

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 September 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Union Township Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Excused: Trustee Mikus

Approval of Agenda

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

Presentations

Public Hearings

Public Comment - open 7:02 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Reports/Board Comments

Cody- Planning Commission Updates

Hauck- Isabella County Road Commission updates

Lannen- Commented on Annual Joint meeting with Township Boards & Commissions and mentioned the Zoning Rewrite Kick Off

Rice – Taxes are due September 14, 2018

Woerle- Attended the Intergovernmental Liaison meeting, planning meeting as Host Community of the 2019 Major Baseball Little League State Tournament, and round table discussion with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Consent Agenda

- A. Communications
- B. Minutes August 22, 2018 – Regular Meeting
- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay
- F. Fire Reports

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

BOARD AGENDA

A. Discussion/Action: (Gallinat) Introduce Rezoning Ordinance 2018-05, conduct a first reading. Publish a notice of a public hearing to consider adoption/rejection of Rezoning Ordinance 2018-05 on 9/26/18

Woerle moved Cody supported to approve the introduction of the rezoning Ordinance 2018-05 and to publish a notice of public hearing to consider adoption/rejection of Rezoning Ordinance 2018-05. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gunning, Rice, Cody, Hauck, Lannen, and Woerle Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

B. Discussion/Action: (Gallinat) Approve Special Use Permit 2018-04 for the construction of 3 additional self storage

Cody moved Hauck supported to approve special use permit 2018-04 for the construction of three (3) additional self storage buildings on the condition that a site plan is approved by the Planning Commission.

The Board of Trustees discussed the general requirements for all special uses in section 30.3 1-10 of the Zoning Ordinance. The majority of the questions were favorable with 3 questions resulting in a tie. Township Planner, Gallinat was called upon to further discuss requirements of self storage units, Section 20-14.U 1-10, which cleared up some uncertainty with the Board. The Board of Trustees expressed their desire for the Planning Commission to review the tape of this meeting to hear all their concerns regarding this special use prior to the Planning Commission meeting next week. Additional screening was mentioned; however, not included in the motion by the Board of Trustees.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Rice, Cody, Hauck, Lannen, and Woerle Nays: Gunning. Motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT - Open 8:37 p.m.

Richard Beltinck, 811 E. Remus Rd. – Commented that he would like to have both his rezone and parcel split on the September 26th Board of Trustees meeting.

MANAGER COMMENTS

- Commented on PFAS issue – testing will take place mid/late October in Isabella County (City/Township/Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe) regarding chemicals that exist in our everyday lives.
- Update on assessing reform specifying on the minimum quality standards that assessors would have to meet for state requirements. Mentioned that our Assessor is drafting a memo with her recommendation on whether Union Township should take a position on the legislation regarding this reform issue.
- 9-18-18 Special ZBA meeting for Mountain Town Brewery TXT interpretation
- Isabella Remodel update Bids came back higher than original estimates mentioned that Administration will be working out details of this project
- Contacted by the Clerk of Deerfield Township regarding interest in cost sharing with possibly installing rumble strips and solar powered blinking lights on stop signs on Meridian Rd. /River Rd. told him there is an interest possible future Board action.
- Sidewalks have been installed in front of ICCU on a waiver that was called in.

- Announcement that Kim Smith has been appointed to the position of Public Services Department Director. Excited to have her join the executive team.
- Shared interest in replacing public comment/presentation table and chair with a podium; with the intent for the Board to be addressed more formally
- Informed the Board that he is a member of the Rotary in part both personally and that it would be beneficial to the Township, request for Board approve payment of annual dues of membership which is \$150 and ½ of the lunches \$286
- Taxes due 9/14/18, any unpaid taxes will have additional penalties will be applied.

FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Gunning – Mentioned the south and east corner of Bluegrass Rd. /Mission Rd. and possibly reproaching the land owners along Bluegrass Rd. about installing sidewalks.

Rice – Reminder that she is at the end of her pregnancy

Hauck – Asked about wage study, mentioned that he would still like to see a hired Building Official, asked about O’Connor Dr. update, and mentioned Meridian/Baseline being a bad corner asked how to possible go about installing rumble strips and/or solar lights.

Lannen – Congratulations to Kim Smith and mentioned his support in the Township Manager being part of the Rotary

Woerle – Mentioned the great discussion by the Board regarding the Special Use Permit

Closed Session


ADJOURNMENT

Rice moved Cody supported to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. **Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0.**
Motion carried.

APPROVED BY:



 Lisa Cody, Clerk



 Ben Gunning, Supervisor

(Recorded by Jennifer Loveberry)