

## Union Township Trustees

May 20, 2024

### Regular Trustee Meeting

The Union Township Trustees met on May 20, 2024, at 7:00 pm for a regular meeting. Fiscal Officer Karen Nethers roll call showed the following trustees: Roger Start and Jeff Sharps. Trustee John Slater was absent. Paula Greene, Township Administrator, Dave Cable, Road Superintendent, were present. Trustee Start led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests: Martha Cable, Rob and Lincoln Platte (Jersey Township Administrator).

Minutes –Mr. Start moved, and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve the May 6, 2024, minutes. Motion carried.

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

#### **Fiscal Officer**

##### **Resolution 2024-27 Julian & Grube Contract**

**Mr. Start moved and Mr. Sharps seconded, to retain Julian & Grube to reconcile its month-end cash balance for the period from January 1, 2020, through March 31, 2024; and for amount not to exceed \$5,500.**

**Mr. Start – yes**

**Mr. Sharps-yes**

**Mr. Slater -absent**

Mr. Nethers said Julian and Grube expect the project to be completed by the end of May.

#### **Road and Bridge**

OPWC 2024 – The Township has received official notice of the Blacks Road project has been approved. The Notice of Bid has been posted in the Newark Advocate and opening of bids will be held June 17 at 6:45pm.

Jason Smith began his position with the Township. Spraying has begun.

#### **Administration**

Comprehensive Plan – The Zoning Commission met and approved the Comprehensive Plan on May 9. A hearing with the Trustees will be scheduled for June 20 at 6 pm.

**Resolution 2024-26 – The resolution was sent to the Commissioners after the last meeting. The Township will be notified when the Commissioner’s hearing is scheduled.**

OPWC Membership Voting – The Trustees chose the three persons listed on the ballot to be members of the OPWC Board.

Hebron Reparations Update – As there had been no correspondence from the Village of Hebron since April 26, Attorney Carnes emailed Hebron’s Council Wes Untied with an update. Mr. Untied replied he would have a detailed response soon. There has been no response currently. Hebron Council, according to the information they were given, does not believe reparations are owed to the Township. Auditor Mike Smith and his staff have researched and verified the reparations are due to the Township.

Board of Zoning Appeals – Met May 13 and approved a variance for setback. A conditional use filed by Haunted Hunger Farms and National Trail Raceway submitted plans for a haunted forest event with traffic to enter and exit from Refugee Road. The BZA explained to the applicants that no entry or exit would be approved. The matter was tabled for an opinion on how to proceed. Attorney Carnes advised the BZA to meet and close the request.

Executive session- At 7:16pm Mr. Start moved and Mr. Sharps to enter 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

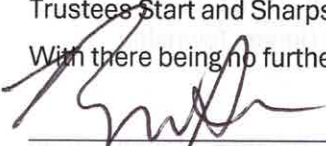
ASSISTANCE THAT INVOLVES PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS OR THE EXTENSION OF UTILITY SERVICES THAT ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. Rob and Lincoln Platte attended the Executive Session. At 7:35 pm, Mr. Start moved and Mr. Sharps seconded to return to the regular meeting.

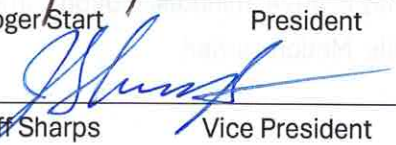
Mr. Platte said Jersey Township is currently looking to partner with a Township for a new JEDD and asked the Trustees to consider reviewing a draft agreement. Mr. Sharps requested the draft agreement be sent to the legal counsel for review.

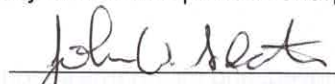
**Trustees Comments**


Trustees Start and Sharps had no further comments.

With there being no further business. Mr. Start moved to adjourn at 7:39 pm. Mr. Sharps seconded.

  
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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