

UNION TOWNSHIP – WARREN COUNTY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Regular Meeting – February 21, 2023

CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Union Township Board of Trustees was called to order by President of the Board, Chris Koch on Tuesday, 2/21/23 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 Mr. Ledford. Mr. Vonderhaar led everyone in The Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE (IF KNOWN): Barb Aberlin, Art Perong, Nathan Smith, David Pittman, Attorney Kathryn Horvath, Darlene Allen, Rose Allen, and Brandon Smyers.

Mr. Koch made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:01 p.m., seconded by Mr. Ledford. The motion was carried by all “yeas”. This is in reference to the possible discipline, demotion, dismissal, investigation, charges, or complaints against a public employee, official licensee, or regulated individual. All Trustees & Attorney Horvath went into this session. Mr. Koch made a motion to return to the regular meeting at 6:22 p.m., seconded by Mr. Ledford. The motion was carried by all “yeas”. Mr. Koch made a motion to hire Attorney Thomas Kidd of the firm Kidd & Urling, to lead an investigation of Chief Napier, seconded by Mr. Ledford. The motion was carried by all “yeas”. This is pursuant to Section 505.38 of the Ohio Revised Code - Investigation of Fire Personnel.

Mr. Perong reported previous road repairs on Arapaho have possibly failed and requested it be looked at.

Mr. Smyers, of Sunrise Lane, was in attendance to complete the Warren County Township Association Scholarship Application.

Ms. Rose Allen asked if the remaining road/yard “gaps” in Highland Park were going to be filled in since the paving has been completed. Ms. Allen stated she would provide Mr. Sandlin with photos of her concerns.

Mr. Pittman asked if there had been any cost limits set concerning the fire personnel investigation. Mr. Koch responded there had not.

POLICE SUMMARY: Sergeant Adams & Deputy Pangallo had nothing to report.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Josh Sandlin presented a quote for a new Bobcat but will be following up with more information regarding a possible trade-in etc. at a later meeting. Mr. Sandlin reported the rock had been filled in on Turtlecreek.

CHIEF’S REPORT: Chief Napier had nothing to report.

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT: The Fiscal Officer presented the bills to pay, fund status, cemetery deeds, etc. thru February 21, 2023. All were signed and approved by Mr. Vonderhaar, Mr. Ledford, & Mr. Koch.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Koch asked Attorney Horvath if she had information concerning his request for “Active911” on Trustees’ cell phones. Ms. Horvath stated there was no answer about it at this time, due to some policy concerns, but they are still working on it.

Mr. Ledford mentioned a hill on Dry Run Road that may need blocks and/or new pipe due to on-going road issues. He also mentioned an area on Dry Run Road that has cable that possibly needs replaced with guardrail. Mr. Sandlin will work on material estimates.

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

Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting held on 2/6/23, seconded by Mr. Ledford. The motion was carried by all “yeas”.

Mr. Koch said Chief Napier’s vehicle lettering was almost complete at Performance Graphics.

Mr. Koch made a motion that the Fiscal Officer present deeds, documents for signatures, etc. other than payroll checks, at the Trustee Meetings *only*, seconded by Mr. Ledford. The motion was carried by “yeas” from Mr. Koch & Mr. Ledford. Mr. Vonderhaar voted “no”.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Koch made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ledford to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. The motion was carried by all "yeas". The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.