

UNION TOWNSHIP – WARREN COUNTY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Regular Meeting – May 6, 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 Monday, 5/6/24 at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Township Building. Trustees in attendance: Fred Vonderhaar, Chris Koch, & Rhonda Cockerham. The prayer was led by Mr. Vonderhaar. Mr. Koch led everyone in The Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC SPEAKER(S): Mr. John Bibler from Riverwalk inquired about road improvements for that subdivision and Trustee Vonderhaar stated he was working on an interest free loan from OPWC and/or a possible grant for the needed repairs (2-3 years). Mr. Tim Morsie of Titus Lane spoke of his concerns about speeding vehicles and minibikes/ATVs around Shawhan Road. Sergeant Adams asked Mr. Morsie to phone his department when witnessing the minibikes in operation, as they have been aware of some in the area.

POLICE SUMMARY: Sergeant Adams had nothing to report.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Mr. Sandlin said he had a request for new “Slow - Children at Play” signs in the Highland Park area. He will have costs for the signs at the next meeting. Mr. Sandlin presented a quote from Zimmer Tractor for the boom mower rental (see attached). Mr. Koch made a motion to accept this quote, seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar. The motion was carried by all “yeas”.

CHIEF’S REPORT: Chief Napier said River’s Edge HOA asked to use the Township room for their meeting on 5/23/24, which was fine with all. He stated he will be presenting hose replacement costs to the Board soon. The Chief said his ISO Audit is scheduled for this week. Chief Napier is also going to start an officer selection process for needed back-up. Chief Napier mentioned he is working on finding a speaker for the Memorial Day Service. Chief Napier will be celebrating his 19th anniversary as Union Township Fire Chief on 5/19/24.

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT: The Fiscal Officer presented the bills to pay, fund status, cemetery deeds, etc. thru May 6, 2024. All were signed and approved by Mr. Vonderhaar, Mr. Koch, & Mrs. Cockerham. Mrs. Lamb stated she had received a final invoice from Jurgensen for the 2023 resurfacing & chip/seal project (Manistique/Dry Run) in the amount of \$922.16; this is in addition to the first invoice paid of \$92,997.48. The original estimated cost from Resolution 02-06-2023-01 was \$91,980.00. The cost estimate from the Warren County Engineer’s Office was \$105,505.30. Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion to pay the \$922.16, seconded by Mr. Koch, making the total cost paid of \$93,919.64. The motion was carried by all “yeas”. She also mentioned the upcoming budget for 2025, if there were any needs/changes please have available soon.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Vonderhaar mentioned the road department may need overtime and/or possible temporary seasonal help to get the cemeteries ready for Memorial Day, which all Trustees agreed, as an employee is on limited duty at this time due to surgery. Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting held on 4/15/24, seconded by Mrs. Cockerham. The motion was carried by all “yeas”.

Mrs. Cockerham said a resident, Eugene Allen, inquired about some cars & trash burning at a business/residence on Mason-Morrow-Millgrove Road. This was turned over to the Warren County Zoning Department earlier in the year by Chief Napier and he will follow up on the matter. Mrs. Cockerham made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar. The motion was carried by all “yeas”.

Mr. Koch made a motion to adopt Resolution 05-06-2024-01 Adoption of Ohio’s Public Employees Deferred Compensation Program (see attached), seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar. The motion was carried by all “yeas”.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Koch made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Cockerham to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. The motion was carried by all “yeas”. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.