

REGULAR MEETING
UNION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
November 18, 2019

<p><u>Present:</u> Charlie Prince, Trustee John Slater, Trustee Randy Weekly, Trustee</p>	<p>Paula Greene, Administrator Jessica Slater, Fiscal Officer</p>
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The Union Township Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 pm on November 18, 2019, at the Union Township Complex. Roll call showed Charles Prince, John Slater, Randy Weekly, and Jessica Slater were present. Trustee Prince led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests: Bill McWilliams, Mike Bishop, bid person, Refugee Canyon Fire District Chief Mason, Tony Redd, and Gregg Carr

Minutes

Mr. Weekly moved to approve the October 21, 2019 minutes. Mr. Slater seconded the motion. Motion passed. Trustee Prince had not reviewed trustee minutes for the October 28 and 31 Special meetings; therefore, they were no ready for approval.

Bills

The Fiscal Officer certified that the money to pay the bills was in the treasury or the process of collection. Mr. Weekly motioned to pay the bills. Mr. Slater. Motion passed.

Road and Bridge

O'Neill Drive Road Markings - The road marking lines have been repainted.

Refugee Road Group (RRG) – The clearing of trees and the ground disturbance in the flood plan on the property at the north-east corner of I-70 and State Route 37 are being addressed by the Licking County Planning Commission and Licking County Soil and Water. It is believed RRG is purchasing the adjoining abandon gas station, which would improve access to the property from State Route 37.

Administration

Nothing to report.

Enterprise Drive Project (formally Project Brite)- Mr. Weekly reported on at the meeting he attended with Hebron Village Manager Steve DeBolt, Licking County Engineer Jared Kneer, and others involved in road resurfacing project. Jobs Ohio grant funds have been reduced since the original economic development project (Project Brite) is on indefinite hold. The project bid should be released on December 15, and the township's cost will be approximately \$20,000.

Satellite Station Phase One Bid Opening

The Phase One bids for remodeling to occupy the Satellite Station were opened by Mr. Prince at 7:15 pm as stated by the notice. Both bid packages were received before 4:00 pm today.

Davis Construction-Thornville	\$83,469.82
Tony Redd Renovations-Lancaster	\$94,440.38

The trustees reviewed and discussed the bids. Due to the scope of the project, it was decided to award the project during a special meeting or the December 2 regular township meeting. The trustees asked questions of the construction representatives.

Mr. Prince said he received a question about some long lead-time items and the township's tight deadlines for completing the work. Mr. Prince said he responded to all who requested the bid information.

Mr. Bishop asked if the trustees had employed either company for personal work; all replied they had not. Mr. Prince said he knew Mr. Redd's company had experience in renovating fire department living quarters. Mr. Prince said he knows Tony Redd's sons, who are in the fire service at Millersport and Violet Township.

Phase Two Plans

Mr. Prince said he received the architect's preliminary plans for Phase 2 - housing of equipment.

Option A – Includes three full-size bays that would accommodate a fire engine, medic and a grass truck. The expansion would be at the north side of the building, allowing the extra space and does not reduce the turning radius.

The architect said Option A would increase the project cost between \$12,000 and \$15,000. Mr. Prince favored Option A as it provides for extra storage connected to the current building. There are no building cost estimates currently. Mr. Slater said by focusing on Option A time and money would be cost-effective. The trustees agreed to proceed with Option A.

Greg Carr questioned the bid process and believed at least three bids were required. He added he had wanted to submit a bid but was not aware the bid had been advertised. Mr. Carr was told he would receive an email notice when Phase 2 is ready for advertising.

Trustees

Annexation – Mr. Prince said there is a group of township residents organizing to annex the Granville Exempted School District portion of Union Township into Granville Township. An email from the group was sent and posted on social media last week.

Mr. Prince believes it would be in the township's best interest to locate an attorney who specializes in this area, should one be needed. No money needs to be spent now. Mr. Prince said if the group is successful, township revenue would be cut significantly. The Auditor's Office could provide a better estimate.

Mr. Slater said early in the Fire District discussions that all the controversy was not worth tearing up the township and is upset the group feels they need to break off from the township.

Mr. Slater said, tearing apart the township will not solve any issues. Mr. Slater said he

has begun researching the subject but learned township annexing to another township is very rare. Mr. Slater agreed to the search for counsel now.

Mr. Prince said 1449 signatures (of Union Township voters) would be needed to file an annexation petition with the Licking County Commissioners. The number of required signatures is based on the number of township voters in the 2018 gubernatorial race. Mr. Weekly concurred with the search. All agreed to search for legal representation options.

2019 Fire Contract Extension

The Village of Hebron passed a fire contract extension from November 1 through December 31, 2019, with no change in terms. Mr. Weekly motioned to accept the extension as presented. Mr. Slater seconded. Roll Call:

Mr. Slater – yes

Mr. Weekly – yes

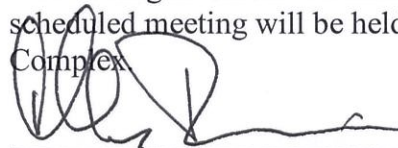
Mr. Prince - yes

Executive Session


At 7:49 pm, Mr. Slater moved to enter into executive session to discuss correspondence from the Licking County Prosecutor's Office and a personnel issue.

At 8:13 pm, Mr. Slater moved to return to regular session. Mr. Weekly seconded it.

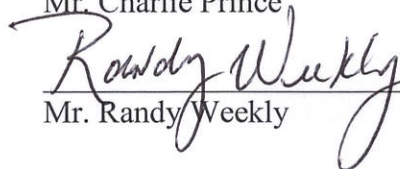
There being no further business, Mr. Weekly moved to adjourn at 8:15 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be held on December 2, 2019, at 7:00 pm at the Union Township Complex



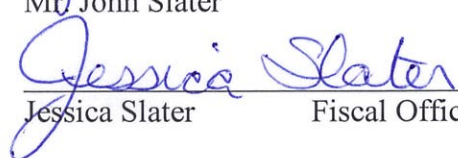
Mr. Charlie Prince



Mr. John Slater



Mr. Randy Weekly



Jessica Slater Fiscal Officer