

**Union Township Trustees  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
December 4, 2023**

The Union Township Trustees met in regular session on December 4, 2023, at 7:00 pm. Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater's roll call showed the following trustees: John Slater, Jeff Sharps and Roger Start present. Paula Greene, Township Administrator and Dave Cable, Road Superintendent, were also present. Trustee Slater led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests: Martha Cable, Bill McWilliams, Mark & Dawn McCoy, Pam & Shawn Hittle.

**JEDD Hearing**

At 7:01 pm Mr. Slater called the JEDD Public Hearing to order. The purpose of the hearing was to consider the properties being added to the JEDD project. There were no questions or comments. At 7:02pm Mr. Slater closed the hearing.

Minutes – Mr. Start moved and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve the November 13 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Bills – Mr. Start motioned, and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve the bills. Motion carried.  
Fiscal Officer – Mrs. Slater presented the Temporary Appropriations.

**Resolution 2023-54 Mr. Start motioned and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve the Temporary Appropriations as presented.**

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

Public Comments- none

**Road and Bridge**

Mower – Boom on mower had been bent. Looking into repair options.

Licking County Engineer Breakfast – Mr. Start and Mr. Sharps stated they plan on attending the December 15 meeting.

Street employee position- Paula asked that the executive session pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(1) be moved to the end of the meeting.

**Administration**

November 14 Community Open House- The Open House was discussed. It was felt that due to the high turnout, it was difficult to absorb all the information available. The general comment from those attending, want the Township to remain Rural Agricultural.

Two sit-down presentations are set for January 11 (Thursday) at 4 pm and 6:30 pm.

Licking County Parks Grant – A resolution to apply for a Licking County Parks grant was presented. After a brief discussion the following Resolution was presented.

**Resolution 2023.52 Licking County Parks Grant Mr. Start motioned and Mr. Sharps seconded to apply for the Licking County Parks grant.**

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

ARPA Funds – Paula asked that the remaining APRA Funds of \$48,377.66 be directed to the purchase of the following items:

**Resolution 2023-55– ARPA Funds – Lighting, Audio System, Office Equipment, and Zoning. Mr. Start moved, and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve the remaining ARPA funds be directed to the purchase of Lighting, Audio System, Office Equipment, and Zoning.**

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

**Economic Development**

Waterline update- Mr. Start said the Southwest Licking Water District and Licking County’s Water/Wastewater Dept. would be discussing the possibility of SLWLD combining or taking over the sewer line that runs south of US 40 to I70. The County would continue to maintain the line south of I70. This topic is scheduled to be discussed at the January 4 Commissioners meeting, which he plans to attend. All easement agreements for the waterline have been obtained.

JEDD Bank Account – An account to route the JEDD revenue needs to be established. Mr. Start requested a check in the amount of \$100.00 be issued from the Township Funds to establish the account. The Township will be reimbursed \$100.00 when the revenue begins.

**Resolution 2023-53 Deposit to Open Bank Account for JEDD Mr. Sharps moved, and Mr. Start seconded to issue a check in the amount of \$100.00 to open the Union Township-Heath City JEDD checking account at Park National Bank. The Township will be reimbursed once JEDD revenue begins.**

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

CRA update – Mr. Start met with Licking Assistant Prosecutor Carolyn Carnes and Alexis Fitzsimmons, Grow Licking County regarding Clean Harbor, Newark Industrial Park, applying for a CRA. Currently no format/application is available. Mrs. Carnes will research the issue a prepare an application to use moving forward.

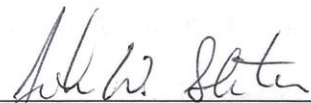
The Trustees discussed Mrs. Hittle’s additional questions. Mr. Sharps explained the Trustees are trying to get ahead of the development. Mr. Start suggested Mrs. Hittle contact him to discuss further. The Trustees had no additional comments.

At 7:41 pm, Mr. Start motioned and Mr. Sharps seconded to enter executive session, per session pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(1) moved to the end of the meeting. 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.

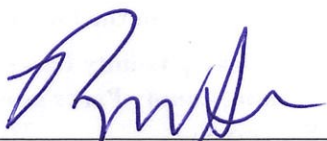
At 8:11pm, Mr. Start moved, and Mr. Sharps seconded to return to regular session.

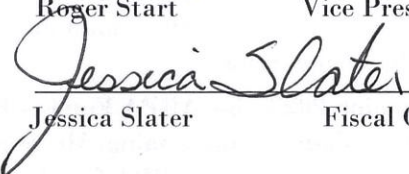
Mr. Sharps moved, and Mr. Start seconded to hire Michael Painter as a part-time road maintenance worker at \$19.00 per hour. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Mr. Start moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. Mr. Sharps seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting of the Union Township Trustees will be held on Friday, December 29, 2023, at 9:30 am.

  
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John Slater                      President

  
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Jeff Sharps                      Trustee

  
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Roger Start                      Vice President

  
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Jessica Slater                      Fiscal Officer