

**2019 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF UNION**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Charter Township of Union Board of Trustees was held on June 26, 2019 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, Trustee Lannen, Trustee Mikus, and Trustee Woerle

**Approval of Agenda**

Woerle moved Hauck supported to approve the Agenda as amended, moving Item J to the top of the Agenda. **Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 1. Motion carried.**

**Presentations**

**Public Hearings**

**Public Comment** - open 7:02 p.m.

Kirk Smith – Gemini Capital Management, LLC, Breckenridge, MI – Commented on time-sensitive urgency for TXT 2019-01

Teri Sommerville, 3678 St. Andrews – Commented on Water Ordinance & made statements regarding Disciplinary Action

Richard Figg, 1239 E. Broomfield – Commented on Water Ordinance

Doug LaBelle – Commented on Water Ordinance & made statements regarding Disciplinary Action

**Reports/Board Comments**

- **Current List of Boards & Commissions**

Lannen moved Woerle supported to re-appoint Phil Mikus to the Sidewalks and Pathways Prioritization Committee with a term expiring 7/26/2021. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

- **Updates by Township Planner from Planning Commission and ZBA**

- **Board Member Reports**

Gunning – Updates from the EDA

Cody – City of Mt. Pleasant Updates, attended MTA Township Assessing workshop -urged all board members to attend

Rice – Reported that Summer Taxes will be mailed out by July 1, 2019

Hauck – Road Commission Updates

Lannen – Isabella County Board of Commissioners Updates, Council of Governments Updates, and attended MTA Township Assessing workshop

Mikus – Requested report of activities for the Cultural Recreational Commission

## Consent Agenda

- A. Communications
  - 1. PC 5/21/19 approved minutes
  - 2. ZBA 5/1/19 approved minutes
- B. Minutes – June 12, 2019- regular meeting
- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay
- F. Fire Reports
- G. (Smith) Approval of the purchase of a 2019 New Holland Compact Utility Tractor and trade-in of a 1999 John Deere 430 tractor
- H. (Stuhldreher) Approval of a Facilities Use Agreement between the Township and the Mt. Pleasant Pony Colt League/Mt. Pleasant BPA (the “Pony League”) and to allow the Township Manager to execute same on behalf of the Township

**Mikus** moved **Rice** supported to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 1. Motion carried.**

## BOARD AGENDA

### A. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Appeal of Disciplinary Action

Assessor requested to wait until her Attorney arrived.

**Lannen** moved **Mikus** supported to continue with the Agenda allowing time for her Attorney to arrive. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion carried.**

### B. Discussion/Action: (Gallinat) TXT 2019-01 First Reading Solar Energy Systems Regulations Lone Maple LLC

**Woerle** moved **Cody** supported introducing Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance 2019-04 and to publish notice for adoption on July 24, 2019 in the Morning Sun Newspaper. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion carried.**

### C. Discussion/Action: (Gallinat) Approve SUB 2019-01 Preliminary Plat Review. Amending Plat of Village of Isabella City located at S. River Rd.

**Mikus** moved **Cody** supported to approve SUB 2019-01 Preliminary Plat Review amending Plat of Village of Isabella City located at S. River Rd. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion Carried.**

### D. Discussion/Action: (Smith) Approval of the Engineering Proposal with Gourdie Fraser for the replacement of Well #1 with a new well (Well#11) at the Isabella Treatment Plant

**Cody** moved **Hauck** supported to approve the Engineering Proposal with Gourdie Fraser for the replacement of Well #1 with a new well (Well #11) at the Isabella Treatment Plant in the amount of \$29,500. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion Carried.**

### E. Discussion/Action: (Smith) Township Board requested to adopt Ordinance Number 2019-04, an Ordinance to amend various provisions of the Charter Township of Union Water Service, Use and Rate Ordinance Number 1987-9, as amended

**Cody** moved **Mikus** supported to approve adopting Ordinance Number 2019-04, an Ordinance to amend various provisions of the Charter Township of Union Water Service, Use and Rate

Ordinance Number 1987-9, as amended. **Roll Vote: Ayes: Rice, Cody, Lannen, Mikus, and Woerle Nays: Gunning and Hauck. Motion Carried.**

**A. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Appeal of Disciplinary Action**

8:16 p.m.

**Lannen** moved **Woerle** supported that the Board go into closed session under section 8(a) of the Open meetings Act, to consider the suspension of the Township Assessor. **Roll Vote: Ayes: Gunning, Rice, Cody, Hauck, Lannen, Mikus, and Woerle Nays: 0. Motion Carried.**

8:49 p.m.

**Mikus** moved **Cody** supported to come out of closed session. **Roll Vote: Ayes: Gunning, Rice, Cody, Hauck, Lannen, Mikus, and Woerle Nays: 0. Motion Carried.**

**Woerle** moved **Cody** supported to uphold the disciplinary action and that the individuals personnel record be amended from the current charge, amending the wording be to read that an administrative action was taken regarding a personal policy issue. **Roll Vote: Ayes: Rice, Cody, Hauck, Lannen, Mikus, and Woerle Nays: Gunning. Motion Carried.**

**F. Discussion/Action: (Smith) Township Board requested to adopt Ordinance Number 2019-05, an Ordinance to amend various provisions of the Charter Township of Union Sewer Rate and Mandatory Connection Ordinance Number 1979-4, as amended**

**Mikus** moved **Lannen** supported to approve adopting Ordinance Number 2019-05, an Ordinance to amend various provisions of the Charter Township of Union Water Service, Use and Rate Ordinance Number 1979-4, as amended. **Roll Vote: Ayes: Rice, Cody, Lannen, Mikus, and Woerle Nays: Gunning and Hauck. Motion Carried.**

9:03 p.m. Gunning stated that he had to leave the meeting to close his business and requested Clerk Cody to resume as Chair for the remainder of the Board of Trustees meeting.

**G. Discussion/Action: (Board of Trustees) Review Manager Compliance with Policy Governance Policy 2.5.10 – Cashflow Adequacy**

Discussion was held by the Board.

**H. Discussion/Action: (Board of Trustees) Review Policy Governance 2.7 End Focus of Grant and Contracts**

Discussion was held by the Board.

**I. Discussion/Action: (Board of Trustees) Board of Trustees annual review of Board Governance Policy No. 3.5 – Board Commission and Community Linkage**

Discussion was held by the Board.

**J. Board of Trustees annual review of Board Governance Policy No. 3.6 – Supervisor's Role in the Board's Process**

**Woerle** moved **Mikus** supported to postpone the Board of Trustees annual review of Board Governance Policy No. 3.6 – Supervisor's Role in the Board's Process postponed until the 7/10/19 Board of Trustees meeting. **Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion Carried.**

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

Doug LaBelle, 955 Meadowbrook – Commented on Water/Sewer Ordinance rate structure.  
Closed 9:39 p.m.

**MANAGER COMMENTS**

- Commented on Union Township fireworks ordinance.

**FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Cody – Requested a work session to go over the water/sewer rate structure.


Rice – In support of having a work session to go over the water/sewer rate structure.


Hauck – Commented on need for replacement of tables/chairs at Jameson Hall and requested that lawns be maintained per the Township Weed Ordinance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Rice moved Woerle supported to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m. **Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0.**  
**Motion carried.**

**APPROVED BY:**

  
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Lisa Cody, Clerk

  
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Ben Gunning, Supervisor

*(Recorded by Jennifer Loveberry)*