

UNION TOWNSHIP – WARREN COUNTY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Regular Meeting – July 17, 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 7/17/23 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: Chris Koch, Fred Vonderhaar, & Tony Ledford. The prayer was led by Mr. Vonderhaar. Mr. Ledford led everyone in The Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE (IF KNOWN): Jim Bowman, Steve Riley, Art Perong, Rhonda Cockerham, Wanda Allen, John Bibler, & David Pittman were in attendance.

Mr. Bibler, who lives in the Riverwalk Subdivision, brought up road & traffic concerns about a new apartment development & roundabout to be located around Mason-Morrow-Millgrove & Columbia Roads. Mr. Koch stated the Trustees are aware of these projects and will gather more information for possible input to be given to the Warren County Building & Zoning Department.

POLICE SUMMARY: Sergeant Adams stated the semi-truck parking issue on Turtlecreek-Union & Lebanon Roads had been taken care of at this time.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Sandlin said the State of Ohio had been working on Bone Road. He is hoping to get the tree down on Bunnell Road this week but is very busy with funerals. He stated Jason Fisher with the Warren County Engineer's Office, is taking care of the homeowner letter concerning the permit for work to begin on Trovillo Road. Mr. Sandlin was still trying to get cost information for a possible guardrail at Aberlin Springs. He also reported he would be using the boom mower next week. Mr. Koch asked if the backhoe was ready to be sold yet, Mr. Sandlin said it would be ready soon.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Napier stated he would be attending a meeting with the Warren County Transportation Improvement District concerning possible improvements to State Route 48 over the Little Miami River and then reported Fireman Eric Cowell had turned in his resignation.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: The Fiscal Officer presented the bills to pay, fund status, cemetery deeds, etc. thru July 17, 2023. All were signed and approved by Mr. Koch, Mr. Vonderhaar & Mr. Ledford.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting held on 7/5/23, seconded by Mr. Ledford. 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".

Mr. Koch said the Warren County Prosecutor's Office had the paperwork ready to send out concerning the zoning problems on Dry Run Road.

At 6:22 p.m., Mr. Koch made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss employee compensation, seconded by Mr. Ledford. The motion was carried by all "yeas". Mr. Koch made a motion to go back into the regular meeting at 6:53 p.m., seconded by Mr. Ledford. The motion was carried by all "yeas". Mr. Koch made a motion to give Josh Sandlin & Aaron Wright \$2 per hour raises & Jason Taulbee \$1 per hour (Road Department employees) also all Firefighters and the Township Administrator (Robert Napier) would receive \$2 per hour raises, seconded by Mr. Ledford. The motion was carried by all "yeas". This is retroactive to July 9, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Koch made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ledford to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. The motion was carried by all "yeas". The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.