

**Union Township Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting
June 15, 2020**

The Union Township Trustees held their regular meeting, June 15, 2020, at 7:00 pm with Trustee Prince opening the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call showed Trustees Charlie Prince, John Slater, Randy Weekly, and Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater were present, along with Paula Greene, Administrator, and Dave Cable, Road Supervisor. Guests: Bill McWilliams and Martha Cable.

Minutes

Mr. Weekly moved to approve the minutes for June 2, 2020. Mr. Slater seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Bills

The Clerk certified that the money to pay the bills was in the treasury or is in the process of collection.

An invoice from the law firm of Brosius, Johnson & Griggs LLC. for shared representation with the Refugee-Canyon Joint Fire District concerning the petition effort to detach the Granville School District portion of the Township to Granville Township was discussed. Mr. Slater questioned the charges incurred. Mr. Prince said some charges were solely the responsibility of the Fire District and had been deducted from the invoice. He also noted that the attorney's fee discount had been shared proportionally with the Township.

Paula said the Trustees should have entered into an agreement/contract with this law firm before any legal work. Paula said she had reminded the trustees of this when the motion was passed. At this time, the hourly fee is unknown, and no expenditure limit.

Mr. Prince said that he had no problem creating a contract and said he did not believe there will be an additional cost, unless a petition is filed to detach from the township.

Mr. Prince motioned to limit expenditures to Brosius, Johnson & Griggs LLC to \$3500, including today's invoice. Mr. Slater seconded. Motion passed.

There being no other questions, Mr. Weekly motioned to pay the bills. Mr. Slater seconded.

Road Department

- ✓ Enterprise Drive project – Dave, Dave Medley, and a representative from Shelly Company walked the Industrial Park. They marked a two-foot apron on John Alford. Dave said, matching the pavement on O'Neill would be a more significant project than initially estimated.

Cemetery –Work has begun in the Licking Cemetery, to straighten and reset monuments that have fallen or are out of alignment. Stray shrubs and trees have been removed.

Stone Creek Subdivision – The Township has received complaints regarding cracking, potholes, and excess stone in the subdivision. The excess stone would be needed once the roads begin to bleed. Some roads in the division are not heavily traveled; therefore, the stone remains on the roadway. The use of a street sweeper was discussed.

Fire/EMS

The CARES Act Resolution was discussed. Carolyn Carnes, Chief of the Civil Division, Licking County Prosecutor's Office, the emailed passed between the District and the township trustees after 4 pm, this afternoon. Mrs. Carnes advised she needed time to review the Resolution before presented to the trustees. The Licking County Prosecutor's Office retained Attorney Ken Oswalt as a compliance officer for the CARES funding.

Mr. Weekly said the Resolution needed to be passed now. Paula advised the Resolution needs to be reviewed and can be scheduled for the July 6 trustee meeting.

Mr. Prince said the Fire District needs the pass-through provision as they have had extra PPE expenses and paid sick leave due to COVID. Paula said the Licking County EMA has been supplying extra PPE to the county's police and fire departments.

Mr. Prince said he would alter the Resolution provided by the Ohio Township's Association to include expenses for the Fire District and forward it to Mrs. Carnes.

Paula said the Township should be eligible for CARES funding as the building is an election facility.

Paula said the Ohio Township Association would host a teleconference tomorrow, and she will participate.

Building – Architect Greg Cotterman will have plans for the apparatus building ready soon. Mr. Prince will prepare a bid notice and have Paula post in the Newark Advocate. Bids will be opened at the July 6 meeting.

RESOLUTION 2020-24 *This Resolution states the Trustees are against any portion of Union Township detaching from the Township into another.*

Roll Call – Mr. Slater, yes: Mr. Prince, yes: Mr. Weekly, yes:

Resolution passed.

Mr. Prince said the District offered to automatically respond to calls in the portion of Granville Township south of Ohio 16 due to the construction at State Route 37 and State Route 16.

Township –

McNamara – Mrs. McNamara agreed to the original settlement but has not signed the agreement. Mrs. Carnes wanted everyone to be aware not to proceed with any work until the agreement had been signed. Photos of the repair area are to be taken before, during, and after.

Billboard Text Amendment - Paula said the timeline of the Text Amendment was changed. The Licking County Planning Commission and the Zoning Commission need to review the amendments. The Zoning Commission will meet on June 24. The trustees will set their final hearing on July 6.

Heath Annexation – The annexation of 208 acres to Heath City was discussed. Mr. Prince said an email from Licking County EMA Director Sean Grady states that the Township will retain the revenue from its fire levies unless the Township agrees to give them up.

Variance hearings – The Board of Zoning Appeals heard three applications on June 3. Lot size, road frontage, and setback issues were the basis of two applications. Both were approved. Kessler Signs filed a variance for signs they wanted to install at the FOE Buckeye Lake Eagles.

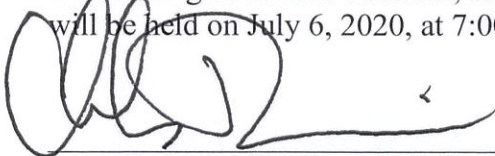
The Board turned down the request due to sign size, electronic message board and ~~within~~ the proposed sign was within the distance required between an electronic sign and a residence. The Eagles representatives were quite upset over the denial—Kessler’s plan on submitting a new variance request with smaller signs.

Noxious Weed Violation - A notice was issued to the property owners of 1141 Union Station Road for noxious weeds.

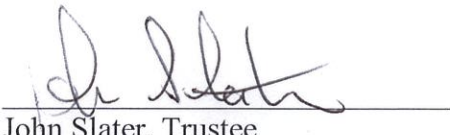
Brust Estate - Paula issued a nuisance letter to Attorney Justin Lodge. There has been no response. Paula recommended a property clean up company be retained due to past drug activity and the vast amount of debris. An adjoining property owner replaced his culvert and deposited his old pipe on the Brust property. Mr. Weekly asked that clean up estimates be attained. Paula agreed and in the process of securing estimates. The cleanup cost will be accessed to the property taxes.

Mr. Prince moved to declare the owner’s maintenance of 208 Sycamore Road to constitute a nuisance pursuant to R.C. 404.87(A). Mr. Slater seconded. Motion passed.

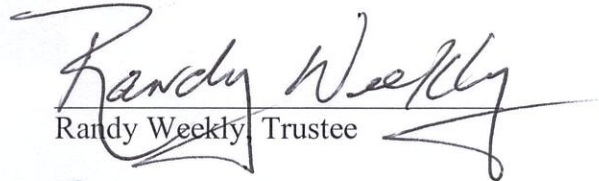
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on July 6, 2020, at 7:00 pm.



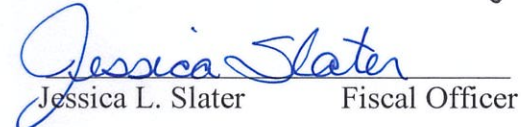
Charlie Prince, Trustee



John Slater, Trustee



Randy Weekly, Trustee



Jessica L. Slater Fiscal Officer