

**REGULAR MEETING  
UNION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES  
September 16, 2019**

**Present:** Charlie Prince, Trustee  
John Slater, Trustee  
Randy Weekly, Trustee  
Paula Greene, Administrator  
Jessica Slater, Fiscal Officer  
Dave Cable, Road Supervisor

The Union Township Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 pm on September 16, 2019, at the Union Township Complex. Roll call showed Charles Prince, John Slater, Randy Weekly, and Jessica Slater were present. Trustee Prince led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests: Cheryl Maslowski, Bill McWilliams, Jack & Marsha Justice, Ken Kerns, Rich Moore, John Black, Mike Bishop, Laney McLaughlin, Charles Bickler, Rick Black, Bill Levitt, Mike Wait, Granville Twp. Fire Chief Casey Curtis and Hebron Fire Chief Cliff Mason.

**Lakewood Local School**

Cheryl Maslowski, Lakewood Levy Committee, spoke on the upcoming ten years, 3.9 mill renewal levy and, a new building levy to house K-5<sup>th</sup> grade. The bond levy is 3.9 mills for 28 years at 4.25% interest rate.

**Old Church Building**

John Black said the business plan for the church building would be ready early 2020.

**Minutes**

The clerk presented the minutes of the August 19 Township Trustee meeting. Mr. Weekly moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Slater seconded. Motion passed.

**Bills**

The Fiscal Officer certified that the money to pay the bills was in the treasury or the process of collection. Mr. Weekly motioned to pay the bills. Mr. Slater seconded. Motion passed.

**Road and Bridge**

Mike Bishop asked the status of repairs for the Canyon Road bridge at Lees Road as the asphalt was separating where the road and floor of the bridge meet. Dave has reported the issue to the Licking County Highway Garage.

Mr. Prince met with the Stonecreek HOA for an hour and a half last week and discussed the new chip & seal resurfacing project in the subdivision. Residents continue to be dissatisfied with the chip seal. As the weather has been warm, the stone will soak into the tar. Residents of the subdivision want the trustees to resurface the roads with asphalt or at least cape seal or micro seal their roads. Mr. Prince advised the HOA board

members that he would seek additional information on the alternatives to asphalt. Dave learned fog sealing cost about fifty cents a yard and the road a painted appearance. As the bigger stone was used with chip sealing, it was recommended not to use the cape seal. Once completed, the Micro seal creates sandpaper like surface but wears off over time. Micro seal costs about \$3.50 to \$4.00 a square yard which, would total approximately \$160,000 or more.

Mr. Prince said in an Engineers Estimate for Licking Township for just under three miles and narrower roads that an inch of asphalt was estimated to cost \$575,000; inch and a half was estimated to cost \$865,00.00.

Street Sweeping – Strawser Leasing will be in the township soon to vacuum the excess stone from chip sealing; the street department will haul excess stone to the complex for use at a later time.

Crack Sealing – Should be completed soon with all material used.

Horse Crossing Sign - Mr. Slater received complaints of horse crossing signs placed on Gale Road. Mr. Slater said he located the sign in a front yard and asked who requested the signs. Dave said a person who lived nearby had contacted him several times. Paula also received a complaint from the landowner. Mr. Slater asked if there was a standard for posting signs and if the sign could be moved closer to the intersection. There was a second call from a farmer with a complaint about the location of the sign and felt it was another obstacle along the road. Dave would look into relocating the signs. Mr. Slater said the fewer obstacles, the better.

#### Administration

B.O.E. – Brian Mead, Board of Elections Director, sent an email regarding the security of the voting equipment. Mr. Mead stated the machines are to be stored in a secure location away from the general public. Mr. Prince recommended rescheduling the November 4 trustee meeting, and Mr. Slater agreed. A new date for the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting will be decided at the next township meeting.

Williams Complaint – The courts granted the Summary Judgment against Randy Williams, upholding the township's zoning violation. Should Mr. Williams fail to move in ten days, the Licking County Prosecutor's Office will send a letter giving him notice to vacate the camper. If Mr. Williams continues to live in the camper after the notice is issued, contempt of court charges will be filed against Mr. Williams.

Health Insurance FormFire - Three employees still need to complete the online form. The insurance company verified Mr. Prince and Mr. Weekly need to complete the online form to opt-out of the program. Mr. Prince and Mr. Weekly are insured through Benistar, and Medicare insures the spouses.

Quote - The ductwork cleaning in the front portion of the building was quoted to cost

\$1755.00 and was approved by Trustee Prince. Paula will schedule the service.

River Roundup - Rick Black, Paula Greene, and the Cable family cleaned the section of the Licking River between old State Route 79 (High Street) and State Route 79. The totals for the collection have yet to be determined.

Fire Contract – The Fire Contract extension was available to be signed by the trustees. Austin Lecklider, Licking County Prosecutor’s Office, advised the payment to the Village of Hebron should be to the last day of the contract. The trustees then signed the extension.

Fire District Budget - Mr. Prince, wanted to schedule a Fire District Committee meeting to discuss the district budget for the following week. Chief Mason said he did not know Mayor McFarland’s availability. Once the date, time, and location of the meeting is decided a public announcement will be issued.

Emails – Chief Curtis asked the status of the emails regarding the satellite station. Mr. Prince said Paula had sent an email to JBA requesting prior emails to be forwarded to Chief Curtis. Mr. Prince opposed JBA sending the previous emails to Chief Curtis as he believed JBA would charge the township their hourly rate to do so. Mr. Prince said he did not think Chief Curtis had made a specific request at the last meeting but will consider this conversation a request and send him the previous emails.

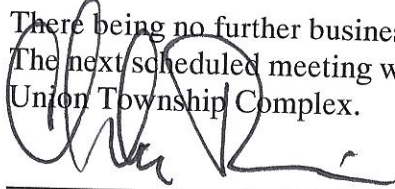
An audience member asked if the trustees have met with the Granville Township Trustees. They have not.


Executive Session

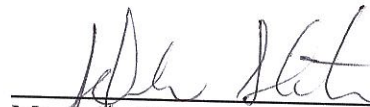
Mr. Prince moved to enter into executive session at 7:47 pm for the discussion of a personnel issue.

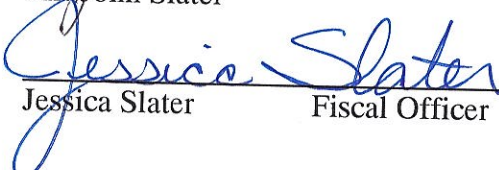
Mr. Slater moved to return to the regular meeting at 8:20 pm. Mr. Slater moved to reinstate Patrolman Lucas to full-time active status effective immediately. Mr. Weekly seconded. Motion approved.

There being no further business, Mr. Weekly moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 5, 2019, at 7:00 pm at the Union Township Complex.

  
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Mr. Charlie Prince

  
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Mr. Randy Weekly

  
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Mr. John Slater

  
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Jessica Slater

Fiscal Officer