

Union Township Trustees
Regular Meeting
September 6, 2022

The Union Township Trustees met at 7:00 pm on September 6, 2022. Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater's roll call showed the following trustees: John Slater, Roger Start, and Jeff Sharps. Also in attendance were Paula Greene, Township Administrator, and Dave Cable, Road Superintendent. Trustee Slater led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests: Martha Cable, Casey Curtis, and Rick Haynes.

Minutes

Mr. Start moved to approve, and Mr. Sharps seconded the August 22 Regular meeting minutes. Mr. Slater seconded. Motion carried.

Bills

The clerk certified the money to pay the bills in the treasury or is in the collection process. Mr. Start motioned to pay the bills. Mr. Sharps seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Rick Haynes – Mr. Hayes, a township resident, shared concerns that both the Township and the Village of Hebron plan to install waterlines on US Route 40. ODOT District 5 Director advised him that ODOT plans to install the Hebron waterline during the SR 37 and US Route 40 intersection widening project in 2023. Hebron Village Administrator John Trujillio told Mr. Haynes that the Township had not discussed its plans with the Village.

The Trustees said that in 2021, the Township attempted to work with Hebron, but their proposal would not benefit the residents of the Township. In early 2022, Hebron officials were notified that the Trustees had entered into a Memorandum Of Understanding with Southwest Licking Water District to install a waterline. Mr. Start recently discussed the Township's waterline project with the Council President. Other Hebron officials are aware of the Township's plans. Mr. Slater and Mr. Sharps pointed out that Hebron's plans are "outside the village boundaries, and the Trustees are working for the benefit of Union Township. Mr. Slater said the cost of water with SWLWD is much lower than the Village of Hebron.

Road & Bridge

Resurfacing Project-The Shelly Company will begin work on Thursday.

Paving-Gillian Wright, a Reserve resident, emailed requesting that their subdivision be paved.

Paula responded to the email, advising that the 2022 resurfacing project had been awarded, and paving is cost prohibited at this time. Dave said the roads in the Reserve are in good condition. Mr. Sharps returned a call from a Reserve resident who wanted the roads paved and left a message.

Fire/EMS

Satellite Station – A discussion was held on transferring utilities and mowing. Mr. Sharps will contact the RCJFD Fiscal Officer regarding the transfer of utility accounts. Brandon Daubenmire mows the station and is contracted to mow the Township properties.

Motion – Mr. Sharps motioned, and Mr. Start seconded for Brandon Daubenmire to mow at 6265 Lancaster Road for the remainder of 2022. Motion carried.

Levy Promotion – A discussion was held regarding the election and how best to inform the residents of the four-mill levy for Fire/EMS services. Chief Casey Curtis volunteered to speak with groups/organizations/individuals about the levy. Mr. Slater said some residents are concerned about

paying seven mills for fire services. Mr. Sharps and Chief Curtis said many surrounding areas are paying more than nine to twelve mills for protection. Mr. Sharps has contacted residents interested in being a part of a committee that would inform residents of the levy. A special meeting to discuss the levy with the public was discussed.

Motion – Mr. Sharps motioned, and Mr. Start seconded to hold a special meeting on September 27 at 7:00 pm at the complex to discuss the fire levy with the public. Motion carried.

Economic Development

Resolution 2022-46 ARPA Funds ~ JEDD Attorney

Mr. Start moved, and Mr. Sharps seconded to retain Attorney Christopher Connelly, not to exceed \$10,000.00 for JEDD-related matters. There was no further discussion.

Roll call: Mr. Slater -yes Mr. Start-yes Mr. Sharps-yes

Montrose Group – Mr. Start said the group met with representatives of Business, Education, Government, and Community on August 31 to discuss their views on the future of Union Township. All groups commented that they would like the Township to retain a rural characteristic. The discussion went very well.

At 7:34 pm, Mr. Start moved, and Mr. Sharps seconded to enter into Executive session ORC PURSUANT TO ORC 121.22 (G)(8) TO CONSIDER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION RELATED TO THE MARKETING PLANS, SPECIFIC BUSINESS STRATEGY, PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES, TRADE SECRETS, PERSONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF AN APPLICANT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE THAT INVOLVES PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS OR THE EXTENSION OF UTILITY SERVICES THAT ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. Mr. Start moved, and Mr. Sharps seconded to return to the regular meeting at 8:25 pm. No action was taken during the executive session.

Administration

ARPA Attorney – A resolution to use ARPA funds for legal services from Baker, Dublika Law Firm was presented.

Resolution 2022-45 ARPA Funds ~ ARPA Attorney

Mr. Start moved, and Mr. Sharps seconded to retain Baker and Dublika for legal opinion related to ARPA-related matters and not to exceed \$3000.00. There was no further discussion.

Roll call: Mr. Slater -yes Mr. Start-yes Mr. Sharps-yes

TIF Agreement w/Southwest Licking Water District – An document was presented to implement the TIF Agreement. Mr. Start motioned, and Mr. Sharps seconded to accept the TIF Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

There were no comments by the Trustees or the Public.

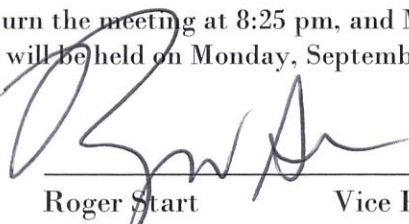
There being no further business, Mr. Start moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm, and Mr. Slater seconded. The next meeting of Union Township Trustees will be held on Monday, September 19, at 7:00 pm.



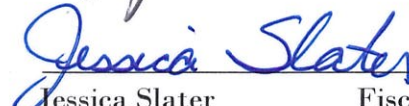
John Slater President



Jeff Sharps Trustee



Roger Start Vice President



Jessica Slater Fiscal Officer