

UNION TOWNSHIP – WARREN COUNTY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Regular Meeting – May 17, 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 Monday, 5/17/21 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 Chief Napier. Mr. Allen led everyone in The Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE (IF KNOWN): Barbara Aberlin was in attendance.

POLICE SUMMARY: Deputy Pangallo had nothing to report.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Josh Sandlin reported there was an issue in Deerfield Cemetery, Section J, of a burial plot being sold to two different people. The first purchaser is fine with being issued 2 different lots elsewhere in the cemetery, as their purchase was a total of 2 lots, and they want them to be together. This was agreed upon by all Trustees to rectify the situation.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Napier stated the new Union Township sign is up and operating. He said it will automatically post Amber Alerts, weather alerts, and such as it is based off area zip codes. Chief Napier reported a phone call from a resident stating they were contacted by an electric company saying they were going to be switched from Duke Energy as this was voted on by Union Township in the past. No one is aware of this being the case. Chief Napier is going to investigate this further after he receives the information from this resident. Chief Napier stated he will need to replace some hose after testing was held recently. He will have more information at a later meeting. Chief Napier said he is still finalizing the Memorial Day Parade/Service activities. Chief Napier was contacted about placing a paid advertisement on a southern Ohio map that includes Union Township. None of the Trustees were interested in participating in this opportunity. Chief Napier presented a quote from Lebanon Ford for a new vehicle. That amount does not include the light package and other needed items it will require. Those items will be discussed later. Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion to accept this quote of \$41,940.00 for the purchase of a 2021 Ford Expedition Max from Lebanon Ford, seconded by Mr. Ledford. The motion was carried by all "yeas". Chief Napier is working on next year's budget and is planning on adding another full-time position. He has been invited to participate in a webinar held by the engineering company & ODOT concerning the improvements they are working on at the I-71 & State Route 48 interchanges. Chief Napier is still working with the Village of South Lebanon about the parking on some of the narrow streets that are impeding the emergency vehicles.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: The Fiscal Officer presented the bills to pay, fund status, cemetery deeds, etc. thru May 17, 2021. All were signed and approved by the Board of Trustees.

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

Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting held on 5/3/21, seconded by Mr. Ledford. The motion was carried by all "yeas".

Mr. Vonderhaar stated Mark Leader went out and looked at Kings Way, Manistique Lakes, and Riverwalk to bid spray injection roadway repairs. Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion to accept this quote not to exceed \$8,000.00 for these road repairs, seconded by Mr. Ledford. The motion was carried by all "yeas".

Mr. Vonderhaar reported he would apply for an OPWC 10-year interest free loan for the repairs needed at Manistique Lakes. This loan is based on a point system and he's not confident of this project qualifying for it. He then stated he had applied through Warren County for a District 10 Public Works Funding program of which 49% of the project (\$55,585.00) would be a forgivable grant and the Township may be able to get some of the remaining 51% (\$57,855.00) interest free. This funding program is also based on a point system.

Mr. Vonderhaar said the original pavement repair estimates from Barrett Paving through the Warren County Engineer's Office for Cox-Smith, Dry Run, and Snook Roads were around \$50,000.00. Mr. Sandlin and Jeff Jones from the Warren County Engineer's Office went back out and measured for these repairs and they are now closer to

\$62,000.00. Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion to accept the estimate not to exceed \$62,000.00 (increased from the original \$50,000.00) for these road repairs, seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion was carried by all "yeas".

The Trustees agreed to open the Township meetings completely and no more masks are required effective 5/31/21.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Allen to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. The motion was carried by all "yeas".

The next meeting will be Monday, June 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.