

Union Township Trustees
July 15, 2024
Regular Trustee Meeting

The Union Township Trustees met on July 15, 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. Guests - Bill Lozier, Jennifer Kurkowski and Commissioner Rick Black.

Minutes – Mr. Slater motioned, and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve the July 1 minutes. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments - None

Fiscal Officer

Julian & Grube Accounting Services – Presented a contract to continue their accounting services.

Resolution 2024-32 Julian & Grube Accounting Services – Mr. Start motioned and Mr. Sharps seconded to accept the contract from Julian & Grube not to exceed \$10,000, to assist the Township with reconciling bank balances, Hinkle reports and meeting with the Trustees.

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

Road and Bridge - None

Administration

Hebron Reparations – Mr. Sharps gave an update on the outstanding Hebron fire reparations. Mr. Sharps will speak with Mayor Mockus again.

Reminder - State of the South Licking River Watershed Open House, on July 18, 2024, from 5:00 - 7:30 pm at Alexandria Church of Christ, 5380 Moots Run Rd, Alexandria.

Wind and Solar Public hearing – August 20 @6 pm at Licking County Transit

Public Hearing Jersey Heath Union JEDD No. 1 is scheduled for July 29, 2024 @7:00pm.

August 5 Regular Township meeting - Discussion held due to lack of a quorum.

Motion – Mr. Start motioned and Mr. Slater seconded to cancel the August 5 Regular trustee meeting due to the unavailability of trustees. Motion carried.

SR 161/I70 Connectors Meeting– Trustee Start and Paula attended meetings presented by ODOT and met separately with the project consultants to discuss traffic concerns. Trustee Start and the consultants viewed the areas of concern. Mr. Lozier asked if the Trustees had specific concerns regarding State Route 37; if so, he would convey to ODOT on the Township’s behalf. Mr. Start said through the Stakeholders and consultant meeting issues were addressed. Mr. Start viewed the intersections in question with the consultants. In the spring Trustee Start, Paula and Dave met with ODOT regarding SR 37 and Beaver Run intersection concerns and that repairs to bridges and culverts in the Hayes and Union Station Road area in 2025.

Mr. Slater said he would like to see ODOT stay with the routes currently in use and not create a new route that would take land from property owners. Mr. Lozier believes State Route 37 is on the fast track for development and that it was too late to improve intersections along State Route 37. ODOT released a report earlier this year that reviewed options to improve the State Route 37 and Beaver Run intersection. Mr. Lozier asked if ODOT was installing turn lanes. Mr. Lozier said systemic funds were available and that ODOT plans to make improvements that would last through the next 10 years. Mr. Start asked who to contact regarding systemic funding. The Trustees discussed proposed Thornwood Drive improvements related to the Microsoft development.

