

Union Township Trustees
June 17, 2024
Bid Opening & Regular Trustee Meeting

Bid Opening - Mr. Start called the bid opening meeting to order at 6:45pm, with Trustees Sharps and Slater present. Karen Nethers, Fiscal Officer, Paula Greene, Township Administrator, Dave Cable and Ross Kirk were present. One bid was submitted. Mr. Start opened a sealed bid from The Shelly Company. The Shelly Company project bid was \$160,706.75; the engineer's estimate was \$306,403.49. After a brief discussion the following motion was made:

Motion: Mr. Slater motioned, and Mr. Sharps seconded to accept The Shelly Company's, Bid for the Blacks Road OPWC project. Motion carried.

The Union Township Trustees met on June 20, 2024, at 7:00 pm for a regular meeting. Fiscal Officer Karen Nethers roll call showed the following trustees: Roger Start, Jeff Sharps and John Slater. Paula Greene, Township Administrator, Dave Cable, Road Superintendent, were present. Trustee Start led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests: Martha Cable, Jennifer Kurkowski, Joe Hager, and Greg Vance.

Minutes – Mr. Sharps moved, and Mr. Start seconded to approve the May 20, 2024, minutes. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments

Resident Joe Hager expressed concern about growth around the subdivision where he lives. The Trustees discussed Mr. Hager's concerns and advised Mr. Hager to contact Heath City for his concerns in their jurisdiction.

Fiscal Officer

Grube & Julian – Work is 90% complete currently. Sorting out issues with payments to companies whose billing system does not coincide with the Township Meeting schedule.

FO Nethers will be adding vacation time and clothing allowance balances to employee paychecks.

Road and Bridge

Engineer's Request – Dave presented an Engineer's Request form for the following.

Motion – Mr. Sharps motioned and Mr. Start seconded to submit an Engineer's Request for Deeds Road Resurfacing for the 2024-2025 OPWC Grant application. Motion carried.

Administration

Comprehensive Plan – Trustees Hearing scheduled for June 20, 2024, at 6:00pm.

Hunger Hollar Conditional Use – BZA met on June 4 and denied the Conditional Use application due to traffic exiting onto Refugee Road.

Hebron Reparations – Mayor Mockus contacted Mr. Sharps asking if the Trustees would be interested in hiring a third party to negotiate an agreement. Mr. Slater said he wanted to stay with the original ORC requirements. Mr. Start said he would agree to no fire payment for the life of the reparation if the Village would agree to no annexation. It's the Village's opinion no fire re-payment is required of them. Mr. Start said Hebron's chose to conform their boundaries. Mr. Sharps said he would contact Mayor Mockus. The Trustees requested Asst. Pros. Attorney Carnes render an opinion regarding what course of action can be taken should Hebron continue to refuse to make fire reparations and how long should the Township wait before beginning the process. Hebron made General Fund reparations for the year on April 26.

Economic Development

RESOLUTION 2024-30 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE JERSEY HEATH UNION JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 CONTRACT IN ITS PRESENT FORM AND FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CONTRACT

Mr. Start motioned and Mr. Slater seconded to accept Resolution 2024-30 and set a public hearing date of July 29, 2024, at 6:00pm.

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

Public Comments – Mr. Hager inquired about Ramp Creek Estates and what the new owner’s plans for the property were. The Trustees did not have any information.

Mr. Sharps asked if the culvert had been repaired in Stone Creek. Dave said the job was complete and the homeowner sent an email completing the work.

Mr. Slater – National Trail Raceway held an event over the weekend using Refugee Road as the exit. There was no traffic control to enter onto State Route 37. This caused an issue for the Refugee Road residents. Paula will contact the Track.

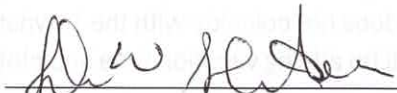
Mr. Start – Received a complaint about headstones being moved and the fence around the Devils Den cemetery damaged. The street department removed two dead ash trees and the broken fence. No headstones were damaged or moved.

With there being no further business. Mr. Start moved to adjourn at 7:47 pm. Mr. Sharps seconded.

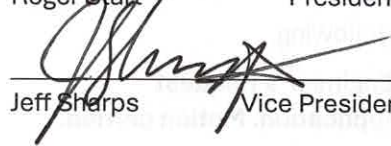
The next Union Township Trustees will be held Monday, July 1 at 7:00pm.



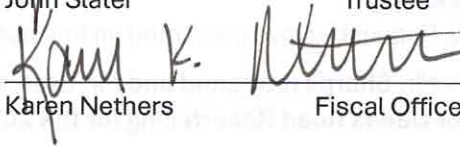
Roger Start President



John Slater Trustee



Jeff Sharps Vice President



Karen Nethers Fiscal Officer