Union Township Trustees January 18, 2022

The Union Township Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 pm on January 18, 2022. Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater's roll call showed the following trustees present: John Slater, Roger Start, and Jeff Sharps. Paula Greene, Township Administrator, and Dave Cable, Road Supervisor, were also present. Trustee Slater led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests: Jennifer Kurkowski and Martha Cable

Minutes

Mr. Sharps moved to approve the January 3 minutes. Mr. Start seconded. Motion approved.

Bills

The clerk certified the money to pay the bills in the treasury or is in the collection process. Mr. Sharps motioned to pay the bills. Mr. Start seconded. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge

Snow event - The clearing of roads went well.

2013 Loader – Dave reported that the front loader continues to have electrical problems. A discussion was held on replacing the unit with American Rescue Act Funds.

Motion – Mr. Sharps motioned to allow Mr. Cable to research the cost of a new loader.

Mr. Starts second. Motion carried.

Fire District

Appointments and Positions – The Board made the following appointments during the Fire District's January 13 meeting: Trustee Jeff Sharps Chairman; Mr. Campbell Vice-Chairman; Union Township Resident Paul Rutter "member-at-large".

Granville Township Fire will begin automatic aid soon. Mr. Sharps, Chief Curtis, and Chief Mason will establish new run cards. In the meantime, work on a new agreement that suits everyone will begin. There is no cost to Union Township for automatic aid runs.

A small group of residents will begin meeting and present practical solutions from residents' perspectives to the Trustees.

Mr. Slater said residents notified him and said they would not support a levy while Cliff Mason is Fire Chief, and the Township participates with the district. Mr. Sharps and Mr. Start said that residents voiced the same opinion to them while campaigning last fall.

Economic Development

Mr. Start met and had good conversations with representatives of Montrose Development and Rick Platt with the Licking County Port Authority. The Montrose Group recommended Attorney Chris Connelly with the Taft Law Firm for Economic Development legal issues.

Mr. Start met with Hebron Mayor Jim Layton and Linda Nicodemus. Hebron plans to move forward with the waterline and has letters from parcel owners on Route 40 requesting public water. Mr. Start advised Mayor Layton that the Township would not be moving forward with the JEDD and are

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researching all options available to the Township. Mayor Layton said the Village would need a" letter of support" to move forward with the waterline.

Mr. Start said suggested to place a Recommendation for Qualification (RFQ) notice so that other companies would have an opportunity to work with the Township. Mr. Start will contact Attorney Carnes regarding the RFQ process.

Paula said Refugee Canyon Fire District Lieutenant Ryan Wise required a new business park on U.S. Route to install a specific size water line and fire hydrants when there is no waterline. Paula has advised Attorney Carnes of the issue.

The Trustees will be meeting with Southwest Licking Water District (SWLWD) to discuss a waterline in the Township. SWLWD has the "first right of refusal" agreement, written when the land sold to the water district.

Administration

Tackett Map Amendment - The Zoning Commission on will hear a map amendment on January 25.

Zoning Board Vacancies – Paula will post a notice on the website asking residents interested in holding a seat on one of the Zoning Boards to email the Township for consideration. Jennifer Kurkowski (present) has expressed an interest in serving on the Zoning Commission. There is a total of six vacancies.

Buckeye Lake Overpass Sign – The Trustees said they have researched the issue and support the request. Mayor Layton said during the last meeting that he supported the request. Mr. Start would like to see a draft of the sign.

Motion – Mr. Start motioned that Paula notifies the Buckeye Lake Mayor of the Trustees to support placing "Buckeye Lake" on the State Route 79 overpass bridge at I-70, and a draft of the sign forwarded to the trustees. Mr. Sharps seconded. Motion carried.

Trustees

Mr. Sharps -Mr. Sharps suggested the Township start a Facebook page to push information to the public. There are companies that can develop and manage the Facebook account. Mr. Sharps will investigate options.

Mr. Slater and Mr. Start had nothing further to discuss.

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