

## **Union Township Board of Trustees Meeting – May 6, 2019**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Union Township Trustees for May 6, 2019 called to order at 6:00pm by Trustee Koch, President of the Board. The Fiscal Officer, Lauren Koch, called the roll with the following members present:

Fred Vonderhaar – here, Tony Ledford – here, Chris Koch – here.

Trustee Vonderhaar led the group in prayer. Trustee Koch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Koch introduced David McCandless from Steve Chabot's office, who gave a brief presentation.

Trustee Koch asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board, Dennis Sibcy at 590 Lester Drive addressed the Board concerning a standing water problem in his, and several neighbor's yards due to run off water. Mr. Sibcy showed photos to Trustee Ledford, who then showed Trustee Koch. Trustee Koch will take a look at the property to determine whether it is the Township's responsibility or not.

Police – nothing to report.

Chief Napier – Completed annual hose testing the week prior, 22 sections of 1 ½" hose will need replaced. He will wait until the end of summer for it to go on sale. The new squad will be in service by the end of the week, the one man cots are no longer being made, so the cots will need to be changed eventually. Additionally, the old squad is ready to be sold at auction.

Josh Sandlin – received a quote from Taulbee's Tree Service to have 14 trees removed from Kings Way. The cost for complete removal and grinding is \$3500. Trustee Koch previously went and looked at the trees, and agreed they need removed.

Trustee Vonderhaar moved and Trustee Ledford seconded to have the 14 trees removed from Kings Way by Taulbee's Tree Service. Motion passed by a roll call resulting in all "Yeas."

Josh also received quotes for guard rails to be replaced on Dry Run and Shawhan Road, following two accidents. Both accidents are covered by insurance, but Union Township will have to cover some damages. Chief Napier is waiting on an itemized bid to receive exact costs. The Board agreed that replacing the former wood posts with steel for longevity purposes fiscally makes the most sense. Shawhan will need 19 posts replaced, and the insurance quote is for steel is \$6625.00. Trustee Koch would like to reach out to the insurance agent directly to see if it is possible to split the cost. Trustee Vonderhaar agreed that possibly coming to an agreement to split the wood cost.

Josh received an application from Chase Coomer looking for part-time summer work. Josh could use the help keeping the cemetery maintained due to the rain lately.

Trustee Vonderhaar moved and Ledford seconded to give Josh permission to hire part-time help. Motion passed by a roll call resulting in all "Yeas."

Trustee Vonderhaar – There's a headstone at the cemetery that has a chip missing out of it due to someone possibly backing into it. Chief Napier and Trustee Vonderhaar have been working with the insurance company to find out who is responsible for repairing the damage. They were told to receive bids on the cost of repairing. The only concern is that if the Township agrees to repair the stone, are they assuming liability for all future stones that are damaged.

Trustee Vonderhaar asked Josh if the cemetery has been treated yet, Josh thought that it would be treated and sprayed the following week.

Trustee Koch asked to revisit the issue of the chipped stone, he understands that the Township getting bids for repairs because we are anticipating being responsible for repairs. Trustee Vonderhaar confirmed that we are possibly anticipating being responsible for it. Trustee Koch believes that the location of the stone is in a poor position, and could have been hit by anyone,

we could go ahead and repair the stone if the cost is low. Trustee Vonderhaar and Trustee Ledford aren't sure if taking responsibility of the stone is a precedent the Township wants to set.

Trustee Vonderhaar has been working on the OPWC contract for Wood Road. Initially the tile was not on the original contract, but a new one has been circulated. Trustee Koch read off the cooperative agreement between Turtlecreek and Union Township, the cost of the project is split equally, with both parties paying 50% of the total cost over 10 years beginning in 2020.

Trustee Koch moved and Trustee Vonderhaar seconded the motion to enter into the cooperative agreement with Turtlecreek. A roll call resulted in all "Yeas."

The minutes of the last meeting were given to the Trustees before the meeting. Trustee Vonderhaar made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Ledford seconded the motion and a roll call resulted in all "Yeas."

Trustee Ledford – 668 Shawhan is still in the process of being cleaned up. Trustee Koch believed the house sold at auction, and the new owner is working on rehabbing it. The 1500 block of Shawhan cleanup is coming along well, but they asked for an extension of time at the Zoning Department.

Trustee Ledford made a motion to pay the bills with Trustee Vonderhaar seconding the motion. A roll call resulted in all "Yeas."

Trustee Vonderhaar – Fiscal Officer, Lauren Koch, received an email that was forwarded to the Trustees from a resident of Shawhan Trails. They were concerned about the speed of individuals entering the neighborhood. Trustee Vonderhaar invited the residents to the meeting, and wanted it to reflect in the minutes as proof of acknowledgement.

Trustee Koch – Union Township had a nice turn out at the National Day of Prayer, thank you to Chief Napier for organizing that event. A resolution will need to be passed to submit an application to OPWC. Trustee Koch read Resolution 050619-1.

Trustee Koch moved and Trustee Vonderhaar seconded to submit an application to OPWC. A roll call resulted in all "Yeas."

A second resolution will need passed for the re-appropriation of funds for the purchase of a new engine. Resolution 050619-2 was read by Trustee Koch.

Trustee Koch moved and Trustee Vonderhaar seconded the motion to re-appropriate funds in order to reconcile budgets. A roll call resulted in all "Yeas."

Trustee Koch received a letter from the Ohio Department of Commerce, asking to submit rules and regulations because they are now registering Ohio Cemeteries. The notice of annual meeting came to the Trustees for Western Water. The board has not done anything about it in the past.

Ohio Public Works sent the amortization schedule for the project that closed out on Philips Road. Additionally, Warren County Board of Zoning Appeals have received a variance application to be heard on the Shaw's at 3821 Bunnel Road. They want to put a fence in their front yard for their dogs.

Trustee Vonderhaar - Chief Napier and Trustee Vonderhaar attended the National Day of Prayer held at the Baptist Church in town, it went well. Trustee Vonderhaar also attended the retirement of Andy Mitten at Harlan Township, which had a large turnout.

Trustee Koch – Paul Bernard is working on the website, a figure needs to be discussed for his work. Paul agreed that \$50.00 an hour for no more than two hours a month would be reasonable. Trustee Koch thought that sounded fair.

Trustee Vonderhaar moved and Trustee Ledford seconded the motion to have Paul Bernard update the website several times a month. A roll call resulted in all "Yeas."

There being no further topics to discuss, Trustee Koch made a motion to adjourn at 7:14 pm with Trustee Vonderhaar seconding the motion. A roll call resulted in all "Yeas." The next meeting will be on May 20, 2019

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Fiscal Officer

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Chairman of the Board