

## **Union Township Trustees**

### **Special meeting**

**April 6, 2026**

The Union Township Trustees met on April 6, 2026, at 6:30 pm for a special meeting. The Fiscal Officer Karen Nethers Roll Call showed the following trustees: Jeff Sharps and Roger Start. John Slater was absent. Administrator Paula Greene was present. Trustee Sharps led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guest –Jessica Freytag, Charlie Prince, Jennifer Kurkowski, Marten Marte, Camryn Martindale, Ian Nickey, Daniel Garbe, Bill McWilliams, Amanda Rowoldt, Maxwell Gulick and Kelly Gulick.

The Special Meeting was held to accept changes and an addition to the zoning code made during the March 23 meeting and approve an updated draft of the Union Township Zoning Resolution. Holly Mattei from Crossroads Community Planning led the presentation, with Ben Hard from Crossroads also attending.

Mrs. Mattei advised of the update to the open space required (from 25% to 50%) and addition to the conditional use for data centers and the definition of data centers.

Mr. Prince requested ADU's include temporary structures that could be removed from the in the event there was no longer a need. Also suggested decimal limit be placed on Data Centers.

It was noted that individuals seeking to deviate from the ADU requirements may apply for a variance. The group also discussed measures to limit noise associated with data center operations. It was recommended noise level not exceed 60 decibels between 10pm – 7am.

#### **RESOLUTION 2026-19 APPROVE REVISED ZONING CODE**

**Mr. Start moved and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve the Revised Zoning Code as presented with the addition of the following in "Data Center Conditional Use – noise level not to exceed 60 Decibels between 10pm -7am".**

**Roll Call - Mr. Sharps ~ yes    Mr. Start ~ yes    Mr. Slater ~absent**

There being no further business for the special meeting, Mr. Start moved to adjourn at 6:48pm. Mr. Sharps seconded.

### **Regular Meeting**

The Union Township Trustees met on April 6, 2026, at 7:00 pm for a regular meeting. The Fiscal Officer Karen Nethers Roll Call showed the following trustees: Jeff Sharps and Roger Start. John Slater was absent. Administrator Paula Greene and Dave Cable, Road Superintendent, were present. Guest –Jessica Freytag, Charlie Prince, Jennifer Kurkowski,

Minutes – Mr. Start motioned and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve the March 16 minutes and Special March 23 minutes. Motion carried.

Bills - Mr. Start motioned and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Public Comments –

Amanda Rowoldt, Ohio Field Organizer and Consultant for Moms Clean Air Force, reported that the US EPA plans to stop requiring pollution controls on certain pollutants that may cause cancer. She encouraged people to contact the EPA and urged them to keep the current regulations in place.

Ian Nickey of The Licking County Pipeline Project provided information regarding the project to install a 24-inch pipeline throughout Licking County. The second phase of the project may potentially cross a section of Union Township, although the precise route has yet to be finalized.

**Fiscal Officer**

Permanent Appropriations – Mrs. Nethers presented the following resolution

**Resolution 2026-20 Permanent Appropriations**

**Mr. Start moved and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve the 2026 Permanent Appropriations.**

**Roll Call - Mr. Sharps ~ yes Mr. Start ~ yes Mr. Slater ~absent**

**Road and Bridge**

Beaver Run Road Tree removal – A large tree in the right of way of Beaver Run Road has become a hazard and in danger of falling into the road. During a recent storm/wind event the tree lost large branches. Dave received estimates from two companies to remove the tree: L & L Property Service in the amount of \$5600.00 and Bill & Pam’s Tree Service in the amount of \$6,000.

**Motion- Mr. Sharps moved and Mr. Start seconded to retain L & L Property Service in the amount of \$5,600 to remove the tree. Motion carried.**

The dump truck was in the shop for repairs.

**Administration**

Crossroads Community Planning – Approval for developing a fee schedule, applications and forms for the new code.

**Motion – Mr. Start motioned and Mr. Sharps seconded to enter two Contracts with Crossroads Community Planning: 1) Provide updated forms and fees \$1,000 and 2) Retainer of \$10,000 to assist in the execution of the new zoning code and comprehensive plan and assist with new development. Motion carried.**

Approval for expenditure –The current fire panel in the complex building needs to be replaced with a Fire-Lite MS5-UD FACP and add an ANN-80 remote annunciator at the front door in the amount of \$3750 installed.

**Motion- Mr. Start moved and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve the expenditure of \$3,750 for a Fire-Lite MS5-UD FACP and ANN-80 Remote Annunciator from the ARPA Funds. Motion carried.**

Map Amendment hearing – Set hearing date for Schrader map amendment.

**Motion: Mr. Start moved and Mr. Sharps seconded to hear the Schrader map amendment on April 21 @6:30pm. Motion carried.**

FEMA Request – Details about the Township’s response actions during the Severe Weather event of March 11-16 for FEMA’s Public Assistance Damage Assessment. It is unknown if the township will receive any compensation.

Jarvis Donation – Trustee Start attended the Licking County Parks meeting. LCP is showing interest in the land donation to county for the purpose of a park. Mr. Jarvis currently has two conditions for his donation. The project talks are ongoing.

### **Economic Development**

Kirkersville/Union/Hebron JEDD – Will need to appoint a member to the KUH JEDD Board.

### **Public Comments**

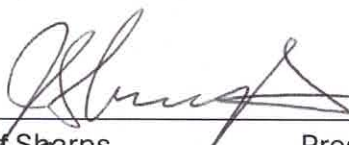
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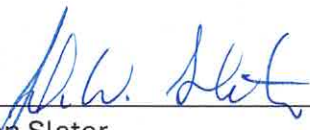
### **Trustees**

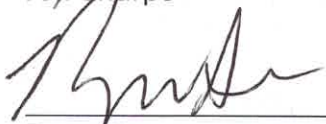
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There being no further business Mr. Start moved and Mr. Sharps seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm.

The next regular meeting of the Union Township Trustees is Monday, April 20 at 7pm.  
(Special meeting ~Map amendment 6:30pm on Monday, April 20, 2026)

  
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Jeff Sharps                      President

  
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John Slater                      Trustee

  
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Roger Start                      Vice President

  
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Karen Nethers                      Fiscal Officer

