

Union Township Trustees

July 1, 2024

Regular Trustee Meeting

The Union Township Trustees met on July 1, 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, and Dave Cable, Road Superintendent, were present. Trustee Start led the Pledge of Allegiance. No guests were present.

Minutes – Mr. Slater motioned, and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve the June 17 (regular) and June 20 Comprehensive Plan minutes. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments

None

Fiscal Officer

Grube & Julian – Presented a proposal to continue assisting the Fiscal Officer with the UAN and preparing the Hinkle report at \$100.00 per hour.

Motion – Mr. Start moved, and Mr. Slater moved to accept the proposal as presented. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge

No updates.

Administration

Comprehensive Plan –

Resolution 2024-31 Adoption of revised Comprehensive Plan 2024

Mr. Start moved and Mr. Slater seconded to adopt the revised Union Township Comprehensive Plan.

Roll call – Mr. Start-yes

Mr. Sharps-yes

Mr. Slater-yes

The adopted Comprehensive Plan will be in effect 30 days from July 1 and will be posted online at that time. The draft plan will remain on the website.

Hebron Reparations – Mr. Sharps spoke with Mayor Mockus after the last meeting. Mayor Mockus said both parties could negotiate the fire reparations under Hebron's terms. The Trustees were not comfortable with that suggestion and agreed to seek an Attorney General's Opinion. Prior to today's meeting, Hebron's attorney Wes Untied contacted the County's Auditor's Office and advised that the Township and the Village had come to an agreement, which was not the case. Mr. Untied's notification to the Auditor's Office had stopped the original request for an Attorney General's Opinion.

Wind and Solar Hearing – Date set for August 20. Location to be determined.

National Trail Raceway Complaint – The event in question was a rally. In an effort to keep traffic moving, both Route 40 gates were utilized as entrances to the event and exit was made on to Refugee Road. The rally occurs every four to six years. Mr. Livingston was asked to contact the Township prior to using the Refugee Road gate as an exit. Mr. Livingston stated that he contacted the Sheriff's Department regarding traffic control and was told none was needed. Mr. Slater said the Refugee Road gates were for emergency use and thankfully were not needed during the event.

Announcement - Soil & Water Conservation District and the South Licking Watershed Conservancy District is pleased to announce the State of the South Licking River Watershed Open House, scheduled to take place on July 18, 2024, from 5:00 -7:30 pm at Alexandria Church of Christ, 5380 Moots Run Rd, Alexandria, OH 43001.

Economic Development

Southwest Licking Water District – adopted a resolution board authorizes a board member seat to Union Township and Jersey Township and authorizes an agreement could be drafted. Mr. Start will contact Attorney Chris Connely to draft an agreement if the Township wishes a seat. Mr. Sharps said the district should be providing the agreement. Mr. Connely will provide a new engagement letter.

Letter of Support – Jeff Heuerman asked for a letter of support from the Trustees to apply for a state grant to bring ground south of Interstate 70 out of the flood plan for development. The area was zoned Manufacturing in the 1980’s. Mr. Start said he believes this is a good idea. Mr. Slater said changes to the area could affect flooding in the area and has concerns. Mr. Start will prepare a draft letter and send it to the Prosecutor’s Office for review. Mr. Sharps feels the State of Ohio will be involved as well.

Trustees

Mr. Sharps – Attended the Licking County Trustees and Clerk’s Association meeting along with Trustee Start and learned the following:

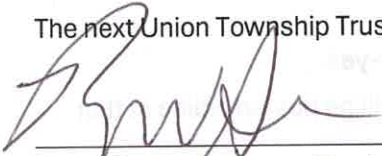
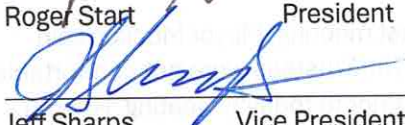
The State Auditor’s Office has mandated that all Ohio government employees take a fraud training course on-line. Mr. Sharps completed his training today and provided a certificate. Training must be completed in three months.

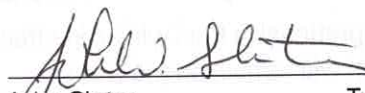
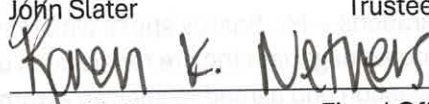
EMA presented information for their new weather alert. The information had previously been posted on the Township’s website.

Mr. Slater – Asked Mr. Start about the 161/70 connector meeting he attended. ODOT consultations are gathering information of new growth areas in Licking County. A separate meeting with the Township, Heath, Hebron and Port Authority to focus on our area will be scheduled for later. State Route 37 is not being looked at as a connector.

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

The next Union Township Trustees will be held Monday, July 15 at 7:00pm.

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Roger Start	President
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Jeff Sharps	Vice President

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John Slater	Trustee
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Karen Nethers	Fiscal Officer