

UNION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

January 21, 2020

Present: John Slater, Trustee
Charlie Prince, Trustee
Randy Weekly, Trustee

Paula Greene, Administrator
Jessica Slater, Fiscal Officer
Dave Cable, Road Supervisor

Guests: Chief Cliff Mason, John Black

The Union Township Trustees met on January 21, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., at the Union Township Complex, for a regular meeting. The meeting was called to order by Charlie Prince at 7:00 p.m. Fiscal Officer, Jessica Slater, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Church

John Black was in attendance to give a presentation on the refurbishing and future use of the Licking Baptist Church building. Mr. Black reviewed the history of the building and its importance the building once had to the community. Mr. Black had formed a committee to restore the building and had received some pledges of money donations to do so. The funds pledged would not be enough to complete a renovation.

Mr. Black said he and the committee discussed the renovation project and felt due to his age and the lack of anyone willing to continue with the project if he were unable. Therefore, Mr. Black and the committee will not be moving forward with a proposal for the rehabilitation of the building.

Bills

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

Minutes

Mr. Slater motioned to approve the Re-Organization minutes and the regular meeting for the January 6, 2020 meeting. Mr. Weekly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Road & Bridge

Culvert Replacement – The culverts on Swamp Road near H.W. Martin and Son and Hayes Road near the Whitehead residence need replacing. This is the Township's second request for the Swamp Road culvert replacement. Township Request for Engineering

Assistance forms was presented and signed by the trustees and clerk.

Enterprise project – Dave and Mr. Weekly attended the Village of Hebron's pre-bid meeting for the Enterprise/O'Neill paving project. Dave suggested applying for an Ohio Public Works Commission grant to mill and repave a portion of Milliken Drive. Funding options were discussed. Fiscal Officer Slater requested a road and bridge levy be placed on the ballot. Mr. Prince said he did not want to put a levy on at this time without a full assessment of the needs and additional resources such as the extra \$5 license fee per vehicle per year that may be available, because he feels the township is under scrutiny.

Mr. Prince said after the bid opening, we may find the actual cost may be lower than the Licking County Engineer's Office estimate of \$900,000.

License Plate Fee Levy Resolution - The Licking County Prosecutor's Office is working on the resolution. Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater asked Mr. Prince again as to why he will not move forward with a Road and Bridge Levy. Mr. Prince said the doesn't feel he can justify a levy at this time. Mr. Weekly asked for a five-year budget to help determine the millage needed. The township does not have a road and bridge levy at this time.

Dave said Granville Township requests OPWC funds for paving and which they match 50 to 60% of the cost. Dave will update his road repair list for the next meeting.

Fire/EMS

No Report

Administration

Williams – Mr. William's contempt trial will be held on Friday, January 24, as Mr. Williams continues to live in his unpermitted structure. Troy Warnock, Licking County Building Code, and Chad Brown, Licking County Health Department, will be witnesses in the trial.

Licking County Planning Commission – Paula will meet with Brad Mercer regarding the township's boundary line on the northeast section of the township.

Map Amendments – Two map amendment applications were submitted. The hearings will be held on February 4.

Census Workshop – Paula will attend the Census Workshop on February 4, in Newark.

Ethics Training – The Licking County Engineers Office has invited the Township Officials to Ethics training on April 16 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. RSVP must be made by March 16. Mr. Prince said he had sent an RSVP. Paula will send an RSVP on behalf of the board.

Frost Law – The Licking County Commissioners approved the Frost Law on the township roads submitted for load reduction.

Trustees

McNamara - Jean McNamara is now requesting cattle fencing instead of wire/barb wire. There is little to no evidence that any fence existed before the culvert replacement. Mr. Prince moved to proceed with the requested change in the settlement after Road Supervisor Dave Cable said the cost of the difference would be negligible. Mr. Slater said he has concerns about the township's equipment on private property and moving equipment onto the property due to the topography of the land. A brief discussion was held. Mr. Prince withdrew his motion. Mr. Slater moved to proceed with the original offer. Mr. Weekly seconded. Motion carried.

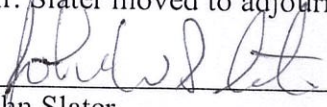
Regional 911 Center Request – Sean Grady, Licking County EMA Director, requested the trustees to provide a letter authorizing Chief Mason to change the run cards to Refugee Canyon Joint Fire District. Chief Mason had not received the email but was advised by Hebron Mayor Jim Layton that he received the same email as the trustees. According to Chief Mason, Mayor Layton talked with Director Grady, regarding the matter. Mr. Weekly asked about sending a letter permitting Chief Mason to change the run cards. Mr. Slater asked if the township has input on the run cards. Mr. Prince said we do now since the township has representation on the fireboard.

Mr. Slater said his point was Hebron's area has not changed but wants to ensure the northern portion of the township's coverage remains the same. Mr. Prince said Granville Twp. Trustees had given notice that service to the township after February 6 will stop.

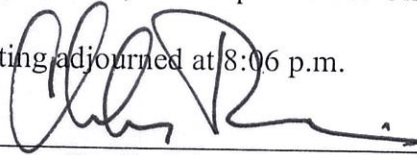
Mr. Slater said that was contingent on Chief Mason and Chief Curtis's meeting and discussing service areas. Mr. Prince said the letter could wait and as there are ongoing discussions between the two Fire Chief's.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 3, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Union Township Complex.

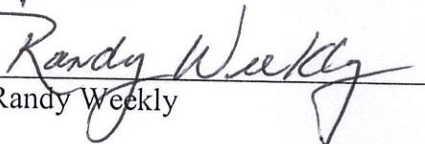
Mr. Slater moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



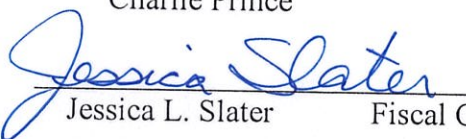
John Slater



Charlie Prince



Randy Weekly



Jessica L. Slater Fiscal Officer