

**Union Township Trustees
December 6, 2021**

The Union Township Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 pm on December 6, 2021. Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater's roll call showed the following trustees: John Slater and Charles Prince present. Trustee Randy Weekly was absent due to illness. Paula Greene, Township Administrator, and Dave Cable, Road Supervisor, were also present. Trustee Slater led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests: Trustees-elect Roger Start and Jeff Sharps.

Minutes

Mr. Prince moved to approve the November 22 Trustee minutes and the Spencer Map Amendment Minutes held earlier today. Mr. Slater seconded. Motion approved.

Bills

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

Temporary Appropriations/Schedule A and B

The fiscal officer presented the Trustees with the 2022 Temporary Appropriations (first quarter) due to collection revision of the estimates.

Resolution 29-2021

Mr. Slater moved to approve the updated 2022 Schedule A and B. Mr. Prince seconded.

Roll call: Mr. Slater -yes; Mr. Prince – yes; Mr. Weekly-absent

Mrs. Slater reviewed the 2022 temporary appropriations.

Resolution 30-2021

Mr. Prince moved to approve the revised 2022 temporary appropriations. Mr. Slater seconded.

Roll call: Mr. Slater -yes; Mr. Prince – yes; Mr. Weekly-absent

Road and Bridge

Salt – Nine loads of salt have been delivered, representing a quarter of our contract.

Natural Gas and Oil Permit – The Trustees reviewed the permit request to install a gas line to the Blatter property on Refugee Road west of State Route 37. Mr. Slater moved to approve the application with the condition that Dave is contacted before the installation and confirmed the line would be bored under the road, with no fee required. Mr. Prince seconded. Motion carried.

Roof Repair – The old salt building roof is scheduled to be replaced in January.

Culvert Complaint – Greg Carr, 8245 Gale Road, complained his culvert was not large enough and has been a problem. The current culvert is the same size as the culverts in the area. After a short discussion, it was decided that Dave would evaluate the culvert and install a larger pipe if needed.

Fire and EMS

Flooring – Mr. Prince will check on an outstanding balance for installation and the status of the remaining work.

JEDD

Mayor Layton contacted Paula and requested to move the further discussion to January. Mr. Slater said that after meeting with several individuals, he feels it is appropriate to resume JEDD discussions in January.

Trustees

Zoning Board Appointments – Mr. Prince said he reviewed the Ohio Revised Code 519.04 and 519.15 (Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals), which states that one member's term of each five-member board should expire each year.

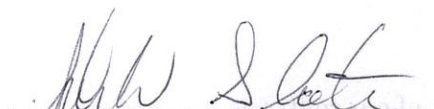
Mr. Prince recalls appointing Tonya Painter, Michelle Doran, and Doug Cunningham in 2018, but no others during his nearly eight-year term as a trustee. Mr. Prince believes the failure to make appointments according to the ORC requirements could subject the zoning boards' decisions to legal challenges.

Mr. Slater said he understood the concern and asked Paula to look into the matter.

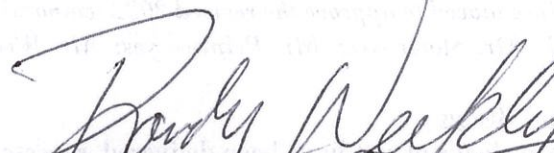
Mr. Prince said trustees could discuss the issue at their December 20 regular meeting or add it to the end-of-the-year meeting. He believes trustees should declare that all zoning board appointments expire at the end of the year. Then the new board could appoint members to staggered terms of one year through five years to meet the ORC requirements. Paula said the Licking County Prosecutor's Office should review the matter before the Trustees take action.

Mr. Prince wanted the December 20 meeting to be as scheduled.

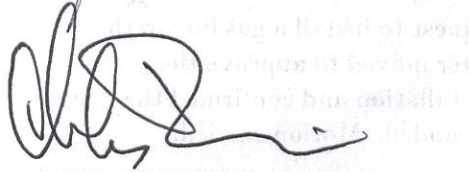
Mr. Prince moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm with no further business. Mr. Slater seconded. Motion passed.



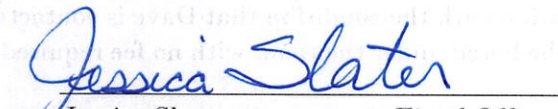
John Slater President



Randy Weekly Trustee



Charlie Prince Vice-President



Jessica Slater Fiscal Officer