

# **Union Township Trustees Minutes of Regular Meeting May 4, 2020**

The Union Township Trustees held their regular meeting, May 4, 2020, at 7:00 pm with Trustee Prince opening the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call showed Trustees Charlie Prince, John Slater, Randy Weekly, and Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater were present. Paula Greene, Administrator, and Dave Cable, Road Supervisor, was present. Guest: Martha Cable.

## **Bills**

The Clerk certified that the money to pay the bills was in the treasury or is in the process of collection. There being no questions, Mr. Slater moved to approve the bills. Mr. Weekly seconded. Motion carried.

## **Minutes**

Mr. Weekly moved to approve the minutes dated April 20, 2020. Mr. Slater seconded. Motion carried.

## **Road & Bridge**

Complaints - Dave has received several calls regarding the ditches holding water.

Durapatching – Durapatching began last week. Repairs will start at the larger areas of road deterioration.

Swamp Road – The culvert project began today. The Licking County Highway Department set the headwalls, and the Street Department hauled dirt.

Hayes Road – Dave will contact Bill Evans, Licking County Engineer's Office, regarding the plans for the culvert replacement. Trustees authorized Dave to speak with the adjoining property owners Katherine Whitehead and Roger Start. Mr. Slater recommended contacting Fred Penick, who is farming the Whitehead property.

The Licking County Highway Garage does not have trench boxes large enough for this project. Jared Kneer, Licking County Engineer, recommended that work be started to reach agreements with the two affected property owners or to declare the situation an emergency and start the repair project possibly sorting it out in court later.

Mr. Prince said he would go to Hayes during the next significant rain and photograph the culvert.

O'Neill/Enterprise Project - Mr. Weekly said the cost for the project might exceed the original estimate. After a discussion, it was determined not to pave John Alford Drive if the project cost increases.

Speed Bumps - Mr. Weekly received a call from Jennifer Clifford, who lives on Connemara Drive asking for speed bumps to be installed. Dave also received a call from her, but she did not return his call. Dave said he would put up some speed limit signs.

### Refugee Canyon Fire District

ODOT announced that the bridge project at State Routes 16 and 37 would start soon.

Satellite Station - Mr. Prince said an engine is now operating from the satellite station.

District Utilities - Mr. Prince, said he met with Chief Mason and Amanda to discuss the satellite station's utility bills that the Township is currently paying. Mr. Prince said that they (Fire District) needed to seek legal advice.

Granville Township Fire Department – Granville Township Trustees submitted an invoice for providing Fire and EMS service to the northern portion of Union Township from January 1, 2020, to February 7, 2020, for \$16,360.97. The average cost per day will be determined when the Township receives the second-half revenue.

Mr. Slater asked if the District would be reimbursing the Township as they have received all the fire revenue for the first half of 2020.

The remaining fire funds and the current fire levies were discussed. Mr. Prince and Mr. Weekly said per the resolution forming the District that the District is entitled to all the Township's remaining fire fund. Mr. Slater said he previously stated that he would not agree to all the remaining fire funds be given to the District.

Mr. Prince said Phase One at the satellite station is 95% paid. The remaining expenses to complete Phases 1 and 2 are estimated: \$3,000 to \$5,000 to JBA; apparatus building package/erection - \$70,000; apparatus building foundation \$30,000; first half payment to the Granville Township Fire Department for the 1/1/20 to 2/7/20 contract period - \$16,360.97; and a similar amount for the second half payment

Mrs. Slater asked Mr. Prince when the satellite station would be handed over to Refugee Canyon Fire District. Mr. Prince did not have an answer. Mr. Slater asked why the Township could not rent the building to the District.

Mr. Prince and Mr. Weekly said the District resolution states that Refugee Canyon Fire District receives all the Township's fire revenue since the District is now responsible for providing fire and EMS services to the entire Township. They said that Granville Township should be paid from the Township's Fire Fund balance.

Mr. Prince moved to pay Granville Township Fire Department's invoice from the Township remaining fire funds. Mr. Weekly seconded the motion.  
Roll call: Mr. Slater- No; Mr. Weekly – Yes; Mr. Prince – Yes. Motion passed 2 – 1.

Mr. Slater said he agreed that the Township was responsible for payment to Granville Township; however, this payment should come from the Township's 2020 fire revenue and not the fire fund by either the District refunding the money or paying the invoice.

### Administration

Paula requested the Trustees discuss the billboard application. The Trustees felt the marked location for the proposed billboard would negatively affect visibility at one of the Township's most dangerous intersections – Ohio 37 and Beaver Run Road. Mrs. Slater recommended the Trustees ask the Licking County Engineer's Office for a Safety Study. Mr. Slater moved for the Safety Study request. Mr. Weekly seconded. Motion carried.

### Trustees

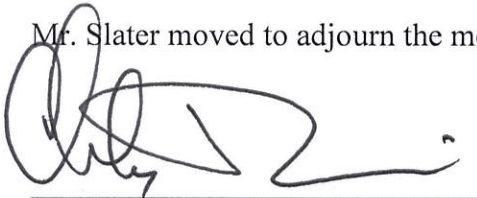
Website - Mr. Prince gave the Trustees a list of items he would like to see on the site and will discuss at the next meeting.

Mr. Prince moved to enter into Executive Session at 8:02 pm to discuss employee compensation.

At 8:23 pm, Mr. Slater moved to return to regular session. Mr. Prince moved to grant a one-time payment to Dave Cable for the leadership and management skills that he has shown. Mr. Weekly seconded the motion. Mr. Slater recused himself from the discussion and abstained from the vote.

The next meeting will be on Monday, May 20, 2020, at 7:00 pm at the Union Township Complex.

Mr. Slater moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm.



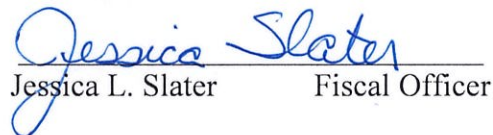
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