

UNION TOWNSHIP – WARREN COUNTY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Regular Meeting – February 7, 2022

CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Union Township Board of Trustees was called to order by President of the Board, Fred Vonderhaar on Monday, 2/7/2022 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 & Chris Koch. The prayer was led by Mr. Koch. Mr. Vonderhaar led everyone in The Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE (IF KNOWN): Barb Aberlin, Art Perong, & Tony Ledford were in attendance. Mr. Perong complimented the Road Department on the great job they did with the snow removal.

POLICE SUMMARY: Deputy Pangallo had nothing to report.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Napier reported the HOA of Rivers Edge wanted to use the Township meeting room on 4/21/22 at 7 p.m. Chief Napier stated his full-time firefighter, Darrick Treat had resigned and his last day is 2/8/22. Chief Napier will be looking for his replacement as soon as possible. Erik Cowell was hired as a full-time firefighter and his start date is 2/8/22. Chief Napier had to replace 2 of his multi-gas meters at a total cost of \$1,358.00. Chief Napier's 2014 Ford Expedition is going to the repair shop due to on-going issues. The equipment to outfit his new vehicle should be in shortly. Chief Napier stated Warren County Sheriff Larry Sims will be at the next meeting on 2/22/22 to present his annual report.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Josh Sandlin stated the parts for the furnace in the Road Department garage were on order and should be in soon. Mr. Sandlin reported during the snow removal process there were a few damaged mailboxes within the Township that he is working on getting repaired. Mr. Sandlin said the new snowplow truck may be ready by the end of February.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: The Fiscal Officer presented the bills to pay, fund status, cemetery deeds, etc. thru February 7, 2022. All were signed and approved by Mr. Vonderhaar & Mr. Koch.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Chris Koch stated he had completed the "Sunshine Law" course provided online through the Ohio Attorney General's office. Mr. Koch said there is a "Conditional Use of Site Plan" hearing on 2/9/22 at the Warren County Board of Zoning Appeals concerning a residence on Shawhan Road. Both Mr. Vonderhaar and Mr. Koch have no issues with this site plan request. Mr. Koch made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting held on 1/18/22, seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar. Mr. Koch made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar. Both motions were carried by all "yeas". Mr. Koch agreed to be Union Township's representative to the Warren County Regional Planning Commission.

Mr. Vonderhaar said the final hearing about Union Township vacating a portion of Bone Road is scheduled with the Warren County Commissioners on 3/1/22 at 9 a.m.

Mr. Vonderhaar & Mr. Koch agreed with the preliminary cost approximation concerning possible road repairs in Union Township in conjunction with the Warren County Engineer's Office as follows:

\$13,888.00 – BUNNELL ROAD; \$10,000.00 – SHAWHAN ROAD; \$5,084.00 – PHILLIPS ROAD

These totals and/or areas could change due to cost/bid estimations as done by the Warren County Engineer's Office. A formal resolution concerning the road repairs will follow, after costs are finalized.

Mr. Vonderhaar stated the City of Lebanon is willing to give Union Township, one hundred feet of property on the south side of Fellowship Cemetery with a 12-year scheduled annexation of a property on Kings View. Mr. Koch requested time to look at this proposal until the next meeting on 2/22/22.

Mr. Vonderhaar suggested resident Leon Gray as a possible candidate for the vacated Trustee seat within Union Township. Mr. Vonderhaar said Mr. Gray was receptive to the idea after he met with him earlier. This would complete the term left open by the resignation of Trustee Jamie Allen for the remainder of 2022, ending on 12/31/2023. Mr. Koch mentioned that Tony Ledford was in attendance and thought he may be interested in filling the position. Mr. Ledford, who was a previous Union Township Trustee, stated he would like to be considered to fill the seat. Mr. Perong offered his opinion and would like them to consider Mr. Ledford for the position.

Mr. Vonderhaar stated they had 30 days to fill the seat and he would like to think about the candidates presented at this time and would discuss the situation at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Koch to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. The motion was carried by all "yeas". The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.