

## UNION TOWNSHIP – WARREN COUNTY

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Regular Meeting – August 3, 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 Monday, 8/3/20 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. Prayer was led by Mr. Ledford. Mr. Vonderhaar led everyone in The Pledge of Allegiance.

**CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE (IF KNOWN):** No citizens were in attendance. Union Township Attorney Bruce McGary, from the Warren County Prosecutor's Office, was in attendance to discuss the lighting district fund of subdivision Shawhan Trails. Mr. McGary met with Warren County Auditor Matt Nolan to discuss a possible termination of assessments for those homeowners of 7 years to address the overage amount of funds in that lighting district. Mr. McGary requested a spreadsheet report from Mr. Nolan's office that he can study concerning all the property owners/taxes/etc. to take into consideration before any decisions can be made. Mr. McGary stated there is nothing in the O.R.C. to address this certain situation, and Townships only have authority given to them in the O.R.C. Mr. McGary wants to be certain any future resolutions concerning the Shawhan Trails lighting district are done in the proper way to off-set any issues that could arise and to make sure future assessments are in line. Mr. McGary will get back with Union Township after he collects & reviews all the data needed. Mr. McGary also mentioned the new software program (portal) "Matrix" that the prosecutor's office is implementing for all Township offices to use for the submission of issues, questions, etc. This new program will be able to track future items in a more efficient manner.

**POLICE SUMMARY:** Sergeant Boylan stated the vehicle break-ins that had been reported in the Township at the last meeting have stopped. Someone was arrested close to Union Township doing the same type of thing, so at this time Sergeant Boylan thinks it was probably the same person.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Chief Napier stated the new fire engine has arrived and estimates 30 days to have it fully operational and road ready. He will need some new supply hose that will cost approximately \$3,600. This amount and any further amounts for the truck supplies were included in the original new fire engine loan amount of \$575,000 as the truck itself was roughly \$530,000. Chief Napier thinks these amounts for new engine supplies were included on the original new engine loan resolution. He will verify this at the next meeting. On another subject, there was garage door damage done on a previous run when the "down" button was accidentally pressed as the truck was leaving the station. There was also vehicle damage and the approximate total is \$5,000. Chief Napier is having the garage doors repaired and would like to use Image Collision to fix the 2014 F350 truck in the amount of \$1760.35. He thinks it would be better to go ahead and pay for all damages and not use the insurance since it was around \$5,000. Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion to pay for the truck repair (\$1760.35), seconded by Mr. Ledford. The motion was carried by all "yeas". Chief Napier then brought up possibly charging a small fee for the old fire engine to Franklin Township as they are in need of better equipment and do not have the funds to support such a purchase. He does not think the engine would bring very much money if sold or put up for auction. Chief Napier stated Union Township has received help in the past from other area departments concerning equipment and he would like to do the same for someone else. Mr. Vonderhaar asked if Franklin Township would be willing to sell one of their old fire engines to use as payment to Union Township for the engine in question. Chief Napier will follow up and get more information for the Trustees for this consideration.

**ROAD SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Josh Sandlin stated the estimate for Taulbee's to take the tree down on Dry Run Road (dead-end) is \$1,250. This price includes having the debris hauled away. This tree was discussed previously at the meeting held on 7/20/20. Mr. Sandlin has estimates for other tree work in that same area that will need to be done in the near future. Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion to approve the \$1,250 tree removal by Taulbee's, seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion was carried by all "yeas". Mr. Sandlin stated he would be shutting down Turtlecreek Road soon for mowing purposes.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:** The Fiscal Officer presented the bills to pay, fund status, cemetery deeds, etc. thru August 3, 2020. All were signed and approved by the Board of Trustees.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Allen made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Mr. Ledford. The motion was carried by all "yeas". Mr. Ledford said the roadway at 2182 Shawhan Road was in need of repair and asked Mr. Sandlin to see about getting it taken care of. Mr. Ledford asked Mr. Vonderhaar about the road striping status. Mr.

Vonderhaar said he was not sure, as this is a project being handled by the Warren County Engineer's Office, but he would contact them for an update. Mr. Ledford then asked about the government distribution (CARES ACT RELIEF FUND) of \$36,087.35 that was received and what it could be used on. As Chief Napier stated at the meeting held on July 20, 2020, it is for the purchase of PPE items and possibly a new LUCAS device. He is working on the appropriate purchases as the government has imposed certain guidelines that must be followed. The funds must be used by the end of December 2020 or returned to the government. Mr. Ledford made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting held on 7/20/20, seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar. The motion was carried by all "yeas".

Mr. Vonderhaar said he would be at the bid opening for the Wood Road project on Tuesday, 8/11/20 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Vonderhaar said he was asked by someone (not a Union Township resident) if the Township would put the fence back up in front of the Fellowship Church. Mr. Vonderhaar stated due to the maintenance involved and the road drop-off, it was not something that could be done. Mr. Sandlin agreed with this assessment. Mr. Vonderhaar told Mr. Sandlin the chip & seal project on Glosser Road could be getting started by the end of the week. Mr. Vonderhaar met with Mark Leader concerning the speed bumps & road deterioration repairs needed on Cox-Smith, Riverwalk, Kings Way, & Kings Lane. He did receive separate pricing on each project. Mr. Ledford made a motion to approve the Poly Patch on Kings Lane (\$1,680); Riverwalk (\$1,960); and Cox-Smith N (\$1,330) for a total not to exceed \$5,000.00, seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar. The motion was carried by all "yeas". The other repairs needed on Kings Way & Cox-Smith S will be re-visited at a later time after the initial work is assessed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ledford to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. The motion was carried by all "yeas".

The next meeting will be Monday, August 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.