

UNION TOWNSHIP – WARREN COUNTY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Regular Meeting – March 17, 2025

CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Union Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairperson of the Board, Fred Vonderhaar on Monday, 3/17/25 at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Township Building. Trustees in attendance: Chris Koch, Fred Vonderhaar & Rhonda Cockerham. The prayer was led by Mr. Koch. Mrs. Cockerham led everyone in The Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC SPEAKER(S): Harry Holbert, the new City of South Lebanon Public Works Director introduced himself and wanted to give a “thank you” to Chief Napier for all the help he has given him. He also stated there will be road projects coming up soon that will affect Union Township as well as South Lebanon and he would be in contact with the Trustees & Chief Napier with information. Vina Jones, the owner of an excavation business and Union Township resident mentioned some ditch/pipe work that they would like to do on Shawhan Road. Mr. Vonderhaar asked that they meet with Josh Sandlin to discuss the details before proceeding.

POLICE SUMMARY: Sergeant Adams had nothing to report.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Mr. Sandlin will be looking at a discharge pipe issue that has just been reported on Westport Drive in Riverwalk Subdivision.

CHIEF’S REPORT: Chief Napier stated the Union Township Building roof restoration was complete. He said the decals of “In God We Trust” had been applied to the department vehicles.

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT: The Fiscal Officer presented the bills to pay, fund status, cemetery deeds, etc. thru March 17, 2025. All were signed and approved by Mr. Koch, Mr. Vonderhaar, & Mrs. Cockerham.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Koch said he would like to request a “temporary” right of entry from the Warren County Prosecutor’s Office to cut the vegetation on Phillips Road as the Warren County Engineer’s Office is too busy at this time to grant the permanent continuing access. Mr. Vonderhaar & Mrs. Cockerham agreed with the request. Mr. Koch made a motion to adopt Resolutions #03172025-02, Prohibiting Adult Use Cannabis Operators, seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar & #03172025-03, Prohibiting Medical Marijuana Dispensaries, seconded by Mrs. Cockerham (see attached). Mr. Koch made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting held on 3/3/25, seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar. The three motions were carried by all “yeas”.

Mrs. Cockerham mentioned “Severe Weather Awareness Week” is 3/16/25 thru 3/22/25. She thought the 3/19/25 tornado drill should be put on the Union Township sign to alert the residents. Mrs. Cockerham made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar. The motion was carried by all “yeas”.

Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion to adopt Resolution #03172025-01, The Annual Permanent Appropriations (see attached) seconded by Mrs. Cockerham. The motion was carried by all “yeas”. Mr. Vonderhaar said the Cox-Smith Road project is on hold right now due to people out on vacation.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Koch to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. The motion was carried by all “yeas”. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ANNUAL PERMANENT APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

03172025-01

The *Board of Trustees of Union Township, in Warren County*

met in regular session on the 17th day of March 2025 at the office of Union Township with the following members present: FRED VONDERHAAR, RHONDA COCKERHAM, CHRIS KOCH

Mr. Vonderhaar moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the *Board of Trustees of Union Township Warren County*

County Ohio that to provide for the current expenses and

other expenditures of said Board of Union Township, during the fiscal year, ending

December 31, 2025

the following sums be and the same are hereby set aside and *appropriated* for the several purposes

for which expenditures are to be made for and during said fiscal year, as follows:

Mrs. Cockerham seconded the **Resolution** and the

roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Chris Koch – YES
Rhonda Cockerham – YES
Fred Vonderhaar – YES

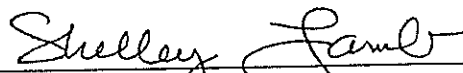
Adopted March 17, 2025


Clerk/Fiscal Officer

THE STATE OF OHIO, WARREN COUNTY, ss:

I, Shelley Lamb, Clerk/Fiscal Officer of the Board of Trustees of Union Township in Warren County Ohio, and in whose custody the Files, Journals and Records of said Board are required by the Laws of the State of Ohio to be kept, do hereby certify that the foregoing *Annual Permanent Appropriation Resolution* is taken and copied from the original Resolution now on file with said Board, that the foregoing Resolution has been compared by me with the said original and that the same is a true and correct copy thereof.

