

**Union Township Trustees**  
**November 8, 2021**

The Union Township Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 pm on November 8, 2021. Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater's roll call showed the following trustees: John Slater, Charles Prince, and Randy Weekly present. Paula Greene, Township Administrator, and Dave Cable, Road Supervisor, were also present. Trustee Slater led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests –Casey Curtis, Trustee elect-Roger Start, Trustee-elect-Jeff Sharps, Leslie Herro, Jack Justice, and Russ Ginese.

Public Comments –

Leslie Herro read a statement referencing (in her opinion) the community's disappointment in the Fire District, failed levies, and said the election results showed how the people felt.

Russ Ginese – Thanked the Trustees for their public service and feels the voters have been consistent in voicing their opinion the past two years.

Minutes

Mr. Prince corrected the minutes to read Jared Rose as “co-counsel.” Mr. Weekly moved to approve November 8, 2021, as corrected. Mr. Prince seconded. Motion approved.

Bills

The clerk certified the money to pay the bills was in the treasury or is in the collection process. A discussion was held on the Rite Rug invoice (for satellite station flooring) and a separate invoice submitted by an individual contractor whose work was unsatisfactory. It was decided that the Rite Rug invoice was correct and would be paid. However, the individual contractor would not be paid until the floor installation has been corrected. Mr. Weekly motioned to pay the bills. Mr. Prince seconded. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge

Street sweeping – Strauser Construction swept the subdivision roads.

Salt Building Roof Estimates – ZZ Construction: \$10,400 shingles - \$11,000 metal sheeting. Mast Roofing: metal sheeting \$8,000 (including any damaged material that needed to be replaced). Several contractors Dave contacted did not return his call. Mr. Prince received an informal estimate from Muskingum Contractors in the amount of \$10,000. A discussion was held on the benefits of replacing the roof.

Motion – Mr. Prince motioned to hire Mast Roofing to replace any damaged material on the old salt building and install a metal roof in the amount of \$8,000. Mr. Weekly seconded. Motion carried.

ODOT Stimulus Grant – Waiting on reports from the Licking County Engineer's Office.

Part-time road employee, Pat McKinley has decided he will not mow for the Township next year and wants to end his part-time employment, but would be available to assist with snow removal if needed. Mr. Slater asked if a current employee would be available to mow. Dave said using the current personnel would leave him short a road worker. Mr. Prince thanked Mr. McKinley for his service to the Township.

Salt – A discussion was held on salt on hand and the delivery of this year’s supply.

Fire/EMS

Fiscal Officer – A candidate was interviewed by the fire district board for the fiscal officer’s position.

Administration

Conditional Use Hearing – The National Trail Raceway has applied for a holiday light show permit. A hearing will be held Saturday, November 20 at 10 am. The local law enforcement agencies approved the traffic plan, which can be modified if needed.

Map Amendment Hearing – Robert Spencer applied to rezone his six-acre parcel on Lancaster Road to Rural Residential 3. The Zoning Commission will hear the request on November 16.

Williams – Mr. Prince asked if contempt charges had been filed against Randy Williams for continuing to live on his property. Not at this time.

JEDD

Public Meeting – Mayor Layton would like to schedule a public meeting with the Trustees on November 16, 2021, at 2 pm. Paula will notify Mayor Layton that the Trustees will attend. The Village’s request to remove the prohibition of annexation from the agreement will be addressed at this meeting.

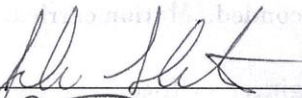
Trustee Elect Roger Start shared concerns about moving forward with the current JEDD agreement. Mr. Slater said the Trustees would not move forward if the prohibition of annexation were removed from the agreement. Mr. Prince said time is of some concern. A discussion was held regarding the timeline and status of the JEDD process.

Trustee Comments

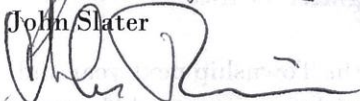
Mr. Prince – Mr. Prince said he was disappointed in the EMS/fire levy’s defeat and hoped there was a loss revenue plan.

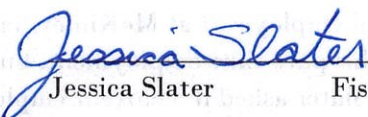
Mr. Weekly – Mr. Weekly asked if Police Officer Tom Lucas was officially retired, and his Township equipment returned. He has and it was. The cruiser was being stored inside a locked garage at Mr. Lucas’ for safety purposes. A discussion was held regarding the securing the cruiser in an available garage bay at 6265 Lancaster Road.

There being no further business, Mr. Weekly moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Prince seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm. The next meeting will be held on November 22, 2021.

  
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John Slater Chairman

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Randy Weekly Trustee

  
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Charlie Prince Trustee

  
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Jessica Slater Fiscal Officer