

Union Township Trustees
September 20, 2021

The Union Township Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 pm on September 20, 2021. Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater's roll call showed the following trustees: John Slater, Charles Prince, and Randy Weekly present. Paula Greene, Township Administrator, was also present. Trustee Slater led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Mr. Weekly moved to approve minutes from the August 16 and September 7 regular Trustee meetings. Mr. Prince 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. Weekly seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Slater was contacted by Jack's Septic, advising that the invoice for cleaning the septic tank at 6265 Lancaster Road had not been paid. However, it was believed that Joe's Drain Cleaning had provided the service and that they had been paid. After a brief discussion, it was determined that Joe's cleaned the drains at 6265 and that the Township had not received an invoice from Jack's. The invoice will be paid once it's received.

A payment to Holland Electric for 177 hours of electrical work and materials at 6265 was included in the bill payments for this meeting.

Benistar, the health insurance policyholder for Mr. Prince and Mr. Weekly, will increase by a 3% increase in health insurance and a 6.9% prescription beginning 2022.

Road and Bridge

Newark Industrial Park – Four catch basins have been replaced, with one scheduled for replacement this week.

ODOT Stimulus Grant – A roads and culvert grant has become available with an award of \$250,000 to each Township that qualifies. Licking County Engineer Jared Knerr said Union Township was the only township in Licking County that could qualify for the grant.

Thornwood Drive and Canal Road south of Interstate 70 are development zones that add additional points to the project application. The Canal Road zone also includes a connection between Licking and Fairfield Counties and a public facility (Fish Hatchery) which adds additional points.

Canal Road would need to be milled to equal the height of the new pavement as the road is in the flood plain. Dave recommends replacing the culvert north of Interstate 70 at the same time.

A discussion was held on striping the road, especially from the overpass to State Route 79. Dave will speak with the Licking County Engineer's Office regarding road striping. Mr. Weekly questioned if repairing the Canal embankment could be part of the project. Dave said stone had been added to the embankment, and it is stable at this time. There are several owners of the Canal bed.

After a discussion, the Trustees agreed to move forward with the application process and approved an Engineer's Request.

Old-Salt Building – A discussion was held on replacing the roof of the former salt storage building. The trustees requested estimates for the roof to be replaced with shingles or metal sheeting.

Fire/EMS

Repairs to 6265 - The water softener has been replaced. In addition, the work has begun to replace the flooring; there will be additional costs involved due to the current flooring installation.

Lease agreement – The Fire District's attorney altered the lease language regarding Fire/EMS fund held for repairs, property taxes, and improvements. Mr. Prince recommended increasing the funds held from \$10,000 to \$30,000 in 2022. The Trustees have committed to paving the driveway apron and a backup generator, and other improvements. These costs exceed the estimated \$8,000 remaining in the Fire/EMS funds before the district's creation. Mr. Prince also said no significant additional purchases should be made for 6265 until after the November election.

Paula recently learned that the Village of Hebron and the Fire District does not have a lease agreement to use the Basin Street building. Paula provided Mr. Weekly with emails regarding mowing at 6265 that had been emailed to the District's Attorney in June 2021.

Carolyn Carnes, Licking County Prosecutor's Office, asked that the trustees review Mr. Prince's Resolution amendment recommendations. After a discussion, the Trustees agreed they did not want to amend the Resolution.

The donated sign for 6265 is now up. It was felt that the removal of trees improved the looks of the property.

Administration

River Round-up – The Township participated in River Round-Up again this year. Very little trash was found, but 29 tires were recovered.

GovDeals - The sale of the retired pick-up trucks was completed today at 4:00 pm. The Township will receive the following from the sale: 2004 Chevrolet \$4,483.44; 2008 Chevrolet \$5,550.00; the final sale price of the 1998 Chevrolet had not been posted.

Text Amendment – The Trustees will hear a Text Amendment filed by National Trail Raceway on September 28, 2021, at 7:00 pm. The hearing notice will be posted on the Union Township website and in the Newark Advocate.

Right of Way Application– A discussion was held on requiring a bond with a right-of-way project. It was decided that the Board would review each application and decide whether or not a bond was necessary. Should a bond be required, the Board would determine the amount of said bond. The Resolution to implement the application process will be presented at the next Township meeting.

JEDD- Paula reviewed the disbursement of funds as currently proposed. Hebron Tax Administration 10%; unknown percentage to the JEDD Board; the Village's payment for waterline of an undetermined amount; 50/50 revenue split and the Village receiving 100% of the revenue from the

sale of water in the JEDD district.

Paula has received comments that the Township's split of the remaining tax revenues should be higher than 50% and questioned why the JEDD would pay the Village's waterline debt when they have the funds and would receive 100% of the revenue from the sale of the water. As tax abatements are not included in the proposed agreement, Licking County will not be receiving funding from this JEDD.

Ms. Carnes recommends that the property owners in the JEDD be contacted and signatures obtained before moving forward with the agreement. If there are not enough petition signatures collected, the project will end.

The Trustees were provided with a list of property owners to contact. The Village of Hebron will contact property owners along U.S. Route 40 and State Route 37. A letter of explanation, JEDD map, and petition forms will be supplied to the Trustees this week.


Robb Platt, Southwest Licking Water Board Member, contacted Mr. Slater and asked to speak to the Trustees regarding supplying water in the U.S. Route 40 area. Mr. Slater felt it would be in the best interest of the Township to discuss participating in a JEDD with both Southwest Licking and the City of Heath and to research the cost of water.

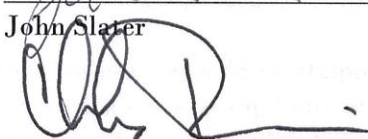
A discussion was held regarding South West Licking water supply. Mr. Prince suggested that Mr. Platt and a representative from the City of Heath attend a Township meeting to discuss the subject further. Mr. Prince and Mr. Weekly felt other entities were showing interest now that the project had begun with Hebron.

Cintas – Mrs. Slater contacted Cintas Services to clean the Township Complex. The various cleaning services offered and the frequency the building would be needed to clean were discussed. Cintas can provide State Bid prices to the Township. Before the elections, the building will be scheduled for a deep clean. After that, additional cleaning will be scheduled as needed. Cintas will also provide entryway rugs and bathroom supplies such as liquid soap and hand sanitizer. The initial cleaning will cost approximately \$634.00 plus supplies (if needed). Cintas currently provides shop rags for the Street Department, an MS4 requirement.

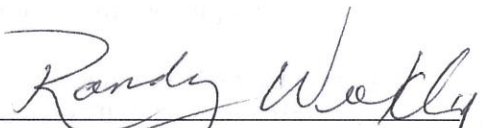
Mr. Prince motioned to retain Cintas for Complex cleaning services at State Bid pricing as needed. Mr. Weekly seconded. Motion carried.

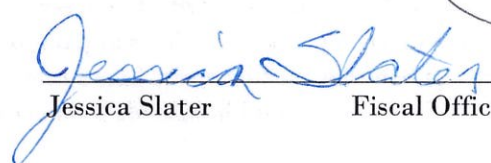
There being no further business, Mr. Prince moved to adjourn at 8:43 pm. Mr. Weekly seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting of the Union Township Trustees will be held on October 4, 2021, at 7:00 pm.



John Slater Chairman


Charlie Prince Trustee



Randy Weekly Trustee


Jessica Slater Fiscal Officer