

**Union Township Trustees**  
**September 3, 2024**  
**Regular Trustee Meeting**

The Union Township Trustees met on September 3, 2024, at 7:00 pm for a regular meeting. Fiscal Officer Karen Nethers roll call showed the following trustees: Roger Start, Jeff Sharps and John Slater. Paula Greene, Township Administrator, and Dave Cable, Road Superintendent, were present. Trustee Start led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests – Martha Cable and Jennifer Kurkowski.

Minutes – Mr. Sharps motioned, and Mr. Slater seconded to approve the August 19 and Special ~ August 21, 2024 . Motion carried.

Bills – Mr. Slater motioned, and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve the bills. Motion carried.

**Public Comments** – No comments

**Fiscal Officer**

The fiscal officer presented Schedules A and B for approval by Resolution.

**Resolution 2024-36 Schedule A & B Mr. Start moved and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve Schedule A & B as presented.**

**Roll call: Mr. Start – yes                      Mr. Sharps – yes                      Mr. Slater – yes**

**Road and Bridge**

Blacks Road Project – Paving is complete, berm and striping scheduled for next week.

The Trustees have already received complaints about speeding.

Mowing – This year’s mowing season will end September 15 due to the drought. Mr. Slater asked that the corner of Blacks and Beaver Run Road be kept mowed.

**Administration**

Hebron Reparations – Mr. Sharps met with Mayor Mockus regarding the Reparations.

Mayor Mockus gave an offer less than the 2023 Fire Reparations. After a discussion it was decided to request an Attorney General’s Opinion. If the AG’s opinion supports the Township and the Village chooses not to fulfill their obligation, a lawsuit against the Village could be filed. The Trustees do not want the issue to get to the point where a lawsuit must be filed. Both Licking County Auditor Mike Smith and Assistant Prosecutor Austin Lecklider agreed on the fire reparations amount owed to the Township. Trustee Sharp will advise Mayor Mockus of the Townships plan to ask for an AG’s opinion. It was felt that the Trustees were more than patient with the Village. Mrs. Nethers prepared an invoice for the outstanding first invoice and the second payment.

Wind and Solar Public hearing – Paula attended the Commissioner’s public hearing for Exclusionary Zones in Multiple Townships (Industrial Scale). Several residents from various Townships spoke against Solar and Wind Farms. A resolution will be presented during a Commissioners Meeting.

Map Amendment Hearing – The Trustees will hear a map amendment request filed by Medvec September 16, 2024, at 6:45pm.

Granville Twp. Fire Contract Revision -The contract amendment and resolution were presented.

**Resolution 2024-37 Granville Twp. Fire Contract Amendment**

**Mr. Sharps moved and Mr. Slater seconded to approve the Amendment Granville Twp Fire Contract. No discussion.**

**Roll call: Mr. Start – yes                      Mr. Sharps – yes                      Mr. Slater – yes**

**Economic Development –**

New JEDD opportunity -Post JEDD Summary from the Water and Sewer District asked the Trustees to join a JEDD with Kirkersville and Hebron. This JEDD would be like the Jersey JEDD where the Township collects a percentage of JEDD revenue. The Trustees said they would like additional information and a legal opinion. Mr. Slater asked why the district did not reach out to Harrison Township. The Board determined that the Township is interested, but needs some questions answered.

**Old Business**

State Route 37 Traffic Improvements – Mr. Start said Mr. Lozier will met with Granville Twp. Trustee Bryn Bird this week. Mr. Start suggested that a joint letter of support come from the Township, Granville Twp. and Granville Village. Mr. Slater said without a new north to south connection for I70 and SR 16, he is not in favor of the roundabouts. Mr. Start said he felt if State Route 37 was the only direct connection, ODOT would not put in a roundabout. Mr. Sharps said roundabouts will suppress truck traffic and wants to learn more. A discussion was held on roundabouts and the effects of traffic finding alternate routes. More information was needed. Mr. Start asked Paula to invite an ODOT representative to the next meeting.

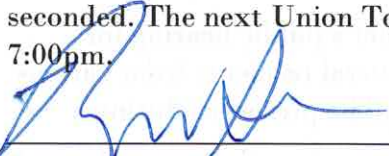
**Public Comments**

Jennifer Kurkowski spoke about her concerns of roundabouts and felt the traffic was increasing and exiting James Road onto State Route 37 was dangerous. Mrs. Kurkowski thought roundabouts might be a solution. The ODOT Consultants will be holding a meeting in October at our building.

**Trustees**

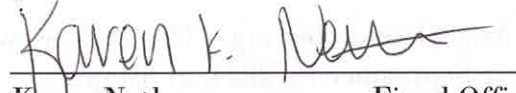
Mr. Sharps commented that Blacks Road looks good. Mr. Sharps asked if Deeds Road was still the plan for the next OPWC project.

With there being no further business. Mr. Start moved to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Mr. Sharps seconded. The next Union Township Trustees will be held Monday, September 16, 2024, at 7:00pm.

  
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Roger Start                      President

  
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Jeff Sharps                      Vice President

  
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John Slater                      Trustee

  
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Karen Nethers                      Fiscal Officer