

UNION TOWNSHIP – WARREN COUNTY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Regular Meeting – January 2, 2024

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, 1/2/24 at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Township Municipal Building. Trustees in attendance: Fred Vonderhaar, Chris Koch, & Rhonda Cockerham. The prayer was led by Mrs. Cockerham. Mr. Vonderhaar led everyone in The Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC SPEAKER(S): None

POLICE SUMMARY: Sergeant Adams had nothing to report.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Mr. Sandlin was not in attendance.

CHIEF’S REPORT: Chief Napier presented a letter from the Ohio Plan Risk Management Department concerning some liability recommendations from a 11/2/2023 meeting. Chief Napier stated the Firefighters Association received a \$25,000.00 donation from the Oeder & Sons Garage. Chief Napier would like to follow the O.R.C. guidelines and change the “President” title to “Chairperson” on the Union Township website. Mr. Koch said it would be brought up at the next meeting.

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT: The Fiscal Officer presented the bills to pay, fund status, cemetery deeds, etc. thru January 2, 2024. All were signed and approved by Mr. Vonderhaar, Mr. Koch, & Mrs. Cockerham. Mrs. Lamb presented a new training platform from the Ohio Plan Insurance Company for the Trustees to review.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting held on 12/18/23, seconded by Mr. Koch. The motion was carried by all “yeas”.

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

Mrs. Cockerham made a motion to elect Mr. Koch as President of the Board of Trustees of Union Township for 2024, seconded by Mr. Koch. The motion was carried by all “yeas”.

Mr. Koch made a motion to elect Mrs. Cockerham as Vice President of the Board of Trustees of Union Township for 2024, seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar. The motion was carried by all “yeas”.

Mr. Koch made a motion to elect Mr. Vonderhaar as Road Trustee of Union Township for 2024, seconded by Mrs. Cockerham. The motion was carried by all “yeas”.

Mr. Koch made a motion to be the Zoning Representative of Union Township for 2024, seconded by Mrs. Cockerham. The motion was carried by all “yeas”.

Mr. Koch presented Resolutions 01022024-01 thru 0102204-05 please see attached for information. The motions were carried by all “yeas”.

Mr. Koch presented Resolutions 01022024-06 thru 01022024-10 please see attached for information.

Mr. Koch stated three letters were received from Union Township residents Bruce Osborn, Doris Craft, & Dan Dorfmueller concerning the Blue Rock LLC property.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Koch made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Cockerham to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. The motion was carried by all “yeas”. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 01022024-01

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of UNION Township to reimburse Township officials & employees \$.58 per mile when traveling on official business outside of the Township in their personal vehicle. Township Trustees, Clerk & employees shall be reimbursed up to \$40 per day for meal allowance when attending full day or overnight conferences during the year.

Chris Koch moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution, being seconded by Fred Vanderhaar. The motion was carried by all "yeas" & the resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 01022024-02

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of UNION Township to contribute up to \$ 3,000.00 to the Warren County Drug Task Force.

Chris Koch moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution, being seconded by Rhonda Cockerham. The motion was carried by all "yeas" & the resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 01022024-03

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of UNION Township that the maximum limit of \$100,000 to blanket & super blanket certificates shall apply.

Chris Koch moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution, being seconded by Fred Vanderhaar. The motion was carried by all "yeas" & the resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 01022024-04

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of UNION Township that the Trustees & Fiscal Officer of Union Township are entitled to the maximum compensation permitted by the ORC.

Chris Koch moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution, being seconded by Rhonda Cockerham. The motion was carried by all "yeas" & the resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 01022024-05

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of UNION Township to continue the maintenance agreement with Teresa Napier for weekly cleaning services at 285 E. Pike St. The cost will be split between the general fund & fire fund.

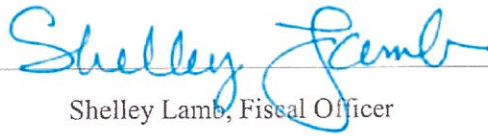
Chris Koch moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution, being seconded by Fred Vanderhaar. The motion was carried by all "yeas" & the resolution passed.

Resolutions adopted this 2nd day of January 2024.

CERTIFICATION

I, Shelley Lamb, Fiscal Officer of Union Township, Warren County, do hereby certify that foregoing Resolution Nos. 01022024-01 - 01022024-02 - 01022024-03 - 01022024-04 - 01022024-05 were presented & duly adopted by the Union Township Trustees at the regular meeting held on January 2, 2024.

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Shelley Lamb, Fiscal Officer

Resolution 01022024 - 06

Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Union Township that all print and digital media shall reflect our hierarchy as elected by the board. Furthermore, all digital media shall be approved by the Board before posting on the sign or website with the exception of weather reports and Trustee meetings.

Chris Koch Moved for adoption.

Seconded by NO ONE

Resolution 01022024 - 07

Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Union Township that all non-emergency use of fire department and road equipment and or buildings shall require the consent of the Board of Trustees. Parades, car shows, all city events, 9/11, Halloween, funeral displays.

Chris Koch Moved for adoption.

Seconded by Rhonda Cockerham

Resolution 01022024 - 08

Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Union Township that the township administrator and fire chief shall give the board president 48-hour notice of all meetings with any and all other municipalities, townships, fire departments, school boards, and or county office holders with regards to fire service and township business. Furthermore, be it resolved that all meetings shall/may be attended by the board president or his or her designee.

Chris Koch Moved for adoption.

Seconded by Rhonda Cockerham

Resolution 01022024 - 09

Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Union Township that the department heads of Road/Bridge, Township Administrator, and Fire Chief shall report directly to the president of the board on all matters. The reporting requirement supersedes any and all previous protocols or understandings. All notifications will start with our leadership team in accordance with their elected position on the board.

Chris Koch Moved for Adoption

Seconded by Rhonda Cockerham

Resolution 01022024 - 10

Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Union Township Trustees that the Trustees upon their choice shall be enrolled in Active 911.

Chris Koch Moved for adoption.

Seconded by Rhonda Cockerham

RESOLUTION #: 01022024-07, 01022024-08, 01022024-09, & 01022024-10

WERE ADOPTED BY "YES" VOTES FROM TRUSTEE KOCH & TRUSTEE COCKERHAM.

TRUSTEE VONDERHAAR VOTED "NO" ON ALL.