

UNION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 18, 2020

The Union Township Trustees held their regular meeting, February 18, 2020, at 7:00 pm with Trustee Prince opening the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call showed Trustees Charlie Prince, John Slater, Randy Weekly, and Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater present. Township Administrator Paula Greene was also present.

Guest present: Patty Castello, Leslee Herro, Tony Campalo, Crawford & Nancy Lipsey, and David Wagner.

Bills The Clerk certified that the money to pay the bills was in the treasury or in the process of collection. There being no questions regarding the bills; Mr. Slater moved to approve the bills. Mr. Weekly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes Mr. Weekly moved to approve meetings minutes for January 21, 2020, and February 3, 2020, meetings, seconded by Mr. Slater. Motion carried.

Road & Bridge

Dave Cable – Mr. Slater advised the Board that Dave experienced some health issues recently and is under a physician's care. At the physician's recommendation, Dave will be on administrative duties.

Enterprise/O'Neill Drive Project - Mr. Weekly said the Shelly Company was awarded the project. Mr. Weekly will contact a representative at Shelly to determine the estimated costs of the Township's additional paving plans for the roadway at the railroad crossing. ODOT advised of possible Public Works Grant funds becoming available.

Road Mileage Certification – The Licking County Engineer's Office provided the certificate of millage for 2019. Mr. Slater moved to approve the certificate of 51.018 miles in Union Township. Mr. Weekly seconded. Motion carried.

Road Maintenance Plan – Mr. Weekly said he is working with Dave on a five-year road maintenance plan.

Satellite Station

Remodeling Project Update – Mr. Weekly and Mr. Prince reported on the electric, plumbing, and drywall work completed and the projects that remain. The new front door and the door and electronic lock for the medication storage room have been installed. The ADA compliant bathroom, sidewalks, and the installation of "Exit" lights are expected to be completed this week. Mr. Prince believes the Licking County Building Code will issue an Occupancy Permit within two weeks.

Mr. Prince reported for Refugee Canyon Joint Fire District (RFJFD). Negotiations with Granville Twp. Trustees continue. Mr. Prince said there would be a reduction in Granville Twp. Fire's response area which will reduce the fire district's costs to them.

Crawford and Barbara Lipsey asked the Board to explain the emergency service program in the Township. They are new to the area and have felt they have been given conflicting information.

Mr. Lipskey asked if there will be new fire/ems milage in the Township of 8.5 mills. Mr. Prince said an increase in millage would not take place at this time. Mr. Prince explained the discussions and research of the past 19 months, which resulted in the creation of the RFJFD.

David Wagner was present to voice his concerns about service to his residence. Mr. Wagner would like Granville Twp. Fire continuing to serve the area he lives in. Patty Costello agreed.

Mr. Slater said the former residence now being remodeled for use as a Fire/EMS satellite station was purchased with the intent to reduce response time, regardless of who operated from the building. Should the Fire District fold, the station could be staffed and operated by the Township or contracted to another agency.

Mr. Slater said the Trustees entered into the RFJFD by a 2 to 1 vote. Mr. Slater voted against the creation of the Fire District but was in favor of reducing response time.

Mr. Lesky said he did not understand why the community was so upset. Leslie Herro noted there are many unknowns with the Fire District, stating a 2021 Budget has been asked for and not completed. Ms. Costello said many residents were unaware of the Fire District discussions and felt the residents should have been notified before forming a Fire District. Response time from different departments was discussed.

Administration

Map Amendment Hearings – Scheduled the Walton map amendment for March 23 at 6:30 pm and the Keller map amendment for 6:45 pm.

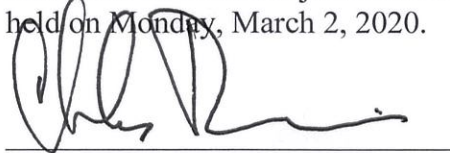
Williams Complaint – Mr. Williams continues to live on the property. Several septic companies met with Mr. Williams and advised the Licking County Health Department that they would not be working with him.

Variance Request - The Board will hear Board of Zoning Appeals a reduction in the rear set back on February 20. Mount Drilling filed the request.

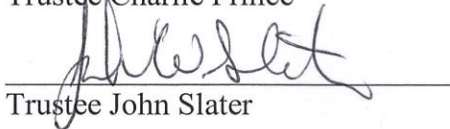
Trustees

Tax Incentive Review Committee – Mr. Weekly will attend the TIRC meeting in March.

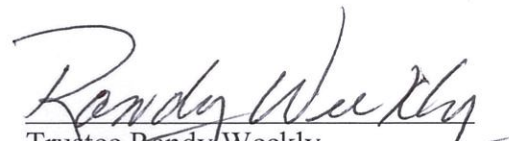
Mr. Slater moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm. The next regular trustee meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 2020.



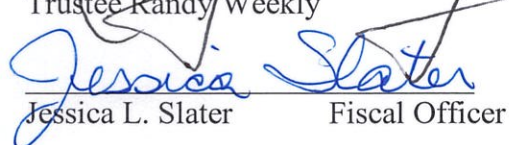
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Jessica L. Slater Fiscal Officer