

**Union Township Trustees**  
**July 18, 2022**

The Union Township Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 pm on July 18, 2022. Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater's roll call showed the following trustees: John Slater, Roger Start, and Jeff Sharps. Dave Cable, Road Superintendent, and Paula Greene, Township Administrator. Trustee Slater led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests: Martha Cable, Gunner Cable, Bill Lozier and Bill Mc Williams.

**Bills**

The clerk certified the money to pay the bills in the treasury or is in the collection process. Mr. Start motioned to pay the bills. Mr. Sharps seconded. Motion carried.

**Minutes**

Mr. Start moved, and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve the July 18 minutes. Motion carried.

**Public Comments** - None

**Guest**

Bill Lozier – Licking County TID Projects Director, gave a presentation on future traffic plans in Licking County.

**Road and Bridge**

Hayes Road – Completed culvert project while leaving the road open and not disturbing the road surface.

Crack sealing – The product arrives Monday, and will begin making repairs at that time.

Road Salt Bid - 2022 State Bid price for road salt is \$69.57 per ton, a slight increase from 2021.

ROW Application – Century Link/Smart Bill requests to work at 1050 O'Neill Drive to install new fiberoptic lines.

Motion: Mr. Start motioned, and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve the presented Century Link/Smart Bill application. Motion carried.

Resurfacing project – The bid notice will be published on July 20; bids will be due on August 4 at noon. Bids will be opened at a special meeting on August 8 at 6:45 pm.

Complaint – Sally Brigham contacted Mr. Start with a road issue in front of her home.

**Fire and EMS**

RCJFD – Hebron Council has passed a resolution to withdraw from the RCFD. A special meeting may be called when resolutions and contracts are finalized.

WLJFD – Mr. Sharps, Attorney Carnes, and representatives from the WLJFD will meet in the morning to review the contract.

Levy information – The auditor provided certificates and a revenue breakdown with and without the Village of Hebron. Mr. Sharps requested a resolution for a valuation of 4 mills-continue. The Trustees discussed the information provided by Mr. Cottrell. Permanent and

renewal/replacement levies were discussed. It was noted that the Township's levies would be up for renewal in 2023.

A special meeting to discuss fire/ems services and millage needed to operate was tentatively set for July 20. The information needed to hold the meeting was unavailable; a meeting with the public will be scheduled later.

The Trustees reviewed the process of withdrawing from RCJFD and contracting with WLJFD and Granville Township.

Mr. Start said he wanted to see the revenue for 4.5 mills. Mr. McWilliams suggested combining all the fire/ems levies into one. Mr. Starts said they had not determined the millage needed to cover the contracts. Mr. Sharps feels a total of 7 mills would bring in enough revenue for both.

Mr. Sharps said Hebron has been talking about conforming to the boundaries, but no action has been taken. Mr. Slater said there is more support to conform to the boundaries than before. Mr. Start feels that Hebron will wait until after the elections to conform to their boundaries.

Discussions on millage continued.

Resolutions to Request That the County Auditor Certified Valuations and Revenue Resolution 2022-31 Certified Valuations for four mills (permanent) - Mr. Slater motioned, and Mr. Sharps seconded. Roll call: Mr. Slater-yes; Mr. Start-yes; Mr. Sharp-yes

#### Economic Development

Farm community – A meeting with the farmland owners in the JEDD area is scheduled for July 21, 2022.

Montrose/Focus Group – Collecting names of people in the community to participate in four categories: community, government, education, and business.

Mr. Start asked to enter into an executive session to discuss Economic Development. It was decided to hold the session after all other business had been addressed.

#### Administration

Violation - The Baker Violation was forwarded to the Prosecutor's Office for review. One of the vehicles in question has been removed from the front of the residence.

ARPA Attorney – Due to questions regarding spending APRA funds, it was recommended to retain the law firm of Baker, Dublikar at a rate of Attorney @ \$140 per hour and paralegal at @\$90 per hour. Prosecutor Carnes has reviewed and approved the resolution and contract.

