

UNION TOWNSHIP – WARREN COUNTY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Regular Meeting – December 21, 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, 12/21/20 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 and Jamie Allen. Trustee Tony Ledford was not in attendance. Prayer was led by Chief Napier. Mr. Vonderhaar led everyone in The Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE (IF KNOWN): No citizens were in attendance.

POLICE SUMMARY: Sergeant Boylan had nothing to report other than a few traffic accidents in the Township.

CHIEF’S REPORT: Chief Napier presented a quote (\$2418.07) from Clary Signs for an upgrade to the new Township sign that will be paid for out of the COVID Cares Fund. It would make the sign easier to read. Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion to accept the quote for this sign upgrade, seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion was carried by all “yeas”. Chief Napier mentioned Mr. Bill Moran called him about getting a street “dedicated” to the Township. Chief Napier explained that had to be approved/accepted by the Warren County Engineer’s Office first. He was going to try to find more information to send to Mr. Moran about the correct procedure for this. Chief Napier stated his department is up around 128 emergency runs from this time last year, including the transport of three COVID patients earlier this same day. Chief Napier said the Warren County Health Department was supposed to start the COVID vaccines for EMS personnel on the 23rd. Chief Napier stated he has more safety items to purchase with the Cares Fund; as these funds must be expended by the end of the year. It is possible some of the Cares Fund could be used to pay for the EMS personnel’s overtime due to the COVID situation. This is being looked into for proper fund allocation and expenditure. Chief Napier said the Christmas gifts cards that were approved for purchase at the last meeting have been handed out to the employees.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Josh Sandlin was not in attendance. Mr. Sandlin did contact Mr. Vonderhaar earlier and gave him a quote for removing a dead tree in the cemetery. Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion to accept the quote of \$1350.00 from Taulbee’s Tree Service to remove the majority of the tree (Mr. Sandlin’s department will be responsible for the bottom 40 inches), seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion was carried by all “yeas”.

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT: The Fiscal Officer presented the bills to pay, fund status, cemetery deeds, etc. thru December 21, 2020. All were signed and approved by the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Lamb presented a “Thank You/Christmas Card” to be given to the previous Fiscal Officer, Sharon Lawhorn, for her training help and advice throughout the year. She has been providing this service at no cost to the Township. Mrs. Lawhorn is also helping at Salem Township with assisting their new Fiscal Officer when needed.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Allen made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar. The motion was carried by all “yeas”. Mr. Allen made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting held on 12/7/20, seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar. The motion was carried by all “yeas”. Mr. Allen mentioned he would still like the Township to purchase the “trailer pressure washer” if the funds are available from the Cares Fund after all other purchases and/or wage reallocations have been made.

Mr. Vonderhaar said a notice was sent to the Trustees concerning a monetary request from the “friends” of Warren County Parks. Mr. Vonderhaar said Jason Fisher (WC Engineer’s Office) is still working with Mike Williams at Highlands at Heritage Hill Subdivision about Union Township taking over those roads, but still nothing is finalized yet due to ongoing issues. Mr. Vonderhaar says there are trailers on Glosser-Richardson Road that are in the right of way and will be a concern if the snow plow needs to get through. Mr. Vonderhaar is contacting Attorney Bruce McGary about sending a letter concerning these trailers. Mr. Vonderhaar mentioned Jeff Jones from the Warren County Engineer’s Office needs the Trustees to get a list of roads in the Township that need black top, full-depth repairs, sealing, etc. Jeff Jones will review the list and give his suggestions for these repairs to be completed in 2021.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Allen to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. The motion was carried by all “yeas”.

The next meeting will be Monday, January 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.