

2017 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF UNION
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Charter Township of Union Board of Trustees was held on July 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Union Township Hall.

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

Roll Call

Present: Supervisor Gunning, Treasurer Rice, Clerk Cody, Trustees B. Hauck, Lannen, and Woerle

Excused: Trustee Mikus

Approval of Agenda

B. Hauck moved Rice supported to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Presentations

Public Hearings

Public Comment - open 7:03 p.m.

Mark McDonald, 2465 E. Millbrook Rd. (email) – supports project on Lincoln/ M20 – healthy for the Township.

Vance Johnson, 7777 Whiteville – Representing Fisher Transportation, as well as, township resident - supports McGuirk projects, storage units and senior living.

Ryan Buckley, 3978 McGuirk St. – opposes self storage units.

Brian Neyer, 262 E. Wing Rd. – in favor of the projects, storage units and senior living, good fit for the Township and creates jobs in the community.

Terri Sommerville, 3678 St. Andrews – Representing Arboretum Apartments, concerned with noise and traffic. Suggested pine tree screening on the north and west side of the project.

Richard Figg, 1239 E. Broomfield – property owner, shared importance of screening of apartments of McGuirk Development to include wall in plans.

Tim Hauck – 4308 E. River – property owner adjacent to project - supports mini storage project.

Kayla Slezak, 3100 St. Andrews Dr. – supports mini storage project.

Brandon LaBelle, 1835 Chadwick – supports mini storage project.

Doug LaBelle Jr., Meadowbrook – supports mini storage project.

Edward Peters, 4240 E. Millbrook – property owner adjacent to project - supports mini storage project.

Jeremy Sheets, 1740 LeRoy Lane – supports mini storage project.

Bob Murphy, 1627 W. River – supports mini storage project.

Bob Elmore, 1890 LeRoy Lane – in favor of special use permits for both projects - mini storage and senior living.

Kent Vanderloon, 1782 LeRoy Lane – in favor of special use permits for both projects - mini storage and senior living.

Eric Smith, 1129 S. Lincoln Rd. – supports special use permit for mini storage project.

Eric Luce - supports special use permit for mini storage project.

Dave Coyne, 768 Stoneridge – supports special use permits for both projects - mini storage and senior living.

Jim Holton, 506 W. Broadway – supports special use permits for both projects - mini storage and senior living.

Curt Utterback, 3397 S. Lincoln Rd. – adjacent property owner concerned with additional truck traffic.

Phil Seybert, 608 E. Bluegrass – Resident of Township/Developer supports mini storage project.

Reports/Board Comments

Gunning – Nominated Doug LaBelle II to the Board of Review supported by B. Hauck. **Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

B. Hauck – Isabella County Road Commission updates, Lincoln Road Bridge project estimated to be completed by the end of July.

Woerle – Planning Commission updates, commented on Pre-draft of the Master Plan to be available soon, also mentioned additional funds may be requested by the Planning Commission for an open house for the public prior to the public hearing estimated for September 2017.

Consent Agenda

- A. Communications
- B. Minutes June 28, 2017 – Regular Meeting
- C. Bills
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay
- F. Fire Reports

Woerle moved Cody supported to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

BOARD AGENDA

A. Discussion/ Action: Approval of SUP 2017-03 retail sales of new or used cars, trucks, boats, travel trailers, and motor homes on eleven (11) parking spaces

B. Hauck moved Rice supported to approve SUP 2017-03 retail sales of new or used cars, trucks, boats, travel trailers, and motor homes on eleven (11) parking spaces on the condition that farm equipment and mobile homes not be sold and that all requirements in section 30 of the Zoning Ordinance be adhered to.

Recusal: Gunning recused himself due to conflict of interest.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cody, Rice, B. Hauck, Lannen, Woerle Nays 0. Motion carried.

B. Discussion / Action: Approval of SUP 2017-05 self storage buildings at 1982 E. Remus Rd.

Joe Quandt, Representative of applicant, reviewed the project, mentioned concern whether Supervisor Gunning should recuse himself. Supervisor Gunning advised that he would be participating in the vote.

Cody moved B. Hauck supported to approve SUP 2017-05 self storage buildings at 1982 E. Remus Rd. on the condition that all requirements of Section 30 of the Zoning Ordinance are adhered to. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cody, B. Hauck, Lannen Nays: Gunning, Rice, Woerle. Motion failed.**

C. Discussion / Action: Approval of SUP 2017-06 Public and Institutional Use (Nursing, extended care or convalescent home) at S. Lincoln Rd. PID 14-020-20-001-03

Lannen moved Woerle supported to approve SUP 2017-06 Public and Institutional Use (Nursing extended care or convalescent home) at S. Lincoln Rd. PID 14-020-20-001-03. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gunning, Rice, Cody, B. Hauck, Woerle, Lannen Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

D. Discussion / Action: Resolution to authorize Charter Township of Union Clerk to submit Grant Application to the Secretary of State for a grant to purchase new voting system on behalf of Union Township

Discussion was held by the Board of Trustees.

Woerle moved Rice supported to approve the Board of Trustees Resolution allowing the Union Township Clerk to apply to the Secretary of State for a grant to purchase a new voting system from Dominion Voting, which includes precinct tabulators, Absent Voter Counting Board (AVCB) tabulators (if applicable), accessible voting devices for use by individuals with disabilities, and related Election Management System (EMS) software. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gunning, Rice, Cody, B. Hauck, Woerle, Lannen Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

MANAGER COMMENTS

- Moving forward towards signed agreements with little league and softball league. Began discussions with pony league, anticipates signed agreement as well.
- The EOC (Emergency Operations Center is now closed) it had been operational for the past fourteen days. FEMA, State Police, and local representatives are now verifying local damages to pass to the Federal Government to declare Isabella County as a Disaster Area.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT - Open 9:36 p.m.

Russ Alwood, 2435 O'Conner Drive – commented on property damage from the flood.

Courtney Flynn-Busler, 2341 O'Conner Drive - commented on property damage from the flood.

Nate Lockwood, 2211 O'Conner Drive – commented on drainage issue and also commented that extended public comment being so late in the Agenda makes for a long wait for the public to speak.

Tim Beebe, 510 W. Pickard – commented in regards to the mini storage project presented was well screened and adjacent property owners had supported the project.

Josh Reasoner, 795 Meadowbrook Drive – commented on mini storage special use permit.

FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Rice – Commented on reasoning for her vote regarding the mini storage special use permit.

Lannen – Condolences to Kathy Blizzard’s family.

Woerle – Commented on difficult topics coming before the Board and the ability to agree and disagree during deliberating amongst the Board.


ADJOURNMENT

Rice moved Woerle supported to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 p.m. **Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0.**
Motion carried.

APPROVED BY:



Lisa Cody, Clerk



Ben Gunning, Supervisor

(Recorded by Jennifer Loveberry)