WITNESS my signature, this 17th day of March 2025.


Clerk/Fiscal Officer

UNION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WARREN COUNTY, OHIO

Resolution Number: 03172025 ⁰² Date of Resolution: 3.17.25

TOPIC OF RESOLUTION: PROHIBITING ADULT USE CANNABIS OPERATORS LICENSED UNDER CHAPTER 3780 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE IN THE UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY OF UNION TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, OHIO

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2023 the State of Ohio electorate passed State Issue 2, which went into effect December 7, 2023, generally permitting the possession and use of adult use cannabis and establishing government regulations over such in the Ohio Revised Code; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3780.25 of the Ohio Revised Code, boards of township trustees have the authority to adopt a resolution to prohibit or limit the number of adult use cultivators, adult use processors, or adult use dispensaries, known collectively as "adult use cannabis operators," licensed under Chapter 3780 of the Ohio Revised Code within the unincorporated territory of the township; and,

WHEREAS, this Board deems it is in the interest of public health, safety, and general welfare of Union Township to prohibit the cultivation, processing and dispensing of adult use cannabis in the unincorporated territory of Union Township.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Union Township, Warren County, Ohio, at least a majority of all Trustees casting a vote concur as follows:

Section 1. That the Board does prohibit adult use cultivators, adult use processors, or adult use dispensaries licensed under Chapter 3780 of the Ohio Revised Code, known collectively as "adult use cannabis operators," within the unincorporated territory of Union Township, Warren County, Ohio.

Section 2. This Resolution does not limit research related to marijuana conducted at a state university, academic medical center, or private research and development organization as part of a research protocol approved by an institutional review board or equivalent entity.

Section 3. This Resolution does not levy any tax, fee, charge on adult use cannabis operators, their owners or their property which is not generally charged on other businesses in Union Township.

Section 4. This Resolution does not prohibit or limit home grows otherwise authorized under Chapter 3780 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5. This Resolution does not prohibit or restrict any other activity authorized by Chapter 3780 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5. That the Board is acting in its legislative capacity in adopting this Resolution.

Section 6. That the recitals contained within the Whereas Clauses set forth above are incorporated by reference herein.

Section 7. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Koch moved adoption of the foregoing Resolution, being seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar. Upon call of the roll, the following vote resulted:

Mr. Vonderhaar	-	yes
Mr. Koch	-	yes
Ms. Cockerham	-	yes

Resolution adopted this 17th day of March, 2025.

UNION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

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SHELLEY LAMB,
FISCAL OFFICER

UNION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WARREN COUNTY, OHIO

Resolution Number: 03172025.03 Date of Resolution: 3.17.25

TOPIC OF RESOLUTION: PROHIBITING MEDICAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATORS, PROCESSORS AND RETAIL DISPENSARIES LICENSED UNDER CHAPTER 3796 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE [MEDICAL MARIJUANA CONTROL PROGRAM] IN THE UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY OF UNION TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, OHIO

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, House Bill 523, effective September 8, 2016, is the state enabling legislation wherein the Ohio Legislature delegated authority to townships to regulate medical marijuana facilities, including without limitation, that a board of township trustees pursuant to Section 3796.29 of the Ohio Revised Code may adopt a resolution to prohibit, or limit the number of, cultivators, processors, or retail dispensaries licensed under this chapter within the unincorporated territory of the township; and,

WHEREAS, this Board deems it is in the interest of public health, safety, and general welfare of Union Township to prohibit the cultivation, processing and retail dispensing of medical marijuana in the unincorporated territory of Union Township.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Union Township, Warren County, Ohio, at least a majority of all Trustees casting a vote concur as follows:

Section 1. That the Board does prohibit cultivators, processors, or retail dispensaries licensed under Chapter 3796 of the Ohio Revised Code [Medical Marijuana Control Program] within the unincorporated territory of Union Township, Warren County, Ohio.

Section 2. This Resolution does not limit research related to marijuana conducted at a state university, academic medical center, or private research and development organization as part of a research protocol approved by an institutional review board or equivalent entity.

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