RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING UNION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES January 16, 2024

Present:

John Slater, Trustee

Paula Greene, Administrator

Jeff Sharps, Trustee

Jessica Slater, Fiscal Officer (absent)

Roger Start, Trustee

Karen Nethers, Fiscal Officer-elect

The Union Township Trustees met on January 16, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., at the Union Township Complex, for the annual re-organizational meeting. The meeting was called to order by John Slater at 6:30 p.m. Trustee members also attending the meeting were Jeff Sharps, and Roger Start. Roll call was taken. Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater was absent. Paula Greene, Twp. Administrator, Dave Cable, Road Superintendent, and visitor Rick Black were present.

The Board opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Re-organization Resolutions

Resolution 2024-1: To select the President of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Slater motioned to nominate and elect Mr. Start President of the Board of Trustees and Mr. Sharps seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Slater - Yes

Mr. Start -Yes

Mr. Sharps-Yes

Resolution 2024-2: To select the Vice President of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Start made a motion to nominate Mr. Sharps as Vice President of the Board of Trustees and Mr. Slater seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Start - Yes

Mr. Sharps - Yes

Mr. Slater - Yes

Resolution 2024-3: Trustee Pay - O.R.C. 505.24

Mr. Start moved to pay Trustees by salary at the maximum allowance for 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sharps. Roll call was taken. Motion passed.

Mr. Start - Yes

Mr. Sharps - Yes

Mr. Slater - Yes

Resolution 2024-4: Fiscal Officer Pay - O.R.C. 507.09

Mr. Start moved to pay Fiscal Officer by salary at the maximum allowance for 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sharps. Roll call was taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Start - Yes

Mr. Sharps - Yes

Mr. Slater - Yes

Resolution 2024- 5: Scheduled Meetings

Mr. Start moved to hold the 2024 meetings on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Holidays that fall on Mondays will move the meeting day to the Tuesday after the holiday. Meetings that fall on the day before an election will be held on the Wednesday after the Election.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Sharps. Roll call was taken Motion passed.

Mr. Start - Yes

Mr. Sharps - Yes

Mr. Slater - Yes

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Resolution 2024-6: Health Insurance - O.R.C. 505.60

Mr. Start moved to provide payment for health insurance or reimbursement for health insurance for Elected Official and full-time employees with a portion being paid by the Elected Official and Employees. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sharps. Roll Call was taken. Motion passed.

Mr. Start - Yes

Mr. Sharps - Yes

Mr. Slater - Yes

Resolution 2024-7: Mileage and Necessary Expenses

Mr. Start moved to authorize necessary expenses for meetings, including parking fees, mileage @ 67 cents per mile, the IRS reimbursement rate, pertinent to Township business, outside the Township. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sharps. Roll Call was taken. Motion passed.

Mr. Start - Yes

Mr. Sharps - Yes

Mr. Slater - Yes

Resolution 2024-8: Clothing Reimbursement

Mr. Start moved to authorize a \$700 clothing allowance for full-time employees, and a \$350 clothing allowance for part-time employees. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sharps. Roll call was taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Start - Yes

Mr. Sharps - Yes

Mr. Slater - Yes

Resolution 2024- 9: Out of meeting check signing

Mr. Start moved to authorize the signing of checks, regular monthly bills, and all previously approved expenditures outside of meetings. Mr. Sharps seconded the motion. Roll Call was taken. Motion passed.

Mr. Start - Yes

Mr. Sharps - Yes

Mr. Slater - Yes

Resolution 2024-10: Trustees' approval up to \$2500

Mr. Start moved to adopt the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, Union Township, wish to act as a Board in charge of maintenance and repair of roads with the Township, THEREFORE; BE IT RESOLVED that all or any Trustee has the authority to improve or repair roads or purchase materials, and supervise and direct its' use in the Township and in general anything falling within the responsibility to the Trustees. Any expenditure exceeding \$2500.00 on the preceding, however, must have the approval of at least two Trustees. Mr. Sharps seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Motion passed.

Mr. Start - Yes

Mr. Sharps - Yes

Mr. Slater - Yes

Resolution 2024-11: Meeting Reimbursements

Mr. Start moved to authorize to approve payment of required fees and necessary expenses for elected officials to attend and participate in county and state, seminars, and conventions. Mr. Sharps seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Motion passed.

Resolution 2024-12: Appointment to Board of Buckeye Lake Region Corporation Representative Mr. Start moved to nominate and elect Paula Greene to represent Union Township on the

Board of Buckeye Lake Region Corporation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sharps. Roll call was taken. Motion passed.

Mr. Start - Yes

Mr. Sharps - Yes

Mr. Slater - Yes

Resolution 2024-13: Appointee of Members to Township Board of Zoning Appeals - O.R.C. 519.13

Mr. Start motioned and Mr. Sharps seconded that the following five persons, all of whom reside within the unincorporated area of the Township, to the Union Township Board of Zoning Appeals.

