

Union Township Board of Trustees Meeting – June 17, 2019

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Union Township Trustees for July 1, 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 asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board, nothing to report.

Police – There have been a lot of issues with semis on the bridge. One of the locals was perched on top of the Sheriffs post Tuesday morning, and had to get him down. This is the second time he's been perched on a roof, he overdosed on Friday morning.

Chief Napier – Was contacted by ASO insurance service, they will be coming out to do a site visit sometime in August. Last time they came out was in 2005, so it will be a lot of information testing and training. They basically evaluate the fire district, along with the water supply and that is what sets the insurance rates. Congressman Chabot's event went well, there were quite a few people here. After that, there was a fatal crash on Mason-Morrow, a concrete truck went left of center. There was a structure fire on Riley Ave, thought a lightning strike caused it 3 days prior which caused his kitchen light to start flickering. It caught on fire while he was out of the house, but it basically burned everything inside. He does not have insurance, so we are unsure what will happen to that building.

Josh Sandlin – Acomb hasn't gotten back with him on the bushes yet. Last week he was dealing with a stone being placed on someone else's grave, he got the proof that Marvin had given 6 lots to the Basten family. Basten is claiming that Marvin's son is trying to buy the graves off of her, but she said no. He has the original deed that his dad bought the graves, but she has the paper saying he gave them to her. The issue is that Harold Rudd has his double stone on that sixth grave plot, so we will have to call Harold about his stone to get it off the gravesite.

Trustee Ledford – To verify, legally she's the heir? Correct.

Trustee Vonderhaar – If any gravesites are sold, they have to be sold back to us, they cannot be sold to a person other than the Township. Marvin's son would not be able to buy them back from her regardless. Ask Harold for his paperwork, and all documentation that he may have. We will take this to Bruce and let him figure it out. Even if he has paperwork, it doesn't necessarily mean he owns the lots, unless his dad had that in his will.

Trustee Koch – Ask Harold Rudd to bring the documentation that he has, and then we will speak to the prosecutor's office. If someone outside of the community bought graves, and sold them to a third party that would be fraudulent activity. If you bought them, and wanted to sell them, you would have to sell them back to the Township for the price you originally paid for them. However, they can be inherited, or gifted, but not sold.

Trustee Vonderhaar – The rules could have been different back then, but we will need to look at the paperwork.

Trustee Koch – I think we are all in agreement that Harold will need to show what kind of paperwork he has, and we can see if his dad signed a notarized document giving these over to

this individual after he purchased them? Unless he has something that contradicts that, the document from her will hold up.

Josh Sandlin - Correct. Harold Rudd has the deed to all 12 of the graves. The footer was done in 2007, so a form of paperwork had to have been shown then. I will give Harold a call. Additionally, Ginger Spicer is helping her friend Linda Duff, who wants a copy of her mother, Lena Monds, cemetery deeds. Has 12 graves, and claims that she has the deeds, but lost them. Ginger is helping her, because Linda isn't doing well. She has a 5 grave section of her own, and has the copy to that, but wants to make sure her mother's 12 graves are taken care of if something happens to her. She is the only heir, but we need to get some paperwork together for her to be able to prove that she is in writing. Fred requests that we get an attorney to draw that up, so the Township isn't liable for that. Lastly, the tent for the cemetery, it was recommended by Jeff Lewis that we use a Sunbrella Top, through Holland Supply it is quoted at \$2424.59, with Union Township on all sides. Affordable Funeral Home Supplies does not have Sunbrella Tops, but is priced at \$2150.00.

Trustee Koch - The board is in agreement to go with the better tent, it will have a better lifespan. If they recommend the tent, that's what I would go with.

Trustee Vonderhaar made a motion to purchase the Sunbrella Fabric 15x15 Tent from Holland Supply Inc. for \$2424.59 Trustee Ledford seconding the motion. A roll call resulted in all "Yeas."

Josh Sandlin – Security Fence has us on the schedule, but have not given me a date. Geico is still waiting on a line item bid with a more in-depth break down from Security Fence, but have not received it. Once they receive that, they can issue the check. Has had a very difficult time dealing with Security Fence, they have not communicated properly throughout the process. Will be giving them a call to see how close we are to being on the schedule, that way the Board can be updated.

Fiscal Officer – After looking into the bill received from the IRS, for the 2018 June's tax period was underpaid by \$14,117.11 and because of that we have been assessed fees, which brought the total owed to \$20,325.63. It was not an error, but that payment has been sent in. The next step would be to write to the IRS, and explain why the account was defaulted, and the payment was so late in hopes to get some of the money back from the fees assessed.

Trustee Vonderhaar – It would be nice to ask why it takes a year for them to get a notice to us.
Fiscal Officer – It didn't take a year, there are multiple notices that had been received by Sharon stating that it had not been paid, copies of those can be provided to the Board. One of her responses to their question "Explain why you are filing late." Which was six months after it had not been paid or filed, on another form she did not send in stated that "Either lost in mail, or did not mail in."

Trustee Vonderhaar – Can you verify that there isn't anything else outstanding?

Fiscal Officer – Yes, the woman from the IRS said that there wasn't anything else outstanding. Sandy Arrasmith will also be here on the 22nd to review the 1st quarter of 2019 with me, to make sure everything moving forward is in good standing.

The minutes of the meetings on May 20th, and June 3rd were given to the Trustees before the meeting. Trustee Vonderhaar made a motion to approve the minutes as written. A roll call resulted in all “Yeas.”

Trustee Vonderhaar – Chabot’s event went really well, there was a good turnout. Mr. Halcomb told the story that he and Chief Napier’s dad was over there, and Chabot’s dad were all over there at the same time, even if different areas, is pretty neat. Nothing further to report.

Trustee Ledford – Have we heard from Barret? Are they going to come back and fix Turtlecreek? Has anyone heard anything on that?

Trustee Koch – We were told that they would. Spoke with Kurt Weber, and we were told it would be sometime this summer. We made them sign off in writing that they would take care of it, that way it wasn’t forgotten. Kurt said they had multiple places in the county that they had to take care of. The work on 71 took up most of their time according to Kurt, so it might take some time.

Trustee Ledford - Thank you to Josh for the work on Arapahoe, and for taking the limb down on Dry Run. Have we sent the letter to Bill Moran on Arapahoe?

Chief Napier – A letter has not been sent, but we will get one out.

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

Trustee Koch – Had a meeting with the Warren County Planning and Zoning Department, and they are interested in forming an architectural review board for the townships, not for residential properties, but for multi-family and commercial properties. They want to have a little more influence over developers building apartment complexes. They want to come and give a presentation to us. They will reach out to Bob to get on our schedule. We received an application from Zoning for 3464 Stubbs Mill, Timothy Coon wants to build a secondary dwelling on the property, if we have any input, let me know.

There being no further topics to discuss, Trustee Koch made a motion to adjourn at 6:55pm with Trustee Vonderhaar seconding the motion. A roll call resulted in all “Yeas.” The next meeting will be on July 1, 2019.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman of the Board