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Union Township Trustees
Regular Meeting
September 19, 2022

The Union Township Trustees met at 7:00 pm on September 19, 2022. Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater's roll call showed the following trustees: John Slater, Roger Start, and Jeff Sharps present. Also in attendance were Paula Greene, Township Administrator, and Dave Cable, Road Superintendent. Trustee Slater led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guest: Martha Cable, Bill McWilliams, Paul Rutter, John Higgins, John Hawkins, Charles Bickley, Cody Potts, Jessica Gibson, Bill Ogg, Todd Templin, P. Greulich, E. Carpino, Kevin Johnson, Deke Richards, Kristen Asman and Rick Black.

Minutes

Mr. Start moved to approve the September 6 meeting minutes. Mr. Sharps seconded. Motion carried.

Bills

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

Public Comments

John Higgins, 116 Taylor Way, requested permission to install a culvert that would collect runoff water. In addition to runoff, a sump pump runs into the ditch. Dave has tried to correct the issue and supports installing a culvert pipe covered with dirt. After a discussion, the trustees agreed to Mr. Higgins's plan with Dave's supervision.

John Hawkins, Grand Pointe subdivision, and several residents voiced concerns that a high-density subdivision is in the Russell farm's planning stages. The residents are concerned that the proposed subdivision would use Grand Pointe Road as an access point. Grand Pointe developer left a sub leading up to the Russell farm as there had been plans to expand the addition. The group expressed concerns about high traffic and the safety of entering and exiting State Route 37. The Trustees explained to the group that they were not supportive of the Russell farm being developed into high-density housing. It was asked if the stub and another easement could be closed. Paula said she would ask the Prosecutor and recommended attending Heath Council meetings with their concerns.

Water's Edge-Several residents voiced concerns about the Beaver Run and State Route 37 intersection. They said both sides had site line issues when turning onto State Route 37 from Beaver Run. Overgrown trees behind the guard rail created sightline issues. In addition, the roadway on the west side of Beaver Run has become narrow, making turning west, especially for buses and trucks, extremely difficult. It was reported that an eastbound vehicle sometimes has to back up to allow a bus or truck to turn. Paula said she would follow up with their concerns.

Road & Bridge

Chip Seal – Dave reported that the recently chips sealed roads looked good.

Fire/EMS

RCJFD – Mr. Sharps reported that a few expenses remain, nothing significant. The Fiscal Officer will remain part-time until the end of the year. The district was due for a State Audit. It's been

estimated that there would be approximately \$425,000 remaining after all expenses have been met!

Levy meeting – A discussion was held regarding a Special meeting on September 28 for the levy. An email blast will be sent before the meeting.

Economic Development

No updates were available at this time.

Administration

Crossroads Community Planning – Paula has met with Holly Mattei of Crossroads Community Planning to update sections of the Zoning Resolution. Paula discussed the matter with the Trustees individually. Holly provided a contract that the Prosecutor's Office has approved. Paula recommended that the project be funded with ARPA funds. After a discussion, the Trustees agreed they should move forward with Zoning updates.

Motion- Mr. Sharps motioned, and Mr. Sharps seconded to enter into a contract with Crossroad Community Planning to update the Zoning Resolution. Motion carried.

Resolution 2022-47 ARPA Funds - Mr. Sharps motioned, and Mr. Sharps seconded to utilize ARPA funds for the Zoning Resolution update by Crossroads Community Planning; the contract is not to exceed \$7,000.00. Roll call: Mr. Slater – yes Mr. Start-yes Mr. Sharps-yes

Conditional Use – Two hearings are scheduled for September 28.

GovDeals – The City of Madria, Iowa, purchased the cruiser for \$9,900.

River Round-up – Paula, Rick Black, Dave, and his family participated in the 2022 River Round-up.

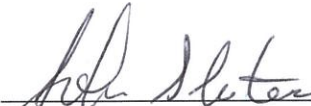
Public and Trustees' Comments

There were no comments by the Public.

Mr. Sharps-Rob O'Neill requested a meeting regarding the railroad track in the Newark Industrial Park. Dave said the approach to the railroad had been paved and that the Township was not responsible for additional repairs related to the railroad.

Mr. Slater – Mr. Fisher's water issue was addressed. There is a natural waterway on the Fisher property. Mr. Slater spoke with Harrison Township and modified how matters on Gale Road are handled.


There being no further business, Mr. Start moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, and Mr. Slater seconded. The next meeting of Union Township Trustees will be held on Monday, October 3, 2022, at 7:00 pm.



John Slater President



Jeff Sharps Trustee



Roger Start Vice President



Jessica Slater Fiscal Officer