

Union Township Board of Trustees Meeting – July 15, 2019

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Union Township Trustees for July 15, 2019 called to order at 6:00pm by Trustee Koch, President of the Board. The Fiscal Officer called the roll with the following members present:

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

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

Trustee Koch – Is there anyone in the audience who would like to address the trustees this evening?

Barbara Aberlin – I would like to compliment Josh on how good of a job he's done on Dry Run.

Police – There's been a bunch of weird drugs going around causing a lot of weird activity. We've been able to get some product off several arrests which is being tested.

Chief Napier – Fourth of July went very well, it was a nice show. We had two fires last week, Wednesday night at 8 o'clock on Shawhan. The next one was on Lebanon and Corwin Nixon at 6am. We also had a bi-polar individual run through the woods and jump out in front of a semi on 71 and was struck. Apart from lacerations on his head, he appeared to be fine.

Josh Sandlin – We have a print from Acomb, the price includes taxes so we need to have that taken off.

Trustee Koch – I think we should approve this, ask them to take the taxes off and see what the price would be to do the demo ourselves.

Trustee Vonderhaar – I wonder if this is something I could apply to the cemetery grant for. If this is a fall project I'd like to see if we can apply for that, and get back with it at the next meeting. Trustee Ledford and Koch agreed.

Josh Sandlin – Security Fence finally got back with us, they said it would be done by the end of this week. On Wood Road, I went and looked at some drive way tiles that are falling apart. I'd like to have Tony to come out and look at it, just to have his opinion. We haven't heard from Geico, Security still never gave me a breakdown, but they have us on the schedule for this week.

Trustee Koch – If Geico hasn't issued us a check then we need to contact the prosecutor to write a letter so the Township is made whole.

Trustee Vonderhaar – I'd like to look over the budget first so we can get that approved. Is the budget for Bob that you have in yours what he submitted there.

Fiscal Officer – Yes, the budget Bob submitted is what I used for the one submitted.

Trustee Vonderhaar – Bob, the salary for the part time fire staff, there's a \$.50 raise there. Is that improving all part time people to \$16.00 an hour, or just a \$.50 raise on what they're making now?

Chief Napier – Correct, that's a \$.50 raise on what they're making now.

Trustee Vonderhaar – 2031 Road and Bridge Fund, I know we have a lot more bills through OPWC, but it seems like that's a low balance for 2020. Is there something here that stands out?

Fiscal Officer – All of 2019's budget put us in the negative for 2020 when I went to draft the budget, so I actually had to re-work all of Sharon's budget for 2019 to put us in the negative. She projected that we would spend a lot more than the revenue estimated to be received. It was a high number to start with in 2020.

Trustee Vonderhaar – The cemetery may be the same way then, and that makes sense. It just makes us more alert to see if we are spending too much money, and need to possibly hold on to that.

Trustee Vonderhaar made a motion to approve the 2020 budget put together by the Fiscal Officer. Trustee Koch seconded. A roll call resulted in all "Yea."

We need a PO sent to the engineers department, I would also like to have the Board to give the Fiscal Officer to use the township letterhead and resolution number for a PO so that when one is requested, we can get one out without waiting on the Board. The trustees agreed to make a motion.

Chief Napier – I just had a question about direct deposit.

Fiscal Officer – Chief and I have been working towards moving to direct deposit for payroll. I have a resolution put together, and will send it out to everyone to take a look at. I will have additional information at the next meeting.

The minutes of the meeting on July 1st were given to the Trustees before the meeting. Trustee Vonderhaar made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Ledford seconded. A roll call resulted in all "Yea."

Trustee Ledford – 2122 Shawhan Road at the Sparks residence there's been a couch out there for at least four weeks or longer. I'm not sure if we should just take action and send them a letter. The Trustees agreed to send a letter. Trustee Ledford made a motion to pay the bills with Trustee Koch seconding the motion. A roll call resulted in all "Yea."

Trustee Koch – We had a zoning hearing on the 10th for a property here on the corner of Trovillo and Stubbs Mill. After review, it was denied because of the distance on the road. We had another zoning violation on Stubbs, with a bunch of signs in their yard. The zoning inspector has been made aware of that.

Trustee Koch made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel adjustments. Trustee Ledford seconded the motion and a roll call resulted in all “Yea”s at 6:47 p.m.

Trustee Koch made a motion to close executive session and open the regular session at 7:11pm p.m. Trustee Vonderhaar seconded the motion and the meeting was called back 7:11 p.m.

Trustee Koch passed a motion that the board agreed to give the part time fire staff a \$.50 raise affective July 28th. The fire to medic raise is \$.45, lieutenant is \$.50 the captain \$.56, and the chief \$.51. The road crew receives a \$.50 raise as well. Trustee Vonderhaar seconded. A roll call resulted in all “Yea”s.”

There being no further topics to discuss, Trustee Koch made a motion to adjourn at 7:12pm with Trustee Vonderhaar seconding the motion. A roll call resulted in all “Yea”s.” The next meeting will be on August 5th.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman of the Board