

Union Township Trustee
February 20, 2024
Regular Meeting

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

Minutes – Mr. Slater moved, and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve the February 6, 2024, minutes. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments- none

Road and Bridge

Warranty –The Loader's warranty will expire soon. Dave will check into an extended warranty.
General Update – Good weather allowed for road maintenance work to be done. The mower has been used to cut back limbs until parts arrive at Southeastern.

Administration

Meeting with ODOT ~ Beaver Run and State Route 37 – Meeting went well with ODOT District Three Director Jason Sturgeon, and Ty Thompson. The immediate safety issues were discussed and will be investigated. Director Sturgeon advised of upcoming projects around Hayes Road and State Route 37 in 2025. The widening of the State Route 37 and US Route 40 intersection should be complete at the end of this construction season. Paula will contact the Water's Edge HOA President and give an update of our findings.

Farm ground rental – A sealed bid to rent the tillable ground at the cemetery was received from Kellers Farm at \$900.00 per year. Mr. Slater moved to accept the bid; Mr. Sharps seconded. Motion carried. Paula will coordinate a contract and resolution with Assistant Prosecutor Carnes.

Disposal of Property – The flashing lights were declared surplus during a previous meeting. West Licking Fire District needs the lights, which can be sold for a dollar.

Resolution 2024-18 Sale of Property Not Needed – Flashing Caution Light Poles (2)
Mr. Slater motioned, and Mr. Sharps seconded to sell the Caution Lights to West Licking Fire District for a dollar.

Roll call: Mr. Start – yes

Mr. Sharps – yes

Mr. Slater – yes

Compensation – Fiscal Officer Slater presented a resolution allowing compensation of road employees from the Motor Vehicle License Tax and Gasoline Tax Funds. FO Slater and the Road Superintendent has a procedure in place for recording hours worked and what funds the employee shall be paid from.

**Resolution 2024-19 Utilizing Motor Vehicle License Tax Funds and/or gasoline tax funds for compensation of road department employees ORS 4503.02 & ORC 5735.17 (A)(3)(d)
Mr. Sharps motioned to approve resolution 2024-19. Mr. Slater seconded.**

Roll call: Mr. Start – yes

Mr. Sharps – yes

Mr. Slater – yes

State Senator Tim Shaffer sent a letter to the Townships asking if there are any road projects the Township that need funding. Dave will investigate possible projects

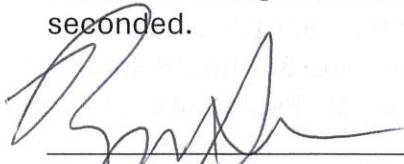
Comprehensive Plan status – A presentation to the public will be scheduled in the next couple of months after which the Plan will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval in late April or May.

Trustee Slater – Mayor Mark Johns sent an email asking if the Township would be interested in participating in a group to determine the impact of traffic on Canyon Road from the possible growth. Mr. Slater will respond to Mayor Johns that the Township will participate.

Trustee Sharps – Reported on the Refugee Canyon audit. Jobs and Family Services has an outstanding invoice with RC. Paula, Trustee Sharps and Asst. Prosecutor Carnes has made several temps to speak with JFS with no progress. There may be an outstanding balance with JFS. Work continues on resolving the issue.

Trustee Start – Asked if Trustee Sharps received notification of the TIRC meeting. He had not but will follow-up.

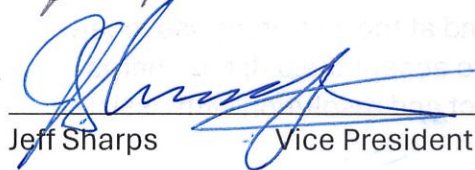
With there being no further business. Mr. Slater moved to adjourn at 7:38pm. Mr. Sharps seconded.



Roger Start President



John Slater Trustee



Jeff Sharps Vice President



Jessica Slater Fiscal Officer