

**UNION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
February 1, 2021**

The Union Township Trustees met in regular session via zoom on February 1, 2021, at 7:00 pm with Trustee John Slater opening with the pledge of allegiance. Township Administrator Paula Greene's roll call showed Trustees John Slater, Charlie Prince, Randy Weekly present, and Supervisor Dave Cable. Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater was absent. Guests via Zoom: Martha Cable, Bill McMillen, Traci McMillen, Patty Costello, Leslie Herro, Nate Strum, Grow Licking County, and other unidentified zoom callers.

Minutes

Mr. Weekly moved to approve the minutes of the January 19 and January 26 Special Meeting. Mr. Prince seconded. Motion carried.

Bills


The clerk certified the money to pay the bills was in the treasury or is in the process of collection. Mr. Weekly motioned to pay the bills. Mr. Slater seconded. Motion carried.

Grow Licking County – Nate Strum, Executive Director, spoke on its upcoming business projects and Licking County growth. Mr. Strum said some of the new business uses may utilize buildings in the Newark Industrial Park, noting that many of the buildings are now occupied. Mr. Strum expects to announce several business expansions in the Union Township portion of the industrial park within three to four months. The improvements made in the Newark Industrial Park will help bring new business into the Township.

The Township's membership with Grow Licking County expired at the end of 2020. A brief discussion was held regarding the renewal of the membership. Mr. Prince moved to enter into another three-year agreement with Grow Licking County at \$2500 per year. Mr. Prince said being part of the group aided in the mostly grant-funded paving in the Newark Industrial Park. Mr. Weekly seconded. Motion carried.

Roads

New Tractor - The new tractor and mower arrived on Friday.

 Snow – Snow events occurred over the weekend. The salt supply is running low, and mixing salt with grits to stretch the supply.

Road Mileage – Mr. Prince received a notice about certifying the Township's mileage from the Licking County Engineer's Office. Last year's 51.018 miles dropped to 50.408 miles; the reduction would slightly affect the Township's revenue. Mr. Prince asked Dave to research the cause of the decline and report his findings at the next trustees meeting.

Fire/EMS

Barn Fire – Refugee Canyon Fire responded to the area of 4700 Canyon Road Station on a barn fire Sunday night, arriving in just under six minutes. Mr. Weekly said this shows and proves the need of the satellite station. Heath and Walnut Township Fire Departments provided mutual aid. Additional departments responded but were not needed. The barn was not significantly damaged, and an electrical cord may be the source of the fire.

Grant – Chief Mason applied for a UTV/ATV grant for rough terrain rescue. Mr. Weekly said a UTV/ATV would be useful in areas such as the Infirmary Mound Park. Mr. Prince said the vehicle would also be helpful in a search for a lost person.

Tanker Grant – Chief Mason is preparing a grant application for a Tanker Truck.

Administration

Map Amendment – The Zoning Commission approved a map amendment filed by Lee Zazworsky for his parcel at 250 National Road. The Trustees will hear the request on Tuesday, February 16, at 6:30 pm via zoom. Mr. Zazworsky plans to split one acre from the four-acre parcel for the house and garage located on the property.

Levy Renewal

A special meeting was held on January 26 for Resolution 19-2021 to certify funds with the Licking County Auditor's Office.

Resolution 20-2021 – It was noted a Special Meeting was held on January 26 to begin the process of filing for a 1.8 mill Fire/EMS levy with Resolution 19-2021.

RESOLUTION 20-2021 (replacement) DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION

Mr. Weekly moved to accept Resolution 20-2021. Mr. Prince seconded.

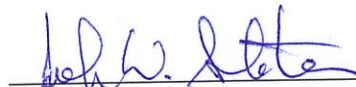
Roll Call: Mr. Slater-yes; Mr. Prince-yes; Mr. Weekly-yes.

Paula will file the Resolution with the Board of Elections on February 2.

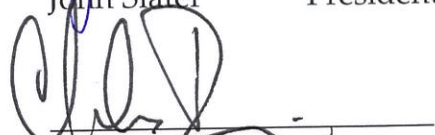
Trustees-

Property taxes – Mr. Prince spoke with Mike Smith, Licking County Auditor's Office, regarding reducing property taxes for 6265. Mr. Prince said the process is lengthy as the application is reviewed by the County and the Ohio Department of Taxation. The first half taxes will need to be paid.

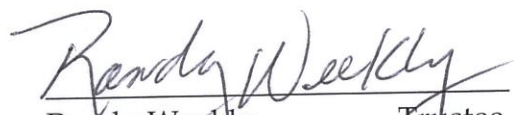
The next meeting of the Union Township Trustees will be held on Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00 pm via zoom. The Trustees will hear a map amendment via zoom at 6:30 pm.



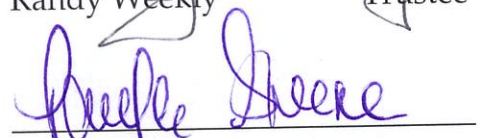
John Slater President



Charles Prince Trustee



Randy Weekly Trustee



Paula Greene Administrator