

**Union Township Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2023**

The Union Township Trustees met in regular session on April 3, 2023, at 7:00 pm. Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater's roll call showed the following trustees: John Slater, Roger Start and Jeff Sharps present. Paula Greene, Township Administrator, was also present. Trustee Slater led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests: Patrice Francis and Bill McWilliams.

Minutes – Mr. Start moved and Mr. Slater seconded to approve the April 7 regular minutes.

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

Public Comments-

Ken Fisher – Mr. Fisher complained about the drainage along his Gale Road property. The Trustees discussed the matter with Mr. Fisher. Due to the issues that needed to be address, it was determined that the Licking County Engineer's and Prosecutor's Office should be consulted. Mr. Slater explained that the culvert across Gale Road was not the problem and increasing the size of the ditch would be a large project that would be difficult and hard to maintain. Mr. Fisher disagreed.

Rick Haynes – Mr. Haynes asked the Trustees when the waterline project would begin and the timeline. The Trustees advised that the project is scheduled to begin in July and the Water District could answer the technical questions.

Patrice Francis – Ms. Francis discussed the draft summary she submitted. Paula forwarded the summary to the Prosecutor who determined the document read as a political statement and advised that the first and last two lines could be used. Ms. Francis was upset with the opinion and felt the Trustees should challenge the response. The Trusteed advised Township will follow the Prosecutor's opinion. Moving forward, Paula will work on this project with the Prosecutor. Ms. Francis asked questions regarding the Aggregation Program and how rates were determined. Mr. Slater said Trebel Energy searched for the best rate and worked with the Trustees. Ms. Francis found a company with a lower rate and signed with them.

Road and Bridge

Resurfacing 2023 – The Engineer's Request forms were presented.

Motion – Mr. Start motioned and Mr. Sharps seconded to request the Licking County Engineer's Office to provide resurfacing estimates. Motion carried.

Old Church – Dave began searching for a demolish company. Mr. Start knew of a demolition company in the area and would send Dave the contact information.

Front Loader – The new front load required additional hydraulic outlets to operate the blade. The cost was not included in the loader's purchase price. Paula requested that ARPA funds be used for the purchase. After a brief discussion the following resolution was presented:

Resolution 2023-27 – Purchase of equipment accessories with ARPA funds.

Mr. Sharps motioned and Mr. Start seconded the purchase of hydraulics for the new case loader ARAP funds,

Roll Call – Mr. Slater-yes Mr. Start-yes Mr. Sharps-yes

Administration

Map Amendment Request – Strait and Lamp submitted a map amendment request. The Zoning Commission will hear the application on May 10.

Elections – The elections will be held on May 2 at the complex, with the equipment to be delivered May 1. With the poll workers in the building the May 1 regular Trustee meeting needs to be rescheduled. After a brief discussion the following motion was made:

Motion - Mr. Sharps moved, and Mr. Start seconded to reschedule the May 1st to May 3rd @7pm so that the Poll Workers can set up for the May 2 elections. Motion carried.

Infrastructure Luncheon May 16 (Double Tree-Downtown) – The Trustees are on a wait list for this event.

Hebron reparations – Sent an invoice for the first half payment.

Economic Development

Luray JEDD Board Appointment – Paula recommended Mr. Start be the Township Trustee representative on the Luray JEDD Board.

At pm Mr. Start moved to enter into executive session according to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(8) Executive Session PURSUANT TO ORC 121.22 (G)(8) TO CONSIDER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION RELATED TO THE MARKETING PLANS, SPECIFIC BUSINESS STRATEGY, PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES, TRADE SECRETS, PERSONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF AN APPLICANT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE THAT INVOLVES PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS OR THE EXTENSION OF UTILITY SERVICES THAT ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

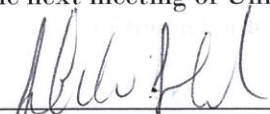
At 8:40 pm, Mr. Start moved to return to the regular meeting. Mr. Sharps seconded. No action taken after executive session.

Roll Call – Mr. Slater-yes Mr. Start-yes Mr. Sharps-yes

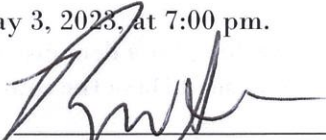
There were no public or trustee comments.

There being no further business, Mr. Start moved, and Mr. Sharps seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm.

The next meeting of Union Township Trustees, May 3, 2023, at 7:00 pm.



John Slater President



Roger Start Vice President



Jeff Sharps Trustee



Jessica Slater Fiscal Officer