

## UNION TOWNSHIP – WARREN COUNTY

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Regular Meeting – June 2, 2025

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**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, 6/2/25 at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Township Building. Trustees in attendance: Fred Vonderhaar, Rhonda Cockerham, & Chris Koch. The prayer was led by Mrs. Cockerham. Mr. Koch led everyone in The Pledge of Allegiance.

**POLICE SUMMARY:** Sergeant Adams had nothing to report.

**ROAD SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Sandlin spoke of an issue at Deerfield Cemetery and all Trustees along with Mr. Sandlin are going to meet with the family to try to come to a resolution.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Chief Napier was not in attendance.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:** The Fiscal Officer presented the bills to pay, fund status, cemetery deeds, etc. through June 2, 2025. All were signed and approved by Mr. Vonderhaar, Mr. Koch, & Mrs. Cockerham. Mrs. Lamb stated a new account appeared on Union Township's Duke Energy bill for a "light" in Aberlin Springs Subdivision, which is not part of the Union Township Lighting District. No one on the Union Township Board had any information concerning this development. She will contact Duke for more information, but this invoice will not be paid and should be removed from the Union Township account.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Koch made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar. The motion was carried by all "yeas". Mr. Koch said he will be sending a homeowner on Stubbs Mill Road a letter to let them know Union Township is aware of issues the Warren County Health Department is having concerning the residence. He also stated the Warren County Zoning Department is looking into a complaint about a residence on Riley Street. Mr. Koch is going to contact the Warren County Engineer's Office about their vegetation removal proposal for Phillips Road, as it seems a bit aggressive. Mr. Koch will contact the Timberlake Estates Subdivision HOA and let them know the newest signage information from the Warren County Prosecutor's Office. Mr. Koch made a motion to support the "Professional Surveyor Designation" as a requirement for the Warren County Engineer, seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar. The motion was carried by all "yeas".

Mrs. Cockerham said she had received a complaint about shepherd hook removals from graves in Deerfield Cemetery. Shepherd hooks and/or flowerpot hangers on graves in any Union Township cemetery are not allowed as stated in the official rules & regulations information. She invited the complainant to this meeting, but they did not attend. Mrs. Cockerham made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from 5/19/25, seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar. The motion was carried by all "yeas".

Mr. Vonderhaar mentioned the great job done by Mr. Sandlin, Aaron Wright, & Jason Taulbee in the maintenance of Deerfield Cemetery for the Memorial Day services. Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Cockerham to accept a quote in the amount of \$20,965.54 from Koenig Equipment for a new John Deere tractor (see attached). The motion was carried by all "yeas". Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Cockerham, to allow him to send in the Union Township vote for Township Representative for the District #10 Public Works Integrating Committee. The motion was carried by all "yeas".

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Koch, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. The motion was carried by all "yeas". The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.