

Union Township Trustees Minutes of Regular Meeting May 18, 2020

The Union Township Trustees held their regular meeting, May 18, 2020, at 7:06 pm with Trustee Prince opening the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call showed Trustees Charlie Prince, John Slater, Randy Weekly, and Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater were present. Paula Greene, Administrator, and Dave Cable, Road Supervisor, was present. Guest: Martha Slater

Bills

The Clerk certified that the money to pay the bills was in the treasury or is in the process of collection. There were no questions regarding the bills. Mr. Slater moved to approve the bills. Mr. Weekly second. Motion carried.

Minutes

There were no minutes available from the previous meeting.

Road & Bridge

Hayes Road – Dave spoke with Katherine Whitehead and Sarah Start regarding the work area needed for the culvert replacement. Mrs. Whitehead would like the pine trees to stay, if possible. Mrs. Start requests access to the lower driveway, not be blocked, and would like the sandstone if it should be removed. Trustees and Paula discussed having the Prosecutor's office draft a basic agreement form to be used with property owners whose property is affected by a township repair project. Dave would then fill in the specific agreements with each property owner.

A discussion was held regarding project details and the possibility of temporarily repairing the culvert. The culvert would then be replaced in 2021.

O'Neill Drive Project - Mr. Prince, said he signed an agreement with ADR & Associates for \$1850 as the township's 50 percent share of the cost to rebid the additional paving work in the township's portion of the Newark Industrial Park. Weekly requested that Dave attend the upcoming project meetings.

On the morning of May 15, an unmarked natural gas line cap on Palmer Road was struck by the mower, causing a leak. There was no damage to the equipment, and no one was injured.

Swamp Road – The culvert replacement project has been completed.

Fire

Satellite Station Property – Energy Coop believes they own a right of way at 6265 Lancaster. Mr. Slater spoke with an Energy Coop representative and requested the documents the company is referring to. Mr. Slater reviewed the deed; the Energy Coop's alleged easement is not recorded within the deed. Mr. Slater plans to meet with Matt Gulick, the former property owner.

Administration

Billboard – The proposed billboard at the southeast corner of Beaver Run and State Route 37 was relocated further east on the parcel. Paula explained that with the current setbacks, she could not require the billboard to be moved further from the roadway. During the past two weeks, Paula has worked with ODOT, the Licking County Planning, and Engineer's office regarding the billboard's location.

Paula presented a resolution to increase billboard setbacks to 660' which mirror's the State of Ohio Corridor Management Placement billboard setbacks. Mr. Slater questioned the distance, which may limit the ability to establish a billboard and asked if it was possible to increase the setbacks at intersections. A variance is an option for anyone who wanted to decrease the setbacks. Mr. Weekly and Mr. Prince agreed that the billboard setbacks needed to be increased.

Resolution 2020-23 *Mr. Weekly moved to approve Resolution 2020-23 Increasing billboard setbacks to 660' from the road right-of-way. Mr. Slater seconded. Motion passed. Roll call: Mr. Slater – Yes; Mr. Weekly – Yes; Mr. Prince – Yes*

A public hearing will be held on June 15 at 6:45 pm.

Variations – There are four upcoming variance hearings for three reductions in lot size and one for additional wall signs. Three are scheduled to be heard in one evening.

McNamara – On May 6, Carolyn Carnes, Licking County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Chief - Civil Division, emailed the Board asking their position on the McNamara suit. Mr. Slater said this issue was discussed in a previous Township meeting, and they agreed that their settlement offer would remain the same. Mr. Prince and Mr. Weekly agreed. Paula will advise Ms. Carnes that the offer remains the same.

Trustees

Website – Mr. Weekly now has administrator access to the site.

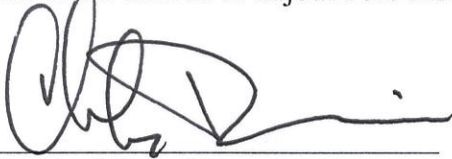
Mrs. Slater asked Mr. Prince there was any progress in turning over the utilities to the Refugee Canyon Joint Fire District. Mr. Prince said they are still working with their attorney and would let her know when he finds out anything.

Mr. Prince moved to enter into executive session at 7:55 pm to discuss an employee issue.

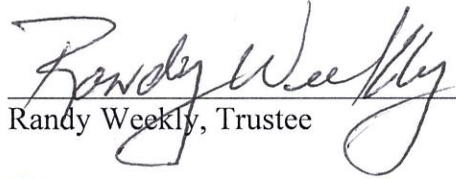
At 8:15 pm, Mr. Slater moved to return to regular session.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 1, at 7:00 pm at the Union Township Complex.

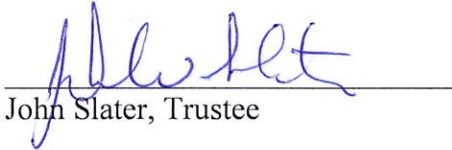
Mr. Slater moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm.



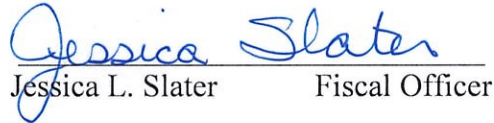
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