

UNION TOWNSHIP – WARREN COUNTY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Regular Meeting – October 20, 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, 10/20/25 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.

PUBLIC SPEAKER(S): Roger Gibb, from Mason, & Mike Burrows, from Symmes Township, presented the Trustees with information about passing a non-binding resolution they would like them to review, which would allow amendments to the Constitution concerning fiscal responsibility, term limits, and reducing the power of the federal government. The Trustees agreed to look at the information packet for possible discussion at a future meeting.

POLICE SUMMARY: Deputy Hale had nothing to report.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Sandlin stated the vegetation had been removed on Phillips Road and the four new cameras were now installed in Deerfield Cemetery.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Napier said he received \$16,200 in grant money from the Loeb Foundation.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: The Fiscal Officer presented the bills to pay, fund status, cemetery deeds, etc. through October 20, 2025. All were signed and approved by Mr. Vonderhaar, Mrs. Cockerham, & Mr. Koch. Mrs. Lamb stated there was a Deerfield Cemetery burial lot issue concerning heirs and no deed. Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Cockerham to equally and alphabetically assign the three remaining lots to the three heirs. The motion was carried by all "yeas".

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Koch made a motion to adopt Resolution # 10202025-01, The Warren County Hazard Mitigation 5-Year Plan Update (see attached), seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar. The motion was carried by all "yeas". Mr. Koch said there had been traffic "sight" complaints about a couple of intersections within the Township. Mr. Sandlin will check them out, but this may be a Warren County issue. Mr. Koch mentioned the possibility of having only one Union Township meeting a month beginning 2026. Mr. Koch made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from 10/6/25, seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar. The motion was carried by all "yeas".

Mrs. Cockerham said she had received a call about an issue with a cemetery stone not set correctly in Deerfield Cemetery, but after she investigated it seemed to be resolved with the monument company. She mentioned a complaint about the "Lester Drive" street sign being faded and asked Mr. Sandlin to check on replacing it along with the "Bishop Drive" sign. She also stated that a real estate agent requested information about attaining public water service to a home on Dry Run Road she was trying to sell, but that would have to go through Western Water, not Union Township. Mrs. Cockerham made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Mr. Koch. The motion was carried by all "yeas".

At the meeting held on 10/6/25, Mr. Koch made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar, to allow Bruce McGary from the Warren County Prosecutor's Office to negotiate on behalf of the Union Township Trustees on a new taxation rate to start in seven to ten years and last for twelve years based on a new value related to a possible Bunnell Road annexation to the City of Mason. This motion was rescinded tonight by a motion made by Mr. Koch, seconded by Mr. Vonderhaar. A new motion concerning this annexation was made by Mr. Koch, seconded by Mrs. Cockerham, to allow Bruce McGary from the Warren County Prosecutor's Office to negotiate on behalf of the Union Township Trustees on a one-time cash payment of \$1.75 million for the annexation. All motions were carried by all "yeas".

Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion to allow "No Parking – Fire Lane" signs in Riverwalk upon approval by the Warren County Prosecutor's Office, seconded by Mr. Koch. The motion was carried by all "yeas".

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Vonderhaar made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Cockerham, 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, November 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WARREN COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION
5 – YEAR PLAN UPDATE**

WHEREAS, Warren County has experienced severe damage from several natural hazards on many occasions in the past century, resulting in property loss, loss of life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Emergency Management Agency desires to be compliant with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and 44 CFR Section 201.6(d)(3). Said Act requires that a Hazard Mitigation Planning Program criteria be developed in order for the participating Warren County communities and unincorporated areas of Warren County to be eligible for future pre-disaster and post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding.

FURTHER, the mitigation planning regulation at 44 CFR section 201.6(d)(3) states:

A local jurisdiction must review and revise its Hazard Mitigation Plan to reflect changes in development, progress in local mitigation efforts, and changes in priorities, and resubmit it for approval within five (5) years in order to continue to be eligible for mitigation project grant funding.

WHEREAS, the Warren County Emergency Management Agency has established the Warren County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee and they have, through an organized planning process, identified local problems and mitigation activities to help reduce hazards, damages, and loss of life during a natural hazard event; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 5-year plan update recommends many hazard mitigation actions that will protect the people and property affected by the natural hazards that face Warren County; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Hazard Mitigation Committee held monthly public planning meetings from January 2025 through June 2025 to review and revise the plan as required by law; and will hereby be implemented, monitored, evaluated, and updated annually by the Warren County Hazard Mitigation Committee. The Warren County Board of Commissioners will be the public authority to promote and oversee the continued maintenance of this plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Union Township Board of Trustees of the Township of Union, Warren County, Ohio, the majority of all members elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1: The Warren County Hazard Mitigation 5-Year Plan Update is hereby adopted as the official Multi-Jurisdictional Plan of Warren County, Ohio. By participating in the Warren County Plan and county planning process, this municipality will be eligible to submit applications for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding

Section 2: The Warren County Emergency Management Agency has entered into an agreement, in the manner provided by law, under the Ohio Revised Code, as amended, and has the power to coordinate and unify the comprehensive emergency management activities of the participants, thereof, including the various municipal corporations and the unincorporated jurisdictions of Warren County, Ohio, and

Section 3: The respective County, City, Village and Township officials identified in the strategy of the 5-Year Hazard Mitigation Plan Update are hereby requested to participate in addressing the recommended mitigation actions assigned to them. These officials will report annually on their hazard mitigation activities, accomplishments, and progress to the Warren County Hazard Mitigation Committee under the direction of the Warren County Board of Commissioners.

Section 4: This resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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

Mr. Vonderhaar - yes
Mr. Koch - yes
MS. Cockerham - yes

Resolution adopted this 20th of October, 2025.

UNION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Shelley Lamb
By: Shelley Lamb, FISCAL OFFICER