

Union Township Trustees
June 20, 2022

The Union Township Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 pm on June 20, 2022. Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater's roll call showed the following trustees: John Slater, Roger Start, and Jeff Sharps. Paula Greene, Township Administrator also present. Trustee Slater led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests: Bill McWilliams

Minutes

Mr. Start moved, and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve the June 6 minutes. Motion carried.

Bills

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

Public Comments

None

Road and Bridge

Columbia Gas Right of Way application was submitted for a project in the Newark Industrial Park on Alford Way. Mr. Slater and Dave have reviewed the application and recommend approval.

Motion- Mr. Sharps moved, and Mr. Start seconded to approve the Columbia Gas Right of Way application as presented. Motion carried.

Fire and EMS

Draft Joint Resolution to Dissolve the RCFD Fire District – Mr. Sharps met with Prosecutor Carnes, Mayor Layton, and Attorney Untied. Equipment purchased during the operation of the Fire District needs to be identified, and how to address outstanding financial issues. The District's Fiscal Officer will work remotely, and the Township's address will be used for the District's physical address. Mr. Start asked for a detailed explanation of how the remaining bills and funds are distributed. The County Auditor's Office will assist with the financial issues per the ORC. It was decided to meet with the Township's legal counsel to discuss the District's dissolving. Mr. Sharps said Hebron needs to understand that the Township needs to have a plan before passing the resolution to dissolve the District.

Future Contracts – An agreement for services will be drafted for Granville and West Licking Fire District (WLFD) to provide services until the end of the year. WLFD understands they are providing services for the funds we have.

WLFD contract – A three-year draft contract was submitted to the Trustees. Exhibit A – the boundary map was not included. The boundary line will remain the same, and the map will be added later.

A discussion was held on the cost of WLFD service, millage, and EMS billing. Mr. Slater wants soft billing to continue. Mr. Start asked if the revenue from EMS billing would be credited to the contract cost. Mr. Sharps will ask. Mr. Start asked how Mr. Sharps felt about the proposal; he is not in favor of a three-year contract and feels the level of service will improve Union Township, and nothing is perfect, but this is a good situation for the Township.

The millage was discussed again. If Hebron conforms their boundaries, the Township will receive less Fire revenue; therefore, it needs to increase the millage. In addition, the annexation of property would affect revenue. Again, this issue will need to be discussed with WLFD.

Mayor Layton asked that the Township form a fire district around Hebron so that Hebron would not have to conform their boundaries, still giving them the benefit of voting for elected officials. The Trustees felt that creating a Township District would confuse voters.

