

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF UNION

Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Charter Township of Union Board of Trustees was held on November 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Union Township Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Supervisor Alwood, Clerk Henry, Treasurer Rice Trustee Hauck, Lannen, Mielke and Mikus were present.

Others Present

Brian Smith, Jennifer Loveberry, Pat DePriest

Public Comment

Mary Freytag, 2460 Francis: Regarding Peddlers Ordinance, she feels they should be able to be out with their signs.

Reports/Board Comments

Alwood – Commented that Listening Ear does a fabulous job

Mielke – Met with Don Schuster from Listening Ear, they are interested in purchasing Northwinds Apartments (low income housing) on the pilot program; talked about Crawford Rd. tragedy/sidewalks mentioned lighting on Deerfield would bring more safety; lastly Thank You Russ and all the Veterans on this Veterans Day

Approval of Agenda

Lannen moved **Hauck** supported to approve the agenda with additions of items G. B-4/Managing Growth (discussion) and H. Veterans Day Off – add to township policy manual. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

Consent Agenda

- A. Communications
- B. Minutes – October 28, 2015 Regular Meeting
- C. Bills
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay
- F. Fire Reports

Hauck moved **Mielke** supported to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

BOARD AGENDA

- A. James McBryde Middle Michigan Development Corporation Presentation
Mr. McBryde gave presentation on the growth in Isabella County.

B. Mary Sentor CARRS Survey

Marry Sentor, Director, Center for Applied Research and Rural Studies (CARRS) presented her draft agreement suggesting that the township do a mailing survey sent to residents of the township and email to the students residing in Union Township. She also stated it would be good to add the survey to the Township Website. **Mikus** motioned **Lannen** supported to approve the contract between Central Michigan University and Charter Township of Union to develop a survey instrument and administer the survey to the residents of Union Township. **Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 1. Motion carried.**

C. Deerfield Rd. Lighting Engineering Proposal

8:21 p.m. Trustee Hauck excused himself from the vote due to owning rentals in the area. B. Smith presented the proposed special assessment district on Deerfield Rd. **Mielke** motioned **Mikus** supported the proposal for engineering services for the proposed special assessment District / Deerfield Rd lighting district for the Preliminary Design Phase for \$4,200. **Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 1. Motion carried.**

D. Pickard Rd. Sidewalk Engineering Proposal

B. Smith presented the proposed special assessment on Pickard Rd. sidewalk district. **Hauck** motioned **Henry** supported to postpone the Engineering fees for the Pickard Road Sidewalks discussion; which then was **rescinded** by **Hauck**; discussion concluded with no action taken.

E. Peddlers Ordinance Discussion (Continued discussion)

Continued discussion by the Board.

F. Set 2016 Budget Hearing and Advertisement

Lannen motioned **Rice** supported to set the public hearing for the “proposed 2016 Budget and the property tax millage rate to be levied to support that budget” on December 1, 2015. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

G. B-4 / Managing Growth (begin discussion)

Trustee Mielke gave Planning Commission updates regarding issues with the B4 and OS zoning ordinance. Add to the December meeting for discussion.

H. Veterans Day

Clerk Henry proposed to add Veterans Day to the Personnel Manual, stating that Veterans Day would be recognized as a holiday by Union Township and the Township Hall would be closed and employees would be given the day off. Discussion was held by the Board.

Henry motioned **Mielke** supported to table discussion until the December meeting. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays 0. Motion carried.**

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

Open at 9:11p.m.

Ian Elliott, Student Government Association's city commission liaison – Expressed interest in working with the township to keep students safety a top priority.

Alanna D’Ambrosio-Berry, 2935 Billbrael – voiced pedestrian safety concerns on S. Crawford Rd.

Nicholas Madaj – Newly elected city commissioner introduced himself to the board.

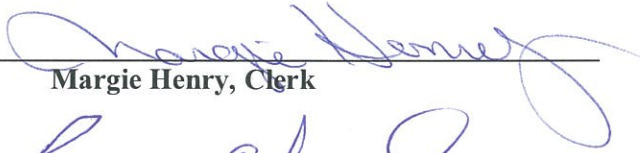
FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Lannen – asked that after each vote number of ayes and nays be stated for the minutes and video; also asked for management team to contact CMU regarding lighting issues for the safety of their students.


ADJOURNMENT

Hauck motioned **Mielke** supported to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m. **Ayes: all. Motion carried.**

APPROVED BY:



Margie Henry, Clerk



Russ Alwood, Supervisor

(Recorded by Jennifer Loveberry)