

UNION TOWNSHIP – WARREN COUNTY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Regular Meeting – February 16, 2021

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, 2/16/21 at 6:22 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 Chief Napier. Mr. Ledford led everyone in The Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE (IF KNOWN): Warren County Engineer Neil Tunison and Attorney Bruce McGary were in attendance. They were participants in the administrative hearing that was held in reference to the Glosser-Richardson Road right-of-way boundary concerns with property owners, Richard & Joan Shevnik. The Shevniks did not attend this hearing, nor did any representative(s).

On another matter, Attorney Bruce McGary stated he had been contacted by an attorney and realtor regarding a party that is interested in purchasing the Fellowship Chapel that is for sale and located next to Union Township's Fellowship Cemetery. This chapel is not owned by Union Township, but they are interested in possibly purchasing some Union Township cemetery property that is next to it. Attorney McGary left paperwork that has all parcels/property owners identified around the cemetery for the Trustees to review in case this person(s) comes to a future meeting. Chief Napier stated that Mr. Shane Drake is the interested party and is supposed to come to the next meeting to discuss the possible purchase of the chapel to transform into a wedding and/or event venue.

POLICE SUMMARY: Sergeant Boylan & Deputy Pangallo had nothing to report, other than Sergeant Boylan is set to retire from the Warren County Sheriff's Department on 3/12/21. He will be the new Assistant Village Administrator for the Village of South Lebanon.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Napier stated there was an incident with an overhead door and the firetruck. There are no safety devices on either doors, and some minimal damage was done this past Saturday. He would like to get the damaged door repaired, purchase new openers and safety devices for both overhead doors. Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion to approve the purchase of these items not to exceed \$5,000.00, seconded by Mr. Ledford. The motion was carried by all "yeas". Chief Napier reported he will be requesting information from the Warren County Prosecutor's Office on what the Township's responsibility is concerning notice to property owners on the construction of sidewalks, curbs, or gutters in reference to assessments (ORC 5543.10). This has to do with the CDBG (community grant with the Village of South Lebanon) for the new sidewalks & gutters on Lebanon Road. He will report his findings back to the Trustees at a later meeting.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Sandlin said he was approached by a resident in the Shawhan Trails Subdivision about the possibility of getting a "No Parking" sign for Cheyenne Court due to excessive on the street parking. Mr. Vonderhaar asked Deputy Pangallo to check out this parking situation before the next meeting, so the Township can make sure of no safety hazards. Mr. Sandlin stated Taulbee's Tree Service removed the suspect trees along the Turtlecreek & Columbia Road area and at Deerfield Cemetery. Mr. Sandlin also reported the three Township trucks were all back in working order. Mr. Sandlin reported he was mixing grits with the road salt just to make sure there was enough salt for the rest of the season due to the many snow events the Township was experiencing recently.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: The Fiscal Officer presented the bills to pay, fund status, cemetery deeds, etc. thru February 16, 2021. All were signed and approved by the Board of Trustees.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Ledford made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting held on 2/1/21, seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion was carried by "yeas".

Mr. Allen made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar. The motion was carried by all "yeas". He also wanted to mention that the Road Department has been doing a great job taking care of the roads during the snowy weather.

Mr. Vonderhaar stated that due to COVID protocol, Warren County Sheriff Larry Sims would not be attending any meetings, but instead sent down his annual report for review.

Mr. Vonderhaar said he had received a copy of a letter that Jason Fisher of the Warren County Engineer's Office had sent to Mr. Yantos on Glosser-Richardson Road. This letter stated Mr. Yantos was responsible for a 12" culvert tile to be installed under his driveway. Mr. Yantos' response was that the ditch needed to be cleaned out first by the Township. Mr. Vonderhaar stated the cleaning had been done approximately 2-3 weeks ago. The Township is waiting on the final response(s) from Jason Fisher and/or Mr. Yantos.

Mr. Vonderhaar received the resolution (see attached) from the Warren County Commissioners accepting Heritage Hill Drive & Highlands Trail into Union Township at the Highlands at Heritage Hill Subdivision. This should add close to one full mile into the Union Township road inventory.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ledford to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. The motion was carried by all "yeas".

The next meeting will be Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WARREN COUNTY, OHIO

Resolution

Number 21-0201

Adopted Date February 09, 2021

APPROVE HIGHLANDS TRAIL AND HARVEST LANE IN HIGHLANDS AT HERITAGE HILL, SECTION TWO FOR PUBLIC MAINTENANCE BY UNION TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Warren County Engineer has verified that Highlands Trail and Harvest Lane has been constructed in compliance with the approved plans and specifications; and

Street Number	Street Name	Street Width	Street Mileage
1365-T	Highlands Trail	5'-24'-5'	0.201
1366-T	Harvest Lane	5'-24'-5'	0.054

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the above street name for public maintenance by Union Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners certify a copy of this resolution to the County Engineer, Warren County, Ohio.

Mrs. Jones moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution being seconded by Mr. Grossmann. Upon call of the roll, the following vote resulted:

Mr. Young – yea
Mr. Grossmann – yea
Mrs. Jones – yea

Resolution adopted this 9th day of February 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Tina Osborne, Clerk

cc: Map Room (Certified copy)
Township Trustees
Ohio Department of Transportation
Engineer (file)
Developer
Bond Agreement file