

**Union Township Trustees
Special Meeting
September 28, 2022**

The Union Township Trustees met at 7:00 pm on September 28, 2022, in a Special Meeting to discuss the upcoming levy with the public. Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater's roll call showed the following trustees: John Slater, Roger Start, and Jeff Sharps present. Paula Greene, the Township Administrator, was also present. Trustee Slater led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guest: Bill McWilliams, George James, Bill McLaughlin, Granville Township Fire Chief Casey Curtis, Erin Curtis, Mike Bishop, Sarah Start, Jack Justice, Rob Griffith, Rose Edwards, Mark Giles, Richard Parker, Traci McMillen, Ralph Devine, and Brad Eckenrod.

Mr. Slater welcomed the guests and explained that the purpose of this meeting was to explain the decision to place a 4-mill Fire/EMS levy on the ballot.

Mr. Sharps gave a short history of the past three years and how the Trustees determined that four mills, in addition to the existing three mill levy, would provide sufficient funding to provide Union Township residents with Fire/EMS coverage.

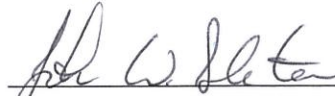

Chief Curtis spoke on the current fire contracts and possible options for Fire/EMS service if the levy failed. He also reviewed expenses involved in operating a Fire Department, including equipment and employee costs.

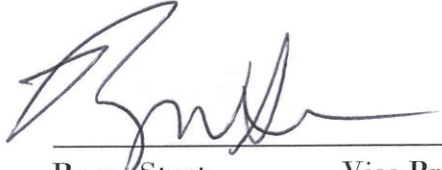

Members of the audience said some residents did not know the Township had contracted with Granville Township Fire and West Licking Fire District. They suggested visual graphics be presented to help residents understand the cost involved and the effect on their taxes if the levy passes. A discussion on millage and cost to the homeowner was held.

Mike Bishop encouraged the residents present to get involved with campaigning for the levy and explained that the Trustees, by law, were unable to campaign for the levy. The group Union Township for Public Safety plans to campaign for the levy but has limited funding.

After the question-and-answer session, Mr. Slater encouraged the attendees to talk with other township residents. Mr. Slater said they would be available if there were any questions.

There being no further business, Mr. Start moved, and Mr. Sharps seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm.

 _____ John Slater	President
 _____ Jeff Sharps	Trustee

 _____ Roger Start	Vice President
 _____ Jessica Slater	Fiscal Officer