer Karen Nethers Roll Call showed the following trustees: Jeff Sharps, Roger Start and John Slater. Paula Greene, Township Administrator, and Dave Cable, Road Superintendent, were also present. Trustee Sharps led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests – Jonithen Gould

Minutes –Mr. Start motioned, and Mr. Slater seconded to approve September 21. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments – Mr. Gould asked whether Heath City could designate its portion of Beaver Run Road as a no-through-truck zone and suggested installing a radar speed sign. He noted concerns regarding traffic enforcement, including observing a vehicle roll through a stop sign without being stopped by a law enforcement officer and noted that a Beaver Run resident purposely rolled through the stop sign several times in front of a police officer, in an attempt to be pulled over. Mr. Start said that heavy traffic is expected to decrease once Thornwood Drive opens.

Fiscal Officer-

FO Nethers gave the Trustees with the following: appropriation spreadsheet, revenues, payments and cash summary for the month by FO Nethers. FO Nethers also reported that work has begun on the 2027 budget.

Road and Bridge

Mowing for the year has been completed. Tree trimming will begin.

Down utility lines at the intersection of State Route 37 and Blacks Road, forced the closure of Blacks Road between State Route 37 and Blacks Road (east). Mr. Slater requested a list of utility companies' and their contact information for use in emergencies.

Administration

Conditional Use Application (CUA) –The Board of Zoning Appeals will reconvene the hearing October 28 to receive updates on traffic, lighting and sound studies.

Map Amendment – Attorney Hodge submitted a draft map amendment for the JESTI property. Application is under review by Paula and APA Cook.

Buckeye Lake MOU – A draft MOU was submitted to APA Cook for review regarding the Buckeye Lake Pier project which involves water located in Union Township.

Bloody Run Swamp project – Administrator Greene attended a Technical Review Committee meeting regarding the Project. Phase Two of the wetland restoration project has begun. Trustees are welcome to visit the project site.

Auld Ridge Estates HOA – APA Lecklider confirmed that the Ohio Revised Code requires the HOA to maintain its open space, including mowing and maintaining the land and drainage tiles. Administrator Greene spoke with Bill McWilliams and followed up with an email regarding the matter.

Hicks Grant Writers – FO Nethers and Administrator Greene met with representatives of Hicks, which was retained by the Licking County Commissioners to assist villages and townships with their grant writing. The program is for one year, with the possibility of an extension. Hicks will identify grant opportunities' that will align with the Township's needs.

Annexation – The Township received notice that 1790 Hebron Road will be annexed into Heath City.

Elections – The midterm elections will be held on November 3. As a result, the regularly scheduled Trustee meeting will move to Wednesday, November 4, at 7:00pm.

Economic Development

Mr. Start spoke with Attorney Nick Eppert of the Licking Regional Water District, who reported that Tuscan Inc., the waterline contractor, is now on site. The project is expected to be completed by June 2027, with the waterline anticipated to be operational in July 2027.

Public Comments

None

Trustees

None

There being no further business Mr. Start moved, and Mr. Slater seconded to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Union Township Trustees is Wednesday, November 4, 2026@7:00pm.

Jeff Sharps President

Roger Start Vice President

John Slater Trustee

Karen Nethers Fiscal Office