

Union Township Trustees

July 20, 2026

Regular Meeting

The Union Township Trustees met on July 20, 2026, at 7:00 pm for a regular meeting. The Fiscal Officer Karen Nethers Roll Call showed the following trustees: Jeff Sharps, Roger Start and John Slater. Administrator Paula Greene and Dave Cable, Road Superintendent, were present. Trustee Sharp led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests – Bob Grover, Rod Lininger, Johnithen Gould, Crystal Kent, Penny Wolfe, Randy Wolfe, Val Mockus, Gary Zigan, Beth Shaeen, Lloyd Fyffe, Bonnie Fyffe, Julie Newhouse, Aaron Malcom, Conner Betts, Dan Newhouse, Nancy McCoy, Eric McCoy, Josh Qualls, Tony Betts, Tim Dobyns, Mindy Allen and Chris Allen.

Minutes – Mr. Start motioned, and Mr. Slater seconded to approve the June 15 regular and June 25 Special minutes. Motion carried

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

Public Comments –

Penny Wolfe – The Village of Hebron plans to host another run that would involve contestants on Canal Road. Mrs. Wolfe was asked to contact Paula Greene.

Beaver Run Road Traffic – Guests residents request a “No Through Truck Sign” be placed on Beaver Run Road. Cement and Semi Truck Traffic has increased with recent development in the area. Residents also requested administrators with the Direction apps be contacted to have the truck traffic rerouted. Residents are concerned with speeding and fear for their safety while maintaining lawns and attending to their mailboxes. The Trustees understand the concerns; however, the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) limits the authority of Township Trustees where traffic control is concerned. The ORC specifically does not give the Trustees the authority to eliminate Truck Traffic on Township roads. The Trustees have requested additional traffic enforcement from the Licking County Sheriff’s Department. The Trustees suggested contacting legislators for additional support.

Fiscal Officer

2027 Budget – Working on next years estimated budget which is due at the end of July.

Road and Bridge

Road Bids – The Engineer's estimates have been received. It was noted that the roads being considered for resurfacing have the following issues:

- **Granview Crossing** – The road surface is cracking and crumbling.
- **Keller Road** – The road is uneven, potholes filled over year the years-unknown when last resurfaced.
- **Hayes Road** – Four culvert replacements has left the road surface uneven-
- Potholes formed under trees that have since been removed.

Following a brief discussion, the following was made:

Motion: Mr. Start motioned and Mr. Slater seconded to advertise for paving and chip sealing Granview Crossing, Keller and Hayes Road. Motion carried.

Administration

Zoning – The Big Dog Variance was heard on June 28. The Board of Zoning Appeals approved the request for a reduction in road frontage.

The Zoning Commission met on July 1 and approved the JESTI map amendment with conditions. Consideration of the WEP II map amendment was continued because no representative was present.

JESTI Map Amendment Hearing Date – Trustees discussed scheduling the public hearing for the JESTI map amendment. Tim Dobyns, owner of JESTI was present.

Motion: Mr. Start moved, and Mr. Slater seconded, to hold the JESTI map amendment hearing on August 18 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Robertson Drive – The unknown occupants signed for the certified letters. The Licking County Land Bank will proceed with action after July 25.

Violation Notices – Two residents were issued violation notices for Junk Motor Vehicles and Nuisance violations. A business was cited for constructing an addition without first obtaining the required zoning permit.

Economic Development-No comments.

Public Comments –

Gary Zigan supports truck traffic but understands the concerns of the residents.

Trustees -No comments.

The next regular meeting of the Union Township Trustees is Monday, August 3, 2026 @7:00pm. There being no further business Mr. Start moved, and Mr. Slater seconded to adjourn at 8:02 pm.



Jeff Sharps President



Roger Start Vice President



John Slater Trustee



Karen Nethers Fiscal Officer