

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Union Township Trustees was called to order on July 5, 2016. The President of the Board Trustee Vonderhaar called the meeting to order. Trustee Koch led the group in prayer and Trustee Vonderhaar led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Fiscal Officer called the roll with the following members present:

Chris Koch – Present, Fred Vonderhaar – Present, Tony Ledford - Present, Sharon Lawhorn - Present

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Since there were no corrections or additions, Trustee Koch made a motion to approve the minutes as written with Trustee Ledford seconding the motion. A roll call resulted in all “Yeas”. All cemetery deeds, supplemental appropriation requests, bank reconciliations, etc. were approved.

Trustee Ledford made a motion to pay the bills as presented by the Fiscal Officer with Trustee Vonderhaar seconding the motion. A roll call resulted in all “Yeas”

The Fiscal Officer reported the following receipts – Dodd’s Monument - \$345.60, Wearly Monuments - \$172.80, Tufts Schildmeyer Funeral Home - \$800.00, Medicount Management - \$7,650.03, Stine Funeral Home - \$350.00, Department of Safety - \$525.79, Hamilton Township - \$597.71, and Maggard Monuments - \$432.00 for a total of \$10,873.93.

Mr. Neil Tunison, Warren County Engineer was present at this township meeting per the Trustees’ request. The City of Mason and Union Township have a written agreement for Union Township to do the maintenance on the section of Bunnell Hill Road which is located in the City of Mason. Per this agreement, the City of Mason will pay Union Township the sum of \$800.00 per year for this service. Mr. Tunison informed the Trustees that the City of Mason has met with Cincinnati Water Works on the water line that is to be installed for the Heritage Hill Development on Bunnell Road in Union Township. He asked the Trustees if they would require a surety bond or a cashier’s check from the City of Mason for the permit to allow this work to be performed on Bunnell Road. The water line will be going under US 42 which means ODOT will be involved also in this installation. The Trustees felt a cashier’s check would be sufficient as a surety of repairs to Bunnell Road upon completion of project. Mr. Tunison, representing Union Township will meet with the City of Mason with this decision.

Mr. Tunison also brought up the OPWC project on Phillips Road. After a telephone conversation with the Fiscal Officer and Trustee Vonderhaar on two separate occasions, Mr. Tunison is giving Union Township an opportunity to pave the township’s share of Wood Road and Turtlecreek-Union at the same time the Phillips Road project would be performed. This would cost an additional \$132,500 which would be a loan application through OPWC also. The OPWC loans are available to the township as interest free loans. Mr. Tunison has contacted Trustee VanDegrift of Turtlecreek Township giving them an opportunity to join Union Township in paving their sections of Turtlecreek-Union Road and Wood Road through OPWC loan process also. Mr. Tunison will attend a Turtlecreek’s Township meeting to discuss this option.

Mr. Joe Garrett an Energy Consultant with Trebel IIC Energy Services was a guest this evening. He had spoken to the Board concerning the township electric and gas aggregate at the regular township meeting held on April 4, 2016. He had new information that Wayne Township of Warren County has contacted the Warren County Prosecutor’s office concerning the paperwork and legality of a Warren County township joining this service. He stated that Wayne Township has received approval from the Prosecutor’s Office and is in the process of joining Trebel IIC Energy Services for the benefit of their township residents. After much discussion, the Trustees felt that a decision would not be made at this time. The Trustees felt they needed more time to consider this option.

070516-01 Trustee Vonderhaar made a motion for the Fiscal Officer to prepare the 2017 Budget and process same for the Warren County Auditor. Trustee Ledford seconded the option and a roll call resulted in all “Yeas”.

070516-02 The 2017 Fire/EMS Budget prepared by Chief Napier was given to all Trustees at a previous meeting for consideration. The 2017 Budget has asked for an additional full time employee position to be added to the Fire/EMS Department. Trustee Vonderhaar made a motion to accept the 2017 Fire/EMS Budget along with the hiring of an additional full time employee for Fire/EMS after being assured by Chief Napier that the funding was available. Trustee Ledford seconded the motion and a roll call resulted in all “Yeas”.

Mr. Bruce Osborne, Union Township resident residing at 2548 Kings Way had a complaint of an unlicensed vehicle at 43 Kings Lane parked in the roadway. Sgt. Boylan will check this complaint out and get back with the Trustees.

Trustee Vonderhaar made a motion to close the regular meeting and enter into executive session to discuss an employee cost of living wage increase. Trustee Ledford seconded the motion and a roll call resulted in all “Yeas”. The meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:25 p.m.

The regular meeting was called back to order at 7:46 pm. Trustee Vonderhaar made a motion to give Chief Napier and Larry Allen, as supervisors, a \$0.35 per hour raise, all other road, cemetery, fire part-time employees will receive a \$0.25 per hour raise. This pay increase would take effect on July 31, 2016. Trustee Ledford seconded the motion and a roll call resulted in all “Yeas”.

There being no further business, Trustee Koch made a motion to adjourn, Trustee Vonderhaar seconded the motion and a roll call resulted in all “yeas” at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by _____

Chairman of the Board _____