

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 November 13, 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 Mielke, and Trustee Woerle

Approval of Agenda

Woerle moved **Cody** supported to approve the Agenda as amended, moving closed session to item 7, and adding 10/23/19 Work Session Minutes to Consent Agenda (Minutes were part of packet, not on Agenda). **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

Presentations

Public Hearings

Public Comment - open 7:03 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed Session

7:05 p.m. **Rice** moved **Lannen** supported that the Board meet in closed session under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider written material from the Township's attorney that is exempt from disclosure by Section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gunning, Rice, Cody, Hauck, Lannen, Mielke, and Woerle. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

7:25 p.m. **Woerle** moved **Lannen** supported to come out of closed session. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gunning, Rice, Cody, Hauck, Lannen, Mielke, and Woerle. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

7:26 p.m. **Lannen** moved **Woerle** supported that the Board meet in closed session under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider written material from the Township's attorney that is exempt from disclosure by Section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gunning, Rice, Cody, Hauck, Lannen, Mielke, and Woerle. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

7:48 p.m. **Lannen** moved **Woerle** supported to come out of close session. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gunning, Rice, Cody, Hauck, Lannen, Mielke, and Woerle. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

Reports/Board Comments

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

B. Board Member Reports

Cody – Updates from City of Mt. Pleasant

Hauck -Road Commission Updates

Lannen – Isabella County Commission and City of Mt. Pleasant meeting that he attended for Clerk Cody

Rice – Sidewalk and Pathway Prioritization Committee next meeting December 2nd. Taxes will be in mailboxes the first week of December

Woerle – Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe fall 2% distribution will be awarded on 11/21/19.

Commented on Morning Sun article written about total Tribal contributions made to the community

Consent Agenda

- A. Communications
- B. Minutes – October 23, 2019 - regular meeting
- C. Minutes – October 23, 2019 – work session
- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay
- F. Fire Reports

***Treasurer Rice stepped out of meeting**

Woerle moved Mielke supported to approve the consent agenda as amended, adding item C. Minutes – October 23, 2019 -work session. **Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion Carried.**

***Treasurer Rice returned to meeting**

BOARD AGENDA

A. Discussion/Action: (Smith) Consider approving the purchase of one playground structure in collaboration with the City of Mt. Pleasant for Jameson Park

Lannen moved Cody supported to approve the purchase of one playground structure in the amount not to exceed \$32,000 in collaboration with the City of Mt. Pleasant for Jameson Park. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion Carried.**

B. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Approve to schedule the FY2020 Budget Adoption Public Hearing for Tuesday, November 26, 2019 and to notice same in the Morning Sun as required by statute

Lannen moved Woerle supported the approval to schedule the FY 2020 Budget Adoption Public Hearing for Tuesday, November 26, 2019 and to notice same in the Morning Sun as required by statute. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion Carried.**

C. Discussion/Action (Stuhldreher) Consider approval of the proposed Board of Trustee meeting schedule for the 2020 calendar year in accordance with the Open Meetings Act

Cody moved Hauck supported approval of the proposed Board of Trustee meeting schedule for the 2020 calendar year in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.**
Motion carried.

**D. Discussion/Action: (Board of Trustees) Board discussion –
Classification/Compensation Study Elected Officials and Boards and Commissions
Per Diem**

Discussion was held by the Trustees.

***Recusal from Clerk Cody as she is the Board of Trustee Representative to the Planning Commission**

Mielke moved Lannen supported to increase the Planning Commission per diem to \$90.00 per Commissioner and \$100.00 for the Chairman of Planning Commission per the adopted meeting schedule per meeting. Any additional meetings added, that are not listed on the adopted schedule, will be \$65.00 for all Commissioners and the Chair per meeting. **Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

Effective 11/2020 Supervisor, Treasurer, Clerk, and Trustee base pay

Lannen moved Woerle supported that the Township Manager draft a resolution for a future Board meeting, addressing the Board's annual base pay effective November 2020 keeping the Treasurer, Clerk, and Trustees' base pay the same. The Board of Trustees suggested changing the Supervisor's position to an annual base pay of \$12,500 and add per diem pay for the Board of Review. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gunning, Rice, Cody, Lannen, Mielke, and Woerle. Nays: Hauck. Motion carried.**

E. Discussion/Action (Board of Trustees) Continued Discussion of 2% Spring Grant Applications

Discussion was held by the Trustees.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: RESTRICTED TO 5 MINUTES REGARDING ANY ISSUE

Open 9:39 p.m.

Rhonda Graham 775 Meadowbrook – Comment made regarding questions to Manager's compensation package / Wage study

Closed 9:41 p.m.

MANAGER COMMENTS

- Holiday lights are up on Pickard
- Mentioned that Union Township received an invite to attend the Fall 2% distribution
- Next meeting will have a closed session to update the Board on the Collective Bargaining Negotiations

FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Gunning – Asked Township Manager about obtaining easements on Bluegrass Rd for sidewalk completion. Received a few calls/questions regarding McGuirk Special Assessment admin fees
Lannen – Commented on very productive meeting
Cody – In agreement with Trustee Mielke
Mielke – Mentioned water/sewer hook-up fees

CLOSED SESSION

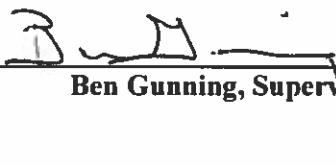
ADJOURNMENT

Rice moved Cody supported to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 p.m. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.**
Motion carried.

APPROVED BY:



Lisa Cody, Clerk



Ben Gunning, Supervisor

(Recorded by Jennifer Loveberry)