

UNION TOWNSHIP – WARREN COUNTY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Regular Meeting – December 5, 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, 12/5/22 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, & Tony Ledford. The prayer was led by Chief Napier. Mr. Vonderhaar led everyone in The Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE (IF KNOWN): Paul Redmond, Barb Aberlin, & David Pittman were in attendance.

Union Township Attorney Bruce McGary was at the meeting to address some concerns. There is an ownership issue between family members concerning 9 open lots located in Deerfield Cemetery due to survivorship laws. Mr. Koch made a motion to divide these lots (5 – Richard Barrett /4 – Mary Barrett-Beighle) among the remaining siblings, seconded by Mr. Ledford. The motion was carried by all “yeas”, but an affidavit will be sent to both siblings to be completed & returned to Union Township before this is finalized.

Josh Sandlin reported another person is inquiring about moving a relative’s cremains from a grave in Deerfield Cemetery to a different cemetery outside of Union Township. Attorney McGary suggested there is no legal authority that requires Union Township to do this without a court order. Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion to accept Attorney McGary’s recommendations about this request, seconded by Mr. Ledford. Then motion was carried by all “yeas”.

Mr. Vonderhaar presented annexation paperwork to Attorney McGary from the City of Mason concerning 137.419 acres along US 42. Attorney McGary stated all was in order concerning this paperwork and Union Township was in line for the payments agreed upon originally.

Karie Novesl was in attendance to present Union Township with the Ohio Plan Insurance renewal information packet. Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion to accept the annual renewal in the amount of \$13,400.00 for the Ohio Plan Insurance (12/19/22-12/19/23), seconded by Mr. Ledford. The motion was carried by all “yeas”.

Barb Aberlin requested information concerning the zoning issue on Dry Run Road. Nothing new has been reported at this time. Mr. Koch stated she should contact Warren County Zoning Department to schedule a meeting and he would accompany her so they could find out about any further developments.

POLICE SUMMARY: Deputy Pangallo reported there have been stolen vehicles in the area. Mr. Redmond complimented the department on their crackdown concerning speeders in Union Township.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Josh Sandlin presented a quote for a new skid steer in the amount of \$69,015.65 from Zimmer Tractor. The Trustees asked him to request pricing on additional attachments they may want to add to this piece of equipment before confirming the purchase.

CHIEF’S REPORT: Chief Napier asked the Trustees to join “Sourcewell” which offers a discount on new equipment and is reflected in the quote from Zimmer Tractor. All Trustees agreed with Chief Napier. Chief Napier said he needed to look at replacing the 2014 EMS Unit 46. He also needs to price a new half-ton pickup truck to haul the rescue boat, as he would like to transfer the one-ton utility bed truck to the Road Department after replacing the red lights to yellow. All Trustees agreed with this request also. Chief Napier stated he contacted Warren County Engineer Neil Tunison to request the final Highland Park paving with the 2023 CDBG grant, which was accepted. He reported receiving the Loeb Foundation grant check in the amount of \$13,500.00. Chief Napier said there was a complaint about barking dogs on Stubbs Mill Road. He advised the resident to contact the proper law enforcement authorities, as Union Township has no noise ordinances.

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT: The Fiscal Officer presented the bills to pay, fund status, cemetery deeds, etc. thru December 5, 2022. All were signed and approved by Mr. Vonderhaar, Mr. Ledford, & Mr. Koch.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Koch asked about the status of previous damage with a Deerfield Township fire truck, but Chief Napier said nothing has been received at this time. Mr. Koch commented on Chief Napier’s new emergency vehicle and asked to see the striping/lettering design plan before it is completed.

Mr. Koch made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting held on 11/21/22, seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar. The motion was carried by all "yeas".

Mr. Ledford made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar. The motion was carried by all "yeas".

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ledford to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. The motion was carried by all "yeas". The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.