

Union Township Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2023

The Union Township Trustees met in regular session on June 20, 2023, at 7:00 pm. Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater's roll call showed the following trustees: John Slater, Roger Start and Jeff Sharps present. Paula Greene, Township Administrator and Dave Cable, Road Supervisor, were also present. Trustee Slater led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guest: Martha Cable

Minutes – Mr. Sharps moved and Mr. Slater seconded to approve the June 5 regular and Strait and Lamp Map amendments meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Bills – Mr. Start motioned, and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Public Comments- none

Road and Bridge

OPWC Grant- Dave suggested applying for OPWC Grant to pave Blacks Road. After a discussion the Trustees asked Dave to proceed with the application process.

ROW Permit – Spectrum applied for a Right of way Permit for 3544 Gale Road.

Motion – Mr. Start motioned, and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve the ROW Permit application for Spectrum at 3544 Gale Road. Motion carried.

Salt – The State awarded the salt contracts. The Township's cost will be \$69.56 per ton.

Administration

Variance – The Board of Zoning Appeals approved variances filed by New River Electric on June 13 to remove landscaping from the parking lot, increase landscaping trees around the perimeter of the property and to allow for a portion of the rear parking to be stone/gravel to allow off road equipment to move about the parking area without damaging the surface. The adjoining homeowner and the project manager will work together on landscaping.

National Trail Raceway request – Jay Livingston, owner of National Trail Raceway requested the Trustees close Refugee Road, July 11-15, for an event at the raceway, in which race cars may not be able to stop before reaching Refugee Road. A Prosecutor's Opinion was requested on the matter. Mr. Slater and Paula believe the Trustees do not have the authority to close a Township Road unless there is an emergency.

Electric Aggregation Agreement 2024/2025 – Mr. Slater signed the contract with Trebel for service no higher than 6.3 after Attorney Carnes approved the corrects.

Building – The Holderman Painting proposal and contract now reflects the areas of the complex to be painted as follows: both restrooms, hallways, main meeting room, Paula's office, the office across from the restrooms and across from Paula's office, includes baseboards and trim. With the documents in place the following resolutions were presented:

Resolutions 2023-35 ARPA Funds for Maintenance of building

Mr. Start moved and Mr. Sharps seconded that ARPA funds not to exceed \$6,120.00 be allocated for the interior painting of the complex as specified in the contract.

Roll call: Mr. Slater ~ yes Mr. Start ~ yes Mr. Sharps ~ yes

Resolution 2023-36 Enter into Contract with Holderbaum Painting

Mr. Start moved and Mr. Sharps seconded to enter into a contract with Holderbaum Painting not to exceed \$6,120.00 to paint the following: hallways, restrooms, offices, and meeting rooms in the complex.

Meeting Schedule – Due to the August 8 Elections being held in the complex a discussion was held regarding the July and August meeting schedule.

Motion – Mr. Start moved, and Mr. Sharps seconded the following meeting schedule: Monday, July 31; Monday, August 14; Tuesday, September 5; and Monday, September 18. All meetings begin at 7:00pm.

Economic Development

Luray JEDD Board meeting – the first Board meeting was held on June 15. The board was seated as follows: SWLD Larry Kretzman, Chairman; Trustee Roger Start, Vice-Chairman; and Attorney Chris Connelly, Secretary. Heath Mayor Mark Johns was also present. The Heath City Auditor ^{may} will act as Treasurer.

CRA Amendment – Once the housing study has been completed the request to amend pre 1974 CRA will be filed with the Commissioner’s Office.

Waterline – Mr. Start reported that EPA approved a 0% loan for the project.

Comp Plan – Meetings are being held with the Stakeholder’s Committee. In the process of developing an overlay district. Many communities have begun incorporating overlay districts in their comp plans and zoning.

Trustee Comments

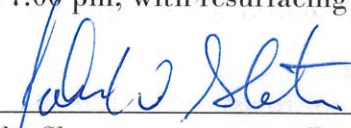
Mr. Sharps – Asked when the 37 and 40 intersection widening project would be completed. Mr. Slater expected the project would continue into 2024.

Mr. Slater – Met with Licking County Soil and Water Representatives Linda Nicodemus, John Jarvis and an intern who discussed programs available, current projects and assistance available. Dave and Paula were also present. Linda said Dave does a good job keeping the Township’s MS4 program in compliance. Soil and Water has increased staffing. Mr. Slater said he is impressed with how much they are trying to get done.

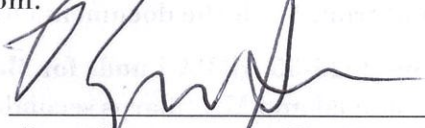
Mr. Start – At the Licking County Trustees meeting Saturday, it was announced that there is talk/lobbying to take zoning away from townships as some feel townships are not providing enough workforce housing.

There being no further business, Mr. Start moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm. Mr. Sharps seconded. Motion carried.

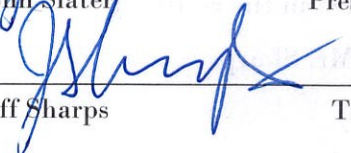
The next meeting of the Union Township Trustees will be held on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm; with resurfacing bid opening at 6:45 pm.



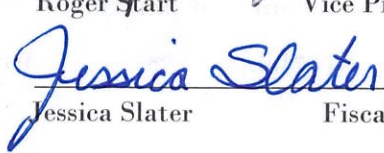
John Slater President



Roger Start Vice President



Jeff Sharps Trustee



Jessica Slater Fiscal Officer