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**Union Township Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2023**

The Union Township Trustees met in regular session on October 16, 2023, at 7:00 pm. Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater's roll call showed the following trustees: John Slater, and Jeff Sharps present. Trustee Roger Start was absent. Paula Greene, Township Administrator and Dave Cable, Road Superintendent, were also present. Trustee Slater led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guest: Martha Cable, John Hawkins, Judd Templin, Beth and Kerry Hamilton

Minutes – Mr. Sharps moved, and Mr. Slater seconded to approve the October 2, 2023 Regular Minutes. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments- none

Road and Bridge

Street employee position- Paula requested an executive session at the end of the meeting.

Mower Repair – Repairs have been made and mowing has resumed.

Administration

Resolution 2023.40 Text Amendment Recommendation – Reschedule Hearing

Mr. Start motioned and Mr. Sharps seconded to move the previously scheduled review of Zoning Resolution for Article 16, Sections 16.06 and 16.35; Article 20, Section 20.06, and Definitions to October 16, 2023, at 6:15pm.

Roll call: Mr. Slater-yes

Mr. Sharps-yes

Elections – Due to Elections set-up taking place on November 6 with elections on November 7 the following motion was made:

Motion - Mr. Sharps motioned, and Mr. Slater seconded to move the November 6 regular trustee meeting to November 13, 2023 @7:00 pm.

November 14 (Tuesday) Community Open House- A Comp Plan Feed Back 6-8 Open House has been scheduled for 6 pm to 8 pm on November 14.

Pilot Oil – Licking County Planning Commission gave notice to Pilot Oil of several Flood Plan violations.

Zoning Resolution Revision – Due to the revisions to the Comprehensive Plan and new Zoning uses, it was determined that a complete revision of the Zoning Resolution was necessary. The revisions that have been completed at this point will be included in the overall update. It was recommended that ARPA funds be used for the project.

Resolution 2023 – 43 ARPA Funds for complete revision of Zoning Resolution

Mr. Slater moved, and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve \$29,000 of ARPA funds Be used for a contract with Crossroads Community Development for the purpose of a complete revision of the Union Township Zoning Resolution.

Roll call: Mr. Slater-yes Mr. Start-absent Mr. Sharps-yes

Zoning revision contract - Crossroads Community Development provided a contract for the Project. The contract was approved by Assistant Prosecutor Carnes; however, a resolution was not ready at this time. After a discussion:

Motion – Mr. Sharps motioned, and Mr. Slater seconded to enter a contract with Crossroads Community Development in the amount of \$29,000 for the complete revision of the Township Zoning Resolution. Motion carried.

Grandpoint Vacation – Grand Pointe residents presented the trustees with a resolution to approve the vacating of platted but not developed roads, those being Simeon and Grandpoint Road. Mr. Hamilton said residents of Grand Pointe and nearby residents on State Route 37 paid for surveys and the drafting of the resolutions presented. The petitions have been filed with the Licking County Commissioners.

Trustee Slater and Trustee Sharp agreed that with the possibility of high-density housing it made sense to vacate these roadways as they were not designed for high traffic. The non developed roadways asking to be vacated were meant for access to a second phase of Grand Pointe that was not completed.

Trustee Start, who was unable to attend submitted a letter stating that he supported the passing of the resolutions to vacate.

After a discussion the following resolutions were presented:

Resolution 2023-45 Approving Vacation of a portion of Simeon Road (not developed)

Mr. Sharps moved, and Mr. Slater seconded the vacation of a portion of Simeon Road.

Roll call: Mr. Slater-yes

Mr. Sharps-yes

Resolution 2023-46 Approving Vacation of a portion of Grandpoint Road (not develop)

Mr. Sharps moved, and Mr. Slater seconded the vacation of a portion of Grand Pointe Road.

Roll call: Mr. Slater-yes

Mr. Sharps-yes

Economic Development

JEDD Setting a JEDD Public Hearing Date – Authorization to set a JEDD public hearing pursuant to ORC 715.72. The following resolution was presented:

Resolution 2023-47 Set JEDD hearing to date

Mr. Sharps moved, and Mr. Slater seconded to publish a JEDD hearing date of December 4, 2023, at 7:00pm.

Roll call: Mr. Slater-yes Mr. Sharps-yes

Executive Session Street employee position- executive session pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(1)

Mr. Slater moved to enter executive session at 7:25 pm; Mr. Sharps seconded.

To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing.

Mr. Slater moved, and Mr. Sharps seconded to return to regular session at 7:35 pm.

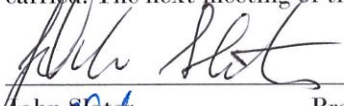
Motion – Mr. Slater motioned, and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve the maintenance worker job description. Motion carried.

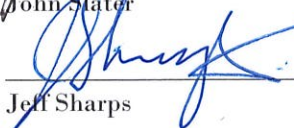
Motion – Mr. Sharps motioned, and Mr. Slater seconded to publish the maintenance worker position in the Newark Advocate twice a week a part. Motion carried.

Comments

Mr. Slater – A resident complained of a neighbor shining spotlights into their windows and playing loud music as they were in dispute over a matter involving an animal. Mr. Slater asked Paula to investigate the situation. Paula also received a complaint and would contact the caller.

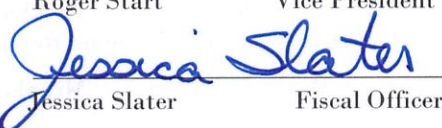
There being no further business, Mr. Start moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm. Mr. Sharps seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting of the Union Township Trustees will be held on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 7:00pm.



John Slater President


Jeff Sharps Trustee

Absent

Roger Start Vice President


Jessica Slater Fiscal Officer