

**Union Township Trustees Special Meeting
July 27, 2022**

The Union Township Trustees met in a special session at 8:30 am on July 27, 2022. The fiscal officer's roll call showed the following trustees: John Slater, Roger Start, and Jeff Sharps. Trustee Slater led the Pledge of Allegiance. The purpose of the special meeting is as follows:

Approve the July 18 regular and the July 23 special meeting minutes. Mr. Sharps moved, and Mr. Start seconded to approve the July 18 regular and July 23 special meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2022-34 Joint Resolution to dissolve the Refugee Canyon Joint Fire District

Mr. Sharps moved, and Mr. Start seconded the Resolution to dissolve the Refugee Canyon Joint Fire District. Note: The Village of Hebron previously approved the Resolution.

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

Resolution 2022-35 The Board of Union Township and The Board of West Licking Joint Fire

District - Four Month Contract for Fire and EMS Agreement - Effective: August 16, 2022, to December 31, 2022 Mr. Sharps moved, and Mr. Start seconded to enter into a four-month Fire and EMS service agreement with the West Licking Joint Fire District to provide Fire and EMS service to the Township's southern portion of Union Township.

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

Resolution 2022-36 The Board of Union Township and The Board of West Licking Joint Fire District - Five Year Agreement for Fire and EMS Agreement - Effective: January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2027

Discussion – It was noted that the contract with WLJFD included provisions for negotiations should the levy placed on the November 2022 ballot fail, a review of services is scheduled for the third year and that any changes would be made in the contract beginning in 2028.

Mr. Sharps moved, and Mr. Start seconded the to enter into a Five Year Agreement with the West Licking Joint Fire District to provide Fire and EMS service to the Township's southern portion of Union Township.

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

Resolution 2022-37 The Board of Union Township and The Board of Granville Township Trustees - Four Month Contract for Fire and EMS Agreement - Effective: August 16, 2022, to December 31, 2022

Mr. Sharps moved, and Mr. Start seconded to enter into a four-month Agreement with the Granville Township Trustees to provide Fire and EMS service to the northern portion of the Township. There was no discussion.

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

**Resolution 2022-36 The Board of Union Township and The Board of Granville Township Trustees-
Five Year Agreement for Fire and EMS Agreement - Effective: January 1, 2023, to December 31,
2027**

Discussion – The five-year contract did not include financial provisions if a new levy was unsuccessful. The Trustees will consider this contract after the November elections.

Millage for Ballot - The millage certificates for three mills, 3.5 mills, four mills, 4.5 mills, and five mills was discussed. The auditor's office provided a chart showing revenue with and without Hebron Village. Mr. Sharps said he was told that Hebron planned to begin conforming the boundaries in October.

The Trustees felt that 3.5 mills would not bring in enough revenue to cover the contracts if Hebron withdrew from the Township, and revenue from a 4.5 mill levy would seem excessive to the public. Additionally, with the passing of four mills, the total Fire/EMS revenue would be at seven mills. Before the three-mill levy failure, the Township Fire/EMS millage was six mills. The Trustees felt that an additional four-mill permanent levy would provide sufficient funding. In addition, the building at 6265 Lancaster Road could be sold if more funding was needed.

Resolution 2022-39 Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax In Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation (Ballot)

Mr. Sharps moved, and Mr. Start seconded to place a four-mill continuing/permanent levy on the November Ballot.

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

GovDeals – The auction to sell the cruiser ended on July 22 and did not meet the bid minimum. An offer of \$8,800 was bid submitted. After a brief discussion:

Motion – Mr. Sharps moved, and Mr. Start seconded to accept the offer of \$8,800.00 for the cruiser. Motion passed.

Executive Session - Mr. Start moved, and Mr. Sharps seconded to enter into Executive Session Economic Development per ORC Section 121.22(G)(8) to discuss economic development matters at 8:42 am. At 9:01 am, the board returned to the special meeting.

Public Comments – No guests were attending the meeting. The Notice of the special meeting was posted on July 25, 2022, at @3:20 pm on the Union Township Website.

There being no further business, Mr. Start moved, and Mr. Sharps seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 am.



John Slater President



Roger Start Vice President



Jeff Sharps Trustee



Jessica Slater Fiscal Officer