

Union Township Board of Trustees Meeting – May 20, 2019

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Union Township Trustees for May 20, 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.

Art McFarland led the group in prayer. Trustee Koch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Koch asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board, nothing to report.

Police – Starting to see a spike in overdoses again, and increased driving on the wrong side of the highway. Have had four overdoses in two weeks.

Chief Napier – The Department of Commerce Division of Real Estate wants a copy of the rules for the cemetery, the rules need updated to reflect a limit put on cremations, possibly limiting 6 to a grave.

Trustee Vonderhaar moved and Trustee Ledford seconded to add 6 as the number of cremations that may be buried in one grave. A roll call resulted in all “Yeas.”

Josh Sandlin – Went to John Deere to get a belt for the cemeteries walk behind mower, and will be demoing a stand on mower that John Deere will be bringing by. Poff’s treated the cemetery last week.

Trustee Vonderhaar – Has been working on the Ohio Public Works application for Wood Road, and is waiting to receive bid information to submit the pre-application. The cooperative agreement has been signed between Turtlecreek and Union Township. He has received several positive compliments about the removal of trees on Kings Way. Overall, the removal has resulted in a positive response.

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, minus the line that Trustee Koch wants taken out, “insurance will cover the cost of the two posts that they are responsible for.” Trustee Ledford seconded the motion and a roll call resulted in all “Yeas.”

Trustee Ledford – Inquired about what the trustees decided to do about the chipped stone at the cemetery. No one has heard back from the owner or the insurance company, and there hasn’t been any further development.

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

Trustee Koch – Looks like they are still working on cleaning the house up at the corner of Shawhan. Over at the dead end of Dry Run, Greg Hannah has applied for a variance with the Board of Zoning Appeals to put in a lot for his son. The lot would be across a private bridge, where the Fire Department would not be able to access. Chief Napier has already spoken to him about the situation, letting him know that he won’t have fire protection.

Trustee Vonderhaar – Asked Bruce Mcgary what his legal thoughts were about the matter. He advised that Chief Napier writes a formal letter letting him know the risks. The Trustees have no further issues with Greg Hannah seeking the variance.

Trustee Koch – Has spoken with Geico Insurance about the two claims on Shawhan and Dry Run. They have admitted liability, so the Board needs to approve what repairs are to be made. Dry Run is going to be replaced with steel posts for a difference owed by the Township of \$275.00. Should Shawhan be replaced with steel or wood posts? Trustee Vonderhaar and Trustee Ledford agree that it should be replaced with steel for a difference owed by the Township of \$675.00.

Trustee Vonderhaar – Asked if the Township needed to receive multiple bids for the replacement of guardrails on Shawhan and Dry Run. Trustee Koch stated that it's not the Township's responsibility to receive multiple bids to make it legal.

Trustee Koch made a motion to have Security Fence Group replace the guard rail on Shawhan Road with steel posts for a total of \$7,675.00 and on Dry Run for \$3,700.00. Trustee Vonderhaar seconded. A roll resulted in all "Yeas."

Trustee Koch introduced former Fiscal Officer, Sharon Lawhorn, to the crowd and delivered a proclamation on behalf of the Township to her, honoring her for her years of service to the Township. There will be a reception to follow at the close of the meeting.

There being no further topics to discuss, Trustee Koch made a motion to adjourn at 6:40pm with Trustee Vonderhaar seconding the motion. A roll call resulted in all "Yeas." The next meeting will be on June 3, 2019

Fiscal Officer

Chairman of the Board