

**Union Township Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2023**

The Union Township Trustees met in regular session on November 16, 2023, at 7:00 pm. Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater's roll call showed the following trustees: John Slater, Jeff Sharps and Roger Start present. Paula Greene, Township Administrator and Dave Cable, Road Superintendent, were also present. Trustee Slater led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guest: Martha Cable.

Minutes – Mr. Start moved and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve the October 30, Special Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Bills – Mr. Start motioned, and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve the bills. Motion carried. Note- A bill from Attorney Connelly was held to determine whether the work done was for the township.

Public Comments- none

Road and Bridge

OPWC Grant – The grant was submitted before the deadline.

Winter prep – Snow removal equipment has been prepared for the winter season.

Mowing – Mowing has been completed for the year. The employee is available to assist with snow events.

Street employee position- Four applications have been submitted. Paula asked that executive session pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(1) be moved to the end of the meeting.

Administration

Elections – The November 7 elections went well.

Community Open House-Comp Plan – Will be held November 14 from 6 pm – 8pm.

Notices of the Open House were placed around the building, notices placed in the Newark Advocate and Buckeye Lake Shopper.

Meeting schedule – The November and December meeting schedule was discussed, and the following motion was presented:

Motion – Mr. Sharps motioned and Mr. Start seconded to cancel the November 20th and December 18 regular meetings and hold a special end of the year meeting on December 28 at 9:30 am.

Text Amendment Recommendation Hearing – A discussion was held on setting a new hearing date for Text Amendments. The following motion was made:

Resolution 2023.51 Text Amendment Recommendation – Mr. Sharps motioned, and Mr. Start seconded that the Text Amendment Recommendation hearing will be set for Dec. 4 @6:15pm.

Roll call - Mr. Slater-yes

Mr. Start-yes

Mr. Sharps-yes

OTARMA Performance Bond- A discussion was held on joining the OTARMA Performance Bond program which covers the Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Administrator and Superintendent in the amount of \$220.00 for the year.

Resolution 2023.52– Mr. Sharps motioned, and Mr. Sharps seconded to join the OTARMA Performance Bond program in the amount of \$220.00 for the year.

Roll call - Mr. Slater-yes Mr. Start-yes Mr. Sharps-yes

Traffic Control Device – The Fire Department warning lights that the Township purchased for the Lancaster Road station are ready to be disposed of. Mr. Sharps suggested declaring the lights as surplus equipment. After a discussion the following motion was made:

Motion – Trustee Sharps motioned, and Mr. Start seconded to declare the warning lights as surplus equipment. Motion carried.

Framework – Mr. Sharps said the Framework project is nearing the end of the creation stage. Sarah Wallace (Framework/Evans Foundation) would like all the participants to pass a resolution giving the project recognition. Mr. Sharps said he will meet with Ms. Wallace on Thursday and revisit the request. Some participating entities support the framework project but are leery of passing a resolution.

There were no other public or Trustees comments.


At 7:23 pm, Mr. Start motioned and Mr. Sharps seconded to enter executive session, per session pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(1) moved to the end of the meeting. To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing.

At 8:03 pm, Mr. Start moved, and Mr. Sharps seconded to return to regular session. Mr. Slater, Dave, and Paula will conduct interviews with the applicants.

There being no further business, Mr. Start moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm. Mr. Sharps seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting of the Union Township Trustees will be held on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 7:00pm.




John Slater President



Roger Start Vice President



Jeff Sharps Trustee



Jessica Slater Fiscal Officer