

Union Township Trustees
November 22, 2021

The Union Township Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 pm on November 22, 2021. Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater's roll call showed the following trustees: John Slater and Charles Prince present. Trustee Randy Weekly was absent due to illness. Paula Greene, Township Administrator, and Dave Cable, Road Supervisor, were also present. Trustee Slater led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest: Kristy Hawthorne, District Program Director, Licking County Soil and Water, Trustees-elect Roger Start and Jeff Sharps.

Minutes

Mr. Prince moved to approve the November 6 Trustee minutes, adding the word "informal" added to the sentence referring to a verbal roofing bid given to Mr. Prince. Mr. Slater seconded. Motion approved.

Bills

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

BRIC Grant – Kristy Hawthorne discussed the FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program application due to the Ohio EMA on November 30. The BRIC Grant would fund a hazard mitigation program (flooding) in our area, including Interstate 70. The Licking County Commissioners will be the applicant for the Grant.

A letter of support from the Trustees was requested earlier this month. Mr. Slater felt the letter would be more effective if all three trustees signed the letter. The letter needs to be submitted to Ms. Hawthorne before November 29.

The application consists of two phases, the first to continue modeling, engineering, and easement purchase. Implementation of the Buckeye Lake Causeway comes in the second phase.

M.S. Consultants will demonstrate the 2D model of a 100-year flood event during the Commissioner's Meeting on November 23 that the public will be available to watch via zoom. Kristy will forward the zoom information.

Ms. Hawthorne discussed opportunities and educational programs available through Licking County Soil and Water, noting she works with Paula and Dave with the MS4 program.

Motion – Mr. Prince moved to execute a letter of support of the BRIC grant by the Trustees. Mr. Slater seconded. Motion carried.

Temporary Appropriations

The fiscal officer presented the Trustees with the 2022 Temporary Appropriations (first quarter). After a brief discussion, it was decided that the Trustees would review the Appropriations and approve them at the next Trustee meeting.

December Meeting Schedule

A discussion regarding the meeting schedule for December was held. The schedule was set in the following motion:

Motion – Mr. Prince moved to set the December 2021 Meeting schedule as follows: Regular Meetings to be held on December 6 and 20th, with a Special (end of the year) Meeting on December 27, including a Map Amendment hearing on December 6 at 6:45 pm. The Trustee regular and Special meetings will be held at 7 pm. Mr. Slater seconded. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge

Salt – The Township has taken delivery of several loads of salt, with more to be delivered this week. In addition, Dave said they have been preparing for the winter storms.

Training – The Street Department employees attended the annual MS4 Training held today.

Fire/EMS

Flooring – No update was available, and no additional invoices have been turned in.

Administration

Conditional Use Permit Hearing - The Board of Zoning Appeals heard a Temporary Entertainment Use request on Saturday, November 20. Jay Livingston, Big Ambitions/National Trail Raceway owner, requested and was approved a Conditional Use Permit for a holiday light show to be held at the raceway. All traffic will enter and exit the event from U.S. Route 40; no traffic will enter or exit from Refugee Road.

Map Amendment – The Zoning Commission approved a map amendment filed by Robert Spencer for his six-acre parcel on Lancaster Road to be rezoned to Rural Residential 3 from Agriculture. A hearing date for December 6, 2021, at 6:45 pm was set.

JEDD

The previously scheduled November 16 joint meeting with the Village of Hebron has not been rescheduled. Paula requested and received the signed JEDD petitions received by the Village of Hebron, of which there were approximately 14 signed petitions, two being residential parcels.

Trustees

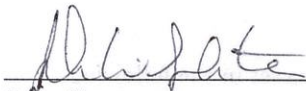
Old Church Building – Mr. Prince, said he was called to secure the old Licking Baptist Church building on Saturday afternoon. The north window had been broken, and the plywood from a front door had been removed. He secured the building. Dave will also look into securing the building. Mr. Prince felt the interior of the building was damaged beyond repair and recommended the building be torn down in the future.

Vagrant – Mr. Slater was made aware of a subject living in a tent in the township just outside of Buckeye Lake. The subject was wanted by Law Enforcement and cautioned everyone to be aware of their surroundings, and if they saw something out of place, contact law enforcement.

Bitcoin Mining Operation – Mr. Prince read in the Wall Street Journal that bitcoin mining operations were moving into vacant industrial buildings across the nation. Complaints of noise from cooling fans were becoming a zoning problem.

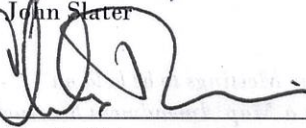
OPEC – Mr. Price said the bankruptcy trustee's decision not to pay ClaimDoc's disputed \$600,000 (plus interest) invoice was accepted by the judge. ClaimDoc has filed for a full hearing. Mr. Prince will forward the contact information to Paula.

There being no further business, Mr. Prince moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. Mr. Slater seconded. The next meeting of the Union Township Trustees will be held on December 6, 2021.

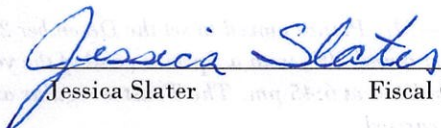


John Slater President

Randy Weekly Trustee



Charlie Prince Vice-President



Jessica Slater Fiscal Officer