

## **UNION TOWNSHIP – WARREN COUNTY**

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Regular Meeting – February 18, 2020**

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**CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Union Township Board of Trustees was called to order by President, Fred Vonderhaar on Tuesday, 2/18/20 at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Township Municipal Building. The meeting was opened with the fiscal officer, Shelley Lamb, taking roll call of the trustees: Fred Vonderhaar, Tony Ledford, and Jamie Allen. All were in attendance. Prayer was led by Mr. Ledford. Mr. Vonderhaar led everyone in The Pledge of Allegiance.

**CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE (IF KNOWN):** Jim Elkin, Barbara Aberlin, Art Perong, Nicholas Haehn.

Mr. Elkin mentioned the Union Township website was not up-to-date as the minutes were not posted. Mr. Vonderhaar stated we would work on getting the minutes and any upcoming events, etc. listed. Mrs. Lamb volunteered to get the website current with the posting of meeting minutes in the near future.

Mr. Haehn introduced himself as a student from Springboro High School (Clearcreek Township) and stated he was in attendance to qualify to apply for the Warren County Township Association's Scholarship (\$1,000) that will be awarded for any in-state college.

**POLICE SUMMARY:** Sergeant Boylan turned in an activity report. He said it was a more accurate account of service vs. the Sheriff's statistics. It would include the traffic stops, civil paperwork, etc. He said he was expecting a new reporting system this year and hopefully it would offer better information. He reported there was some large trash dumped on Dry Run Road. He had gotten some good tire tracks, but no fingerprints. He would continue to work on the case.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Chief Napier stated he had been contacted by the Village of South Lebanon to see if the Township would agree to pay half the cost of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks as had been done in the past. The cost to the Township would be \$4,400. Mr. Ledford made a motion to pay for the fireworks, seconded by Mr. Allen to approve. The motion was carried by all "yeas" and the resolution passed. Mr. Perong wanted to see if the Township would receive recognition from the Village for its participation in the fireworks display. Mr. Vonderhaar asked Chief Napier if he would inform the Village Administrator (Jerry Haddix) that Union Township should be included on any signage or get mentioned on the Village website for their contribution.

**ROAD SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Road Superintendent Josh Sandlin said he had some complaints from residents in Riverwalk concerning "humps" on some of the subdivision roads. Also there are issues with cars coming down the hill on Columbia Road toward the left-hand turn lane into the subdivision. They are coming over into the turn lane. Mr. Ledford mentioned possibly contacting the county about this issue, as there is not much Union Township can do to deter this from happening. Mr. Vonderhaar stated the county is already working in that area, but no one is exactly sure as to what is happening at this time. Mr. Ledford brought up the possibility of a round-a-bout in that same area as there is also a round-a-bout to be put in close by on SR 42 and Mason-Morrow-Millgrove Road in Mason. Mr. Vonderhaar asked Mr. Sandlin to look into the repair of the minor speed bumps in Riverwalk. There are the same issues in Manistique Lakes and Kings Way, but the funds have not been available for repairing all these areas. Union Township is finally getting some gas tax monies and will try to complete some of these repairs as hopefully more funds become available. Mr. Sandlin then informed the meeting he had a person of interest, Cory Smith, for the open position in the Road Department. He would like to start him out at \$14 per hour with the option of a raise at 6 months to \$14.50 per hour. If everything works out after a year of employment & probation, then raise him to \$15 per hour. Mr. Ledford thought this sounded ok. Mr. Vonderhaar also said there is a supplemental pay if he does not take the insurance offered to him, in case he is still under his parent's plan. The Township does offer insurance and he will have the option to participate in their plan if need be. Ms. Aberlin asked if we advertised or received many applications for the position. Mr. Vonderhaar said it has always worked better in the past if the Road Superintendent finds an interested party rather than advertising for open positions.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:** Shelley Lamb had nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Allen made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar. The motion was carried by all "yeas".

Mr. Ledford made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting on February 3, 2020, seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion was carried by all "yeas".

Mr. Vonderhaar made mention of speaking with Jeff Jones from the Warren County Engineer's Office concerning installing 12" tile for the Snook Road repair. He asked Mr. Sandlin if he was ok with getting Mr. Freeze to do the repair so the Road Department could continue working on Glosser Road, which he agreed with. Mr. Vonderhaar, Mr. Ledford & Mr. Allen asked Mr. Sandlin to get bids from Mr. Freeze, Mike Clark, and possibly a third contractor for the Snook Road repair using 18" tile instead of the 12". Mr. Perong then brought up the curve below Aberlin Springs on Dry Run Road as being too narrow for 2 vehicles at the same time. Mr. Vonderhaar said we could check into and see if anything could be done. Mr. Vonderhaar told Mr. Sandlin the county has grindings available whenever they were ready to go get them for Glosser Road. They could then level the road and do chip & seal or whatever was necessary for the repair. Mr. Vonderhaar also has the striping bid from the county. It would cover Mason-Morrow Road (from the trailer park) to Salem Township and consists of 3.755 center line and 7.5 edge line miles for a total of \$9,980.40. All bids are needed back at the next meeting on March 2, 2020.

Mr. Vonderhaar said there would be a health insurance increase of 9.8% starting in May as per Frank Harmon of Ohio Insurance. They handle the health (Anthem), life & dental insurance for the Township. Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion to approve continuing with this current program through Ohio Insurance for 2020, seconded by Mr. Ledford. The motion was carried by all "yeas".

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Allen to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. The motion was carried by all "yeas".

The next meeting will be Monday, March 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.