- 1. Rob Griffith, whose term shall expire on 1/15/2025
- 2. Jeff Basham, whose term shall expire on 1/15/2026
- 3. Jack Justice, whose term shall expire on 1/15/2027
- 4. Julie Hall, whose term shall expire on <u>01/15/2028</u>
- 5. Travis Milliser, whose term shall expire on 01/15/2029
- 6. Shawn Murphy (alternate), whose term shall expire on 01/15/2029
- 7. Brent McDonald (alternate), whose term shall expire on 1/15/2029

Roll call was taken. Motion passed.

Mr. Start - Yes

Mr. Sharps - Yes

Mr. Slater - Yes

Resolution 2024-14: Appointee of Members to Township Zoning Commission - O.R.C. 519.04 Mr. Start motioned that the following five persons all of whom reside within the unincorporated area of the Township, to the Union Township Board of Zoning Commission.

- 1. Tonya Painter, whose term shall expire on 1/15/2029
- 2. Michelle Doran, whose term shall expire on 01/15/2025
- 3. Jennifer Kurkowski (board), whose term shall expire on 1/15/26
- 4. Casey Curtis (board), whose term shall expire on 1/15/27
- 5. Curt Painter (board), whose term shall expire on 1/15/28
- 6. Mike Hittle (alternate), whose term shall expire on 1/15/25
- 7. Cory Zigan (alternate), whose term shall expire on 1/15/25

Mr. Sharps seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Motion passed.

Mr. Start - Yes

Mr. Sharps - Yes

Mr. Slater - Yes

Mr. Start asked why the TIRC Board appointment was not included. Paula said Assistant Prosecutor Carolyn Carnes reviewed the Resolutions provided today and said not to include the

TIRC resolution as last year's resolution appointment ends December 31, 2024. Mr. Start did not agree and felt the Resolution should be included. Paula said she would contact Mrs. Carnes.

Close the re-organizational meeting

Mr. Start motioned and Mr. Sharps seconded to adjourn the organizational meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Mr. Start then called the regular meeting to order at 6:44pm.

Minutes – Mr. Slater moved, and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve the December 29, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.

Bills - Mr. Sharps moved, and Mr. Slater seconded to approve the bills.

Public Comments — Commissioner and Union Township Resident spoke on the Micro Soft project. Currently Micro Soft has discussed a partial abatement as they want to contribute to the Fire/EMS services and schools. The commissioners are discussing abatements from county taxes. No final decisions have been made. Mr. Black also felt assistance in upgrading the township roads should be sought via a road use tax. Paula said she recently met with Mayor Mockus and Community Director Misner, who want the main entrance of Microsoft to Exit into Hebron rather than onto Canyon Road.

Road and Bridge

Boom Mower – The mower boom was twisted and bent. The mower operator, to avoid traffic struck a post. The mower works, but mows at an angle. Southeastern Equipment can repair the boom in six weeks for \$9,000. Mr. Slater said they could work on the boom, but it would require several man hours. The board tabled further discussion until Mrs. Slater returned.

Administration

Comp Plan Presentation - held January 11 at 4 pm and 6:30 pm with a good turnout. Licking County Recycling – Reported 251,252 lbs. of recycling material was collected at Union Twp/Hebron/Canal Park in 2023.

Department of Agriculture – On February 13 at 12 pm and February 15 at 6 pm ODA will hold a Virtual Open House to explain the treatments for spongy moth. Executive session – moved to the end of the meeting.

Economic Development

Resolution 2024-16 First Amendment to Joint Economic Development District Contract (map) Mr. Start motioned, and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve the motion to amend the JEDD Contract. Roll call:

Mr. Start-yes Mr. Sharps-yes Mr. Slater-yes

Executive Session – At 7:19 pm Mr. Start moved into Executive Session per to R.C. 121.22(G)(1) To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing, and Mr. Sharps seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Start – yes Mr. Sharps – yes Mr. Slater – yes

At 7:32 pm, Mr. Slater moved to exit Executive Session. Mr. Sharps seconded.

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

Resolution 2024-15 Appointment of Assistant Fiscal Officer

Mr. Sharps motioned to hire Karen Nethers to serve as assistant to the Fiscal Officer pursuant O.R.C. 507.021 for the period beginning January 16, 2004, through March 31, 2024; not to exceed 20 hours per pay period and the rate of \$20.00 per hour. Mr. Slater seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Start - yes Mr. Sharps - yes

Mr. Slater – yes

No public comments.

Trustees Comments

Mr. Slater - none

Mr. Sharps – Discussed an appropriations ledger, from the UAN system be presented at the meetings. Mr. Sharps will get with Mrs. Nethers for further development of this report.

Mr. Start – Attended a meeting sponsored by MORPC and Ohio EPA regarding the State Water Quality Management (208) Plan. EPA and MORPC provided a draft map by showing areas for sewer and who the providers would be. The map showed services to be provided to the Township by the City of Heath. The map showed Hebron providing services in the Township's JEDD. Mr. Start will meet with Mayor Johns to discuss the situation. The Township had no input when the plan was developed.

With no further business, Mr. Sharps moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. Mr. Slater seconded. Motion carried.

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Vice President

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Trustee

Paula Greene

Twp. Administrator