

Union Township Trustees
February 16, 2021

The Union Township Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 pm on February 16, 2021, via zoom. Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater's roll call showed the following trustees present: John Slater, Charles Prince and Randy Weekly. Dave Cable, Road Superintendent, and Paula Greene, Township Administrator was also present. Trustee Slater lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest via Zoom: Leslie Herro, Rick Black, Patty Costello, Gary Stiler, Bill McWilliams, Jenna Myers, Krista Kukovec, Ryan Cotrell, Traci McMillen, and other unidentified callers.

Zazworsky Map Amendment – The Trustees heard and approved a map amendment request filed by Lee Zazworsky to rezone one acre of his 4 acres parcel at 250 National Road from General Business to Rural Residential Three before the regular meeting.

Minutes

Mr. Prince moved to approve the February 1 minutes. Mr. Weekly 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.

Precision Geophysical/David Hill, Inc. – Gary Stiler (company representative) has requested to Vibro-seismic in the Beaver Run/Canyon Road and Canyon/Refugee Road area of about a 1.60-mile length. A contract presented by the company was submitted and approved by Attorney Carolyn Carnes, Licking County Prosecutor's Office. The company has previously explored for oil and gas in the area. No issues arose from the previous searches. The company would cover any damages from the new search.

Motion - Mr. Prince moved to approve the contract with Precision Geophysical. Mr. Weekly seconded. Motion carried.

Road Department

Salt – An additional 50 tons of salt has been ordered. Salt is being mixed with grit. Traci McMillen asked why the roads are still snowed covered while Granville Township's roads are clear. The Township combines grits with salt. Granville Township applies straight salt to the streets. Mr. Prince said Granville Township pre-treats their roads with brine.

Mileage Certification – Dave spoke with the Licking County Engineer's Office. He found a portion of Beaver Run Road at the intersection of Thornwood Drive, belongs to the Village of Hebron and to the City of Heath. Dave will research the exact location of the roadway transfer.

Administration

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Board of Elections – The Board of Elections thanked the Township for not holding any activity in the room used for voting on May 3rd and 4th. The election equipment will be delivered on May 3.

Mowing Bids – The mowing bid package will be presented at the next meeting. The current contract cannot be renewed.

Public Comments –

Patty Costello – Ms. Costello questioned the Township paying the Fire District utility bills at 6265 and the "draft resolution" presented by Mr. Prince in October. Ms. Costello asked who created the resolution. Mr. Prince acknowledges that he did. Mr. Prince said an agreement is being drafted to address the satellite station bills and other matters. Prosecuting Attorney Carolyn Carnes advised the Trustees not to pursue the resolution Mr. Prince presented. Ms. Costello felt the draft resolution did not represent the best interest of the Township. A discussion was held on the resolution created the district, draft resolution, and paying bills of the fire district.

Paula said Attorney Carnes had contacted the Fire District's Attorney several times to resolve this issue; whose response was he would contact his clients. Attorney Carnes is now working with the Fire District's new Attorney. Mrs. Slater has not paid any utility bills for the 6265 since early summer.

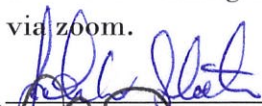
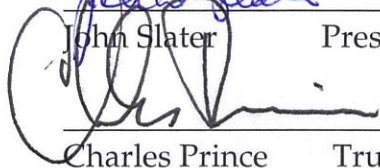
Ms. Costello said she felt two trustees on the Fire District's Board is a conflict of interest. Mr. Slater said he does not have the authority to make that determination. Mr. Prince said on February 8, he submitted his resignation to the Fire Board, and a notice to fill the Township's seat has been posted on the Township and Fire District's websites.


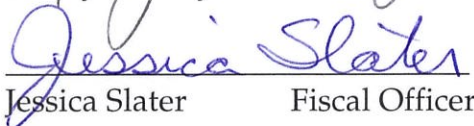
Mrs. Costello asked how 6265 Lancaster Road was chosen to house a fire station. Mr. Slater and Mr. Prince explained the different properties that were considered before choosing 6265.

Leslie Herro asked if the conflict of interest that Mr. Slater spoke about was Mr. Weekly, and Mr. Prince serving on both the Township and Fire District boards. Mr. Slater said it was.

There being no further business, Mr. Weekly moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Prince seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

The next meeting of the Union Township Trustees will be held on March 1, 2021, at 7:00 pm via zoom.

	_____ John Slater President
	_____ Charles Prince Trustee

	_____ Randy Weekly Trustee
	_____ Jessica Slater Fiscal Officer