**UNION TOWNSHIP – WARREN COUNTY**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Regular Meeting – March 16, 2020**

**CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Union Township Board of Trustees was called to order by President, Fred Vonderhaar on Monday 3/16/20 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):** Barbara Aberlin.

**POLICE SUMMARY:** Major Steve Arrasmith from the Warren County Drug Task Force was in attendance. He brought copies of the Task Force’s annual report for 2019. This department encompasses all of Warren County and the city of Wilmington in Clinton County, Ohio. They are trying to have a great impact on stopping the supply of illegal drugs and trafficking in this multi-jurisdictional area. He stated they work closely with local, state, and federal law enforcement under the HIDTA Program (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas). They also utilize six full-time uniformed Ohio State Troopers with four K-9’s. As the Drug Task Force depends upon donations and financial assistance from the county entities, as well as federal and state grants, Union Township gave a donation today of $2,351.00. Ms. Aberlin asked how this total is figured and Mr. Vonderhaar stated it is based on the township’s population.

Sergeant Boylan and Deputy Pangallo had nothing to report.

**CHIEF’S REPORT:** Chief Napier stated he has requested $148,000 from FEMA so he may start testing the new equipment that has arrived. He also handed out the new directive concerning the coronavirus pandemic. He stated the firehouse is closed to visitors during this time. He is going to cancel the annual Easter egg hunt due to the pandemic. He thinks the warm weather should help contain the highly contagious virus, but emphasized if anyone is sick, they should stay home. He stated his department has been bartering and borrowing items from other area departments and should be fine with supplies during this outbreak.

**ROAD SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:** Road Superintendent Josh Sandlin said he would be getting the tile for the Snook Road repair on Wednesday morning. After discussing the road closing that must take place, he will wait a week so residents will be aware of the upcoming closure and will obtain signage from the Warren County Engineer’s office. All trustees and Chief Napier agreed with this closing procedure.

**FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT:** Shelley Lamb had nothing to report. Shelley Lamb was sworn in by Mr. Vonderhaar for her elected term as Union Township Fiscal Officer commencing April 1, 2020.

**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 March 2, 2020, seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar. The motion was carried by all “yeas”.

Mr. Vonderhaar made mention that the Fire Department received a training grant award of $950 from the State Fire Marshal, thanking Chief Napier for utilizing all avenues for reimbursement of township funds when available. Mr. Vonderhaar stated the Township received notice from the state about the renewal of liquor permits in the area. There would be nothing to do as long as the Township did not want to contest any renewals. The only liquor permit in the Township is at the Southwest Golf Ranch. Mr. Ledford asked Sergeant Boylan of any alcohol problems at this establishment and he stated there had been none. The Township would not contest the renewal.

Mr. Vonderhaar handed out aerial maps concerning the appealed 40 MPH speed limit area on Dry Run Road. This appeal was denied by ODOT as per Greg Carmack with the Warren County Engineer’s Office. Mr. Vonderhaar then asked Mr. Carmack if the Township could put up suggested speed signs at the “S” curves in that area. Mr. Carmack put together those maps with the suggested speed limit signs and sent them back for review. Mr. Ledford and Ms. Aberlin commented that chevron signs seemed to work well in helping make people slow down. Sergeant Boylan stated the chevron signs and the two 35 MPH “S” curve signs would be his suggestion, and Mr. Ledford agreed. Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion to have Road Superintendent Josh Sandlin install the two 35 MPH signs and the chevron signs at the curves as noted on the map, seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion was carried by all “yeas”.

Mr. Vonderhaar moved for adoption of Resolution 031620-01, seconded by Mr. Ledford, that states: Declaring necessity for the Union Township Fiscal Officer to transfer public funds ($23,855.29) from Special Levy-Fire Fund 2191-910-0000 to Road and Bridge Fund 2031-931-0000 as authorized by Section 5705.15 of the Ohio Revised Code and further authorizing the submission of petition to the Ohio Tax Commissioner to approve the transfer between funds pursuant to Section 5705.16 of the Ohio Revised Code. Employee, Darrick Treat, was paid incorrectly out of fund 2031-931-0000 (Road & Bridge) when he should have been paid out of fund 2191-910-0000 (Special Levy-Fire Fund). The motion was carried by all “yeas”.

Mr. Vonderhaar mentioned he would be checking rates at other cemeteries in the area such as Rose Hill in Mason, to compare with the Township’s cemetery rates as they have not been looked at in a few years. He will try to have the information at the next meeting.

Mr. Ledford brought up some downed logs that were being stored at the cemetery. They had been looked at for milling purposes, but since they had been struck by lightning, they were worthless and should be disposed of. Mr. Sandlin said he will get rid of them and all trustees were in agreement.

Mr. Vonderhaar stated he will need to get a letter together about the previous Cox-Smith Road construction that left behind a very rough road. The construction was approved by the Warren County Engineer’s Office concerning the City of Mason and Cincinnati Water Works installing a waterline. The County Engineer, Neil Tunison, will be the one that must get the road improvements taken care of before the warranty expires, as his office handled that project.

Mr. Vonderhaar stated there were more complaints about West Turtlecreek-Union Road concerning a construction company leaving debris on the road. He asked Sergeant Boylan to please check on it throughout the week. Mr. Vonderhaar did make contact with a few of the construction workers and they did sweep it off, but wanted everyone to be aware of the situation and know it is being looked into.

Mr. Vonderhaar and Mr. Sandlin met with the DuraPatch respresentative concerning some road sections needing repair on Cox-Smith, Riverwalk, & Kings Way. He thought roughly $1,000 for the slight gravel/sand/glue fix on Cox-Smith and around $1,800 - $2,000 for the main road only in Riverwalk, which would be the poly product to fill in the bumps. Mr. Vonderhaar will be getting a quote with the exact figures. Mr. Ledford stated he thought it was a reliable, cost-efficient product as he knows of it being used by ODOT and on other projects in the area.

Mr. Vonderhaar asked if the garbage had been taken care of at 3314 Trovillo Road that was brought up in a previous meeting. Mr. Sandlin said he would check on it and let him know.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ledford to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. The motion was carried by all “yeas”.

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