

2018 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF UNION
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Charter Township of Union Board of Trustees was held on August 8, 2018 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, Trustees B. Hauck, Lannen, Mikus, and Woerle

Excused: Clerk Cody

Approval of Agenda

Mikus moved Rice supported to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0.

Motion carried.

Presentations

Public Hearings

Public Comment - open 7:01 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Reports/Board Comments

Gunning- Updates from the EDA

Rice- Thanked everyone that was involved with the Election held on August 8, 2018

Hauck- Isabella County Road Commission updates

Lannen- Isabella County Board of Commissioners updates

Mikus- Sidewalk and Pathways Prioritization Committee updates

Woerle- Commented on possibly collaborating with the City of Mt. Pleasant for the fall 2 %

Distribution through the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for ball field updates.

Consent Agenda

- A. Communications
- B. Minutes July 25, 2018 – Regular Meeting
- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay
- F. Fire Reports

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

BOARD AGENDA

A. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Consider approval of the job description for the position of Public Services Department Director

Woerle moved Hauck supported to approve the job description of the Public Services Department Director. **Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT - Open 8:05 p.m.

Bob McDonald, 930 S. Whiteville– Commented on his rental property utility billing matter.

Jim Maclean, 5422 E. Broadway – Mentioned that Union Township and the City of Mt. Pleasant will be hosting the 2019 Little League State Tournament July 18-24, 2019. He also mentioned that he is seeking financial support for some field improvements. Lastly, he mentioned that the Union Township Parks Department was very helpful this past ball season.

Jim Horton of the 4th District County Commission updated the board on the county government.

MANAGER COMMENTS

- Mentioned that there are 247 registered annual members and 16 weekly memberships at Hannah's Bark Park, the restroom project started this past week with a scheduled completion date of mid October and lastly the City received a grant for the concessions/warming area
- Four handicap picnic tables will be added to the Township Parks
- MMDC completed a study on US127 opening up the ten mile stretch between Ithaca and St. Johns, which is now in the planning phase with MDOT
- MMDC received grant to identify and create a Best practices document that will be centered on Rural Site Marketing Tool Box in Region 5
- CMU Research Smart Zone on Denison Dr. received grant to create marketing and awareness programs to make sure entrepreneurs know the facility exists
- 2% fall application has opened up and with the Little League's expressed interest through Mr. Maclean's letter and public comment is asking for permission to consider capital improvement to the ball fields and facilities through the Little League's vision. The Township will continue to meet and discuss with Little League a full program listing and prioritize funding in the FY 19 budget. Commented that he has not had any communication with Mr. Rodriguez regarding this topic.
- Lux legal matter updates
- Commented that Mr. McDonald's billing matter includes both water and sewer fees being billed and updated the Board that the charges were created following our ordinance not policy. Explained that the issue really is between the landlord and tenant, stating that he would be happy to sit down with the McDonald's next week and provide them with and billing information they may need to pursue this matter as they wish.
- Commented on election report from Clerk Cody – Thanked the election workers and also thanked Township staff that supported the Township Clerk

FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Gunning – Encouraged Mr. McDonald to have discussion with the Township Manager. Comments were made regarding the state owned property on corner of Bluegrass Rd.

Hauck – Commented on Jameson Hall and mentioned a few future improvement projects that could be considered

Lannen – Commented that the McDonald's issue falls under the Township ordinance and is out of the Boards hands

Mikus – Commented on the McDonald's issue and encouraged them to meet with the Township Manager

Woerle – Commented on pursuing 2% with the Little League's wish list and hoped that collaboration with the City of Mt. Pleasant is included for a better chance of receiving grant monies. Also commented on the McDonald issue and suggested possible waiver of penalties and other adjustments to bill.


ADJOURNMENT

Rice moved Woerle supported to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVED BY:



Lisa Cody, Clerk



Ben Gunning, Supervisor

(Recorded by Jennifer Loveberry)