Union Township Trustees
September 21, 2026
Regular Meeting

The Union Township Trustees met on September 21, 2026, at 7:00 pm for a regular meeting. Fiscal Officer Karen Nethers Roll Call showed the following trustees: Jeff Sharps and John Slater. Roger Start was absent. Paula Greene, Township Administrator, and Dave Cable, Road Superintendent, were also present. Trustee Sharps led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guest – Martha Cable and Rick Haynes.

Minutes –Mr. Sharps motioned, and Mr. Slater seconded to approve the September 8 minutes. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments

Rick Haynes received a letter from the Licking Reginal Water District advising the process of connecting to the tap. Mr. Haynes said he believed the connection from his home to the tap was to be free, according to the Water District it was not. It was explained to Mr. Haynes that connection from a residence to the tap at no cost was not a part of the Township's agreement with the Water District.

Fiscal Officer

Financial packets were provided to the Trustees. The Trustees signed the Bank Reconciliation at the September 8 meeting.

State Auditor – Meeting with Auditor's Office went well; the 2024-2025 audit will begin soon.

Road and Bridge

Storms/Tree removal - Trees in the cemetery are at risk of falling on the neighboring fence. Dave contacted three tree services, with Bill and Pam's Tree Service provide an estimate of $5300 to remove six trees. No additional estimates were received from the other trees services. The Township was made aware of another tree possibly located in the roadway that may need removed. The following motion was made:

> **Motion: Mr. Slater motioned and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve Bill and Pam's Tree Service to remove trees located in the Licking Cemetery in the amount not to exceed $5,500.00. Motion carried.**

Engineer's Report – The Licking County Engineer's Office completed the traffic count on Granview Road and determined the speed limit remain at 55 mph. Paula followed up with the report asking why Harrison Township 's speed limit was 45 mph and Granville Township's was 40 mph. No response has been received at this time.

FEMA/Ohio Disaster Claims – The application for funding from the March windstorm has been accepted. The expenses from the August flooding were submitted to FEMA on September 18. It has yet to be determined if the threshold for damages has been met.

Administration

Violations Update

Mill Dam – Two vehicles have been removed from the property. Due to the continued rains there will be a delay in removing the remaining vehicles until the ground is dry.

Canyon Road – Violation investigation is ongoing.

River Round Up- The Township participated in River Round Up.

Conditional Use Application (CUA) – A CUA application was received earlier today for a Place of Assembly (wedding/event) business at 1400 Hayes Road. A hearing date will be set with the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Sunshine Law Training – Paula requested a motion in support of obtaining the on-line Sunshine Law training.

Motion: Mr. Slater motioned and Mr. Sharps seconded to appoint Paula Greene to take the on-line Sunshine Law training. Motion carried.

Economic Development/Public Comments

None

Trustees

None

Jeff Sharps President

John Slater Trustee

Absent

Roger Start Vice President

Karen Nethers Fiscal Office