

Union Township Trustees
February 7, 2022

The Union Township Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 pm on February 7, 2022. Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater's roll call showed the following trustees present: John Slater, Roger Start, and Jeff Sharps. Paula Greene, Township Administrator, and Dave Cable, Road Supervisor, were also present. Trustee Slater led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guest: Bill McWilliams and Rick Black.

Minutes

Mr. Sharps moved to approve the January 3 minutes. Mr. Start seconded. Motion approved.

Bills

The Fiscal Officer certified the money to pay the bills in the treasury or is in the collection process. Mr. Start motioned to pay the bills. Mr. Sharps seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comments

None

Road and Bridge

Canyon and Beaver Run – A sinkhole developed along the culvert for the third time during the rain/ice/snow event Thursday, February 3. The hole was filled with stone and orange barrels set. Dave will contact Licking County Engineer Jared Knerr to evaluate the culvert.

February 3 Storm – Dave said a few complaints were received. Roads were challenging to clear throughout the storm due to the rain and ice. Mr. Sharps asked what the Township's policy was replacing mailboxes damaged during snow plowing. The Township replaces mailboxes that the snowplow has damaged. When a complaint is received, Dave meets with the homeowner, and if there is evidence that the snowplow struck the mailbox, we replace the mailbox.

Loader – Three estimates for a new loader were obtained: Southeastern Equipment 2021 Case - \$38,809.90 (\$40,000 trade-in Case loader); two quotes from John Deere were over \$100,000. The Case loader is scheduled to be made in July 2022. A purchase order number and a letter of intent are needed to secure pricing. American Rescue Act Funds could be used for the purchase. Paula will look into the purchasing procedures. State Bid prices are scheduled to change on March 31, 2022. The cost of the Case may increase before March 31.

Fire/EMS

Letter to the Trustees – letter from Patty Costello's to the Trustees was read.

The Trustees discussed the following: concerns of passing a levy while the Fire District was still operating; re-visiting the operating plan Chief Curtis presented before the district's formation; establishing a township department; competitive contract bidding for Fire/EMS services and determining the type of Fire/EMS service the community will support.

After a meeting with Mayor Layton and Council President Valerie Mockus, Mr. Sharps said they are open to any ideas. Mr. Sharps was asked to continue his talks with the Village of Hebron.

Granville Township Fire has responded to five EMS and two fire runs since January 19, when automatic aid was re-instated.

