

UNION TOWNSHIP – WARREN COUNTY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Regular Meeting – June 5, 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 Monday 6/5/23 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. Vonderhaar. Mr. Ledford led everyone in The Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE (IF KNOWN): Barb Aberlin, Leslie Aberlin, Jim Bowman, Jason Taulbee, & Steve Riley.

Ms. Leslie Aberlin asked about any current information concerning the zoning issue on Dry Run Road. Mr. Koch explained it is in the hands of the Warren County Prosecutor’s Office and they will present their findings to Union Township at a future meeting when completed. Ms. Leslie Aberlin is also going to meet with Josh Sandlin to discuss a possible new guardrail at Aberlin Springs.

POLICE SUMMARY: Deputy Pangallo had nothing to report.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Mr. Sandlin reported they got the wall put back up on dead-end Dry Run Road and Manistique Lakes was ready for paving. He also said there has been no progress on the project at Bone Road from the State of Ohio.

CHIEF’S REPORT: Chief Napier presented his 2024 preliminary budget to the Trustees and reported the Memorial Day Parade was a success.

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT: The Fiscal Officer presented the bills to pay, fund status, cemetery deeds, etc. thru June 5, 2023. All were signed and approved by Mr. Vonderhaar, Mr. Ledford, & Mr. Koch. Mrs. Lamb also presented a liquor license voluntary hearing request from the Ohio Department of Commerce concerning O’Sullivan Corporation on State Route 42, which the Trustees agreed does not require a hearing.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting held on 5/15/23, seconded by Mr. Ledford. The motion was carried by all “yeas”.

Mr. Ledford reported he had taken some complaints about “moles” in Deerfield Cemetery. Mr. Sandlin will purchase items to try to alleviate the situation.

Mr. Ledford mentioned he had received a phone call questioning a “\$6,000 lawsuit” against Union Township. This caller said the information came from Mr. Vonderhaar. Mr. Vonderhaar stated he had no knowledge about any such lawsuit and no one else with Union Township had heard and/or received any information about a lawsuit either.

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

Mr. Koch said there was a forfeiture notice received from Warren County concerning non-payment of taxes on a small piece of property on Shawhan Road.

Mr. Koch made a motion to go into executive session for discussion of a cost of living adjustment concerning Union Township employee, Jason Taulbee at 6:21 p.m., seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar. Mr. Koch made a motion to return to the regular meeting at 6:29, seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar. Both motions were carried by all “yeas”.

Mr. Ledford made a motion to give Union Township employee Jason Taulbee, a \$2.00/hour raise starting with the next pay period, seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar. The motion was carried by all “yeas”. Mr. Taulbee has been with the Road Department for one year.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Koch made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ledford to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. The motion was carried by all “yeas”. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.