

**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 September 25, 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, and Trustee Woerle

**Approval of Agenda**

**Hauck** moved **Cody** supported to approve the Agenda as presented. **Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0.**  
**Motion carried.**

**Presentations**

Robert Bacon  
Taylor Sheahan-Stahl  
Brian Smith  
Bryan Mielke  
James Thering, Jr.

**Public Hearings**

**Public Comment** - open 7:43 p.m.

Steve Swaney, County Commissioner – In support of a Democratic candidate  
Paul Bigard, 600 E. Broadway - In support of James Thering, Jr. to replace Trustee Mikus' vacant position  
John Dinse, 1206 E. High – In support of Bryan Mielke to replace Trustee Mikus' vacant position  
Jessica Lapp, 2113 McDonald – In support of Bryan Mielke to replace Trustee Mikus' vacant position  
Michael Heitman, 2812 S. Lincoln – In support of Bryan Mielke to replace Trustee Mikus' vacant position  
Correspondence received from email:  
Brian Clark, 2218 S Wieferich Meadows – In support of a Democratic candidate to replace Trustee Mikus' vacant position  
Ruth Helwig, 2381 S. Lincoln Rd. – In support of a Democratic candidate to replace Trustee Mikus' vacant position  
Doug LaBelle Jr., 955 Meadowbrook Dr. – In support of James Thering, Jr. to replace Trustee Mikus' vacant position

**Reports/Board Comments**

A. Current List of Boards and Commissions – Appointments as needed

**Hauck** moved **Lannen** supported to appoint Supervisor Gunning to the Recreation Authority Study Committee. **Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

B. Planning Commission and ZBA updates by Township Planner reported by Clerk Cody

C. Board Member Reports

Cody – Joint Water Study Presentation with the City of Mt. Pleasant scheduled for 9/30/19 at City Hall, urged all Board Members to attend

Hauck -Road Commission Updates and mentioned he attended the Isabella County Council of Governments meeting

Lannen – Isabella County Commission updates, Isabella County Council of Governments updates, and Water Study Work Session update

Rice – Sidewalk and Pathway Prioritization Committee updates and commented on Water Study Work Session updates

Woerle – Attended the Water Study Work Session meeting and asked to list future projects for 2% grant submissions for discussion on the next Board of Trustees meeting

### **Consent Agenda**

A. Communications

1. Approved 8/20/19 PC minutes

2. Approved 8/7/19 ZBA minutes

B. Minutes – September 11, 2019- 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: (Board of Trustees) – Consider voting on candidate to fill unexpired Trustee vacancy with term ending 11/20/2020**

**Lannen** moved **Hauck** supported to appoint a candidate to the vacant Trustee seat at tonight's meeting for the unexpired Trustee vacancy with term ending 11/20/2020. **Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion Carried.**

**Hauck** moved **Cody** supported to nominate James Thering, Jr. to the vacant Trustee position to fill the unexpired Trustee vacancy with term ending 11/20/2020. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Clerk Cody, Trustee Hauck and Supervisor Gunning. No: Treasure Rice, Trustee Lannen and Trustee Woerle. Motion Failed.**

**Cody** moved **Hauck** supported to nominate Bryan Mielke to the vacant Trustee position to fill the unexpired Trustee vacancy with term ending 11/20/2020. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Supervisor Gunning, Clerk Cody, Treasure Rice, Trustee Hauck Trustee Lannen and Trustee Woerle No: 0. Motion Carried.**

**EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: RESTRICTED TO 5 MINUTES REGARDING ANY ISSUE**

Open 8:43 p.m.

Brian Smith, 2284 Sandstone – Thanked the Board for their decision and congratulated Trustee Mielke.

Matt Mertz, 1540 Bamber – Commented on process of appointing unexpired Trustee vacancy

Phillip Hertzler, 2113 McDonald Dr.- Commented on Lincoln / Bluegrass intersection safety

**MANAGER COMMENTS**

**FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Hauck – Commented on Bluegrass Rd. sidewalk completion status.

Lannen -Thanked the Board for going through the process to fill the vacant Trustee position.

Cody – Reminder of Joint water study presentation on 9/30/19 at City Hall at 6 p.m.

Woerle – Commented on process of filling the open Trustee seat.

**CLOSED SESSION**


**ADJOURNMENT**

Cody moved Rice supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 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)*