

REGULAR MEETING
UNION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
July 15, 2019

Present: Charlie Prince, Trustee
John Slater, Trustee
Randy Weekly, Trustee
Paula Greene, Administrator
Jessica Slater, Fiscal Officer
Dave Cable, Road Supervisor

The Union Township Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 pm on July 15, 2019, at the Union Township Complex. Roll call showed Charles Prince, John Slater, Randy Weekly, and Jessica Slater were present. Trustee Prince led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests: Leslee Herro, Rick Black, Granville Twp. Fire Chief Casey Curtis, John Black, Jeff Hussey, Rich Moore, Nathan Skaggs, Susan Ginese and Michele Doran.

Minutes

The Special Meeting minutes of July 8, 2019, were presented. Mr. Weekly moved to approve. Mr. Slater seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Prince said he had been unable to review the July 1, 2019 minutes before the meeting.

Bills

The Fiscal Officer certified that the money to pay the bills was in the treasury or the process of collection. Mr. Slater made a motion to pay the bills. Mr. Weekly seconded. Motion passed.

Road and Bridge

Chip Seal Bids- Mr. Prince said the chip seal bids were opened during a special meeting on July 8. The trustees received an email from the Stone Creek Homeowner's Association president stating they opposed chip sealing and that asphalt paving was the only material they wanted on their roads. The Shelly Co. and Allied Construction submitted bids. Mrs. Slater updated the trustees of funds available for chip sealing. The trustees and Mr. Cable discussed the cost and durability of chip sealing and asphalt paving. Mr. Prince estimates the increase in the state gasoline tax revenue would be approximately \$20,000 for 2019.

Nathan Skaggs, a partner of Allied Construction, was present. The trustees asked Mr. Skaggs his background in chip sealing. The trustees are concerned with the quality of their work. A discussion of types of fog sealing and costs was held. Allied will be chip sealing in Trenton Township, Delaware County. The trustees will attempt to visit the site to view the work product. Mr. Slater wants to maintain the high quality of our past chip and seal projects.

Mr. Weekly discussed his findings of Allied's references. There is a threat of a possible lawsuit against Allied for faulty work in Vinton County. Mr. Skaggs said the road was not prepared for paving. The trustees decided to check out Allied further and will plan to award the chip sealing contract at the next township meeting.

Deeds Road Culvert – A concrete box culvert was located. The culvert replacement is to be completed before the beginning of the new school year or shortly after.

Administration

Zoning – The Zoning Commission will hear a map amendment request filed by Bob and Sue Penick on July 24, 2019, for three acres of their property to be rezoned to RR3.

Sycamore Road Septic Inspections – During the Licking County Health Department, recent inspections of twenty septic systems on Sycamore Road, nine systems were found to be failing and causing a public health nuisance. The Health Department issued orders to the property owners to make the necessary repairs and will assist them as needed.

Williams Violation- The Health Department was requested again to locate and validate the Randy Williams septic system. Judge Branstool granted Mr. Williams a continuance for the August 6 trial date. A new trial date has not scheduled.

Fire/EMS

Driveway Apron – The street department widened the apron at 6265 Lancaster from 35' to 55'. The estimated material cost is \$1500 with \$1200 in stone and a \$300 culvert pipe. The street department spent less than a day on the project.

JBA - Chief Weekly continues to meet with JBA, at 6265 Lancaster Road, to discuss needed changes, updates and compliances for Building Code, and ADA requirements.

Mr. Prince met with Chief Curtis today and received the information that he had requested. Mr. Prince will ask Chief Mason to provide the same information. During their discussion, Chief Curtis said that Hebron needs to be part of the service equation.

Chief Curtis expressed concerns of Hebron providing information to Mr. Prince's questions as Mayor McFarland states he does not want a fire department. Ms. Herro said Mayor McFarland was adamant the village was getting out of the fire department business. Susan Ginese said she heard Mayor McFarland make the same statement.

Mr. Prince said they were receiving a mixed message and not having a fire department would be a decision of the Council who he believed does not feel the same as the Mayor. The Mayor is not seeking re-election.

Leslie Herro wanted to ask questions about Chief Mason's financial report that was posted after the last township meeting. Chief Mason contacted Mr. Prince before the meeting advising he would not be attending tonight as he was responding to a fatality on Interstate 70 and that questions could be asked at a later date.

Ms. Herro asked if Chief Mason's report was to operate a Fire District, including the satellite station. Mr. Slater said it was if there was a district. Ms. Herro asked if the contractual services listed on the report was for Granville's services. The trustees stated it was, although they did not believe the number listed on the report is correct.

Mr. Prince said they needed to wait for Hebron's report. Ms. Herro said Chief Mason's report included substantial wage increases and asked why. Mr. Prince said Hebron's

wages are considerably lower than Granville's. Ms. Herro asked why they were raising the wages so high. Mr. Prince said it was because of the competition. Ms. Herro asked if Hebron was losing employees. The trustees did not believe so. Ms. Herro said salary was not the motivation for staying at a job. Mr. Prince said they would be paying part-time fire/ems personnel more. Ms. Herro said she was referring to the increase in salary pay. Michelle Doran said she found it interesting that Chief Mason had substantially increased the salary employees pay. Mr. Prince said Chief Mason would address their concerns when he could be present. Ms. Herro asked when that would be. Mr. Prince said he believed they would have a better understanding in two weeks.

Granville Township Trustee Dan VanNess asked if the board had discussed Granville Township's coverage area. Mr. Prince said Chief Curtis had presented two maps regarding coverage area which he has yet to share with the other trustees. Mr. VanNess wanted to know the trustee's thoughts. Mr. Prince said it had not been determined who will operate the satellite station.

Rick Black asked if Mr. Prince had obtained the outstanding balance of the remodeling Hebron Fire Department. Hebron's Fiscal Officer contacted Mr. Prince today and estimated the balance of the loan to be one million dollars and would have a definite answer on July 29. Rick Black asked if Hebron financed the new pumper truck. Mr. Prince said Hebron paid cash and received a discount for doing so.

Leslie Herro said no one in the room supports a fire district and they are working with an attorney and reviewing their options including annexing into Granville Township.

Mr. Prince then continued with the meeting.

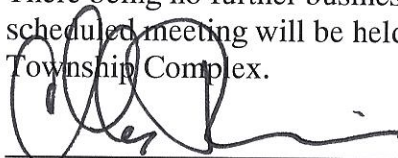
Meeting

A discussion was held regarding canceling the August 5 meeting and hold a special meeting on July 29 and award the chip sealing contract at that time. Other business to be discussed will be determined before July 29. Mr. Slater motioned to cancel the August 6 meeting and hold a Special Meeting on July 29 at 7:00 pm. Mr. Weekly seconded. Motion passed.

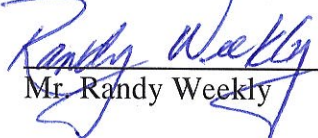
Guests

John Black - Mr. Black presented an email from Roger Tedrow stating he feels the church building is sound. The letter asked the trustees to compare the cost of demolishing the building verses the cost of remodeling the building "to fit our needs." The letter also listed other "factors" to consider. Mr. Black will continue his research.

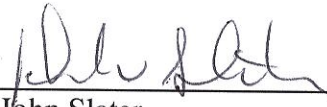
There being no further business Mr. Weekly moved to adjourn at 8:10 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, July 29, 2019, at 7:00 pm at the Union Township Complex.



Mr. Charlie Prince



Mr. Randy Weekly



Mr. John Slater



Jessica Slater Fiscal Officer