

**2020 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF UNION**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Charter Township of Union Board of Trustees was held on January 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Union Township Hall.

**Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.**

**Roll Call**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

Cody moved Rice supported to approve the Agenda as amended, adding Item A. Board of Trustees consideration of a Resolution placing a moratorium on the issuance of approvals or permits for sand and gravel pit operations thereby allowing staff additional time to complete the work required for study and recommendations related to extraction operation regulations.

**Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**Presentations**

Township Manager introduced Rodney Nanney, Community and Economic Development Director.

**Public Hearings**

**Public Comment**

Open 7:04 p.m.

Denise Richards, 2283 Millbrook – Commented on Gravel Pit Moratorium  
Martin O'Brien Lincoln/Deerfield Rd. – Commented on Gravel Pit Moratorium  
Sally Bellinger Lincoln Rd. – Commented on Gravel Pit Moratorium  
Vonda Kushmaul, Millbrook/Walton – Commented on Gravel Pit Moratorium  
Brian Morris, 1140 Eastwood Dr. – Commented on Gravel Pit Moratorium  
Jim Zalud, 6422 S. Whiteville – Responded to concerns regarding Gravel Pit  
Jerry Kushmaul, Millbrook/Walton – Commented on Gravel Pit Moratorium  
Closed 7:33 p.m.

**Reports/Board Comments**

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

**1. Appointment to Planning Commission – Vacant Seat**

Supervisor Gunning nominated James Thering, Jr., Hauck moved Cody supported to appoint James Thering Jr. to the Planning Commission with term ending 2/15/2021. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion Carried.**

## **2. Appointment to the Cultural and Recreational Commission**

Supervisor Gunning nominated Mielke supported to appoint Robert Sommerville to the Cultural and Recreational Commission with term ending 12/31/2022. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion Carried.**

### **B. Board Member Reports**

Hauck -Road Commission Updates

Lannen – Presented a Map of Union Township showing Voting Precincts to the Board and suggested having another in the lower part of the Township. Council of Governments and Isabella County updates.

Rice – Sidewalk and Pathway Prioritization Committee updates. Reminder that Winter 2019 tax bills are due 2/14/2020.

Woerle – Mentioned March 31, 2020 is the deadline to submit for the Spring 2%.

### **Consent Agenda**

- A. Communications
- B. Minutes – December 18, 2019 - regular meeting
- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay
- F. Fire Reports

Rice moved Mielke supported to approve the consent agenda. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion Carried.**

Mielke moved Woerle supported to approve B. Minutes – December 18, 2019 – regular meeting, as amended. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion Carried.**

### **BOARD AGENDA**

- A. Discussion/Action (Stuhldreher): Board of Trustees consideration of a Resolution placing a moratorium on the issuance of approvals or permits for sand and gravel pit operations thereby allowing staff additional time to complete the work required for study and recommendations related to extraction operation regulations.**

Woerle moved Rice supported to approve the Resolution for a moratorium on the issuance of approvals or permits for sand and gravel pits. **Vote: Ayes: Gunning, Cody, Rice, Hauck, Lannen, Mielke, and Woerle Nays: 0. Motion Carried.**

- B. Discussion/Action (DePriest) Board of Trustees consideration for approval of a Resolution to allow a resident to appeal to the Board of Review by letter without a personal appearance by the taxpayer or his or her agent.**

Lannen moved Cody supported to approve the Resolution to allow a resident to appeal to the Board of Review by letter without a personal appearance by the taxpayer or his/her agent. **Vote: Ayes: Gunning, Cody, Rice, Hauck, Lannen, Mielke, and Woerle Nays: 0. Motion Carried.**

**C. Discussion/Action (Board of Trustees) Consider approval of the attached resolution opting out of the employer health care benefit plan contribution limits as allowed under State of Michigan Public Act 152 (Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act) for the benefit year of 2020**

Mielke moved Cody supported to approve the Resolution opting out of the employer health care benefit plan contribution limits as allowed under State of Michigan Public Act 152 (Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act) for the benefit year of 2020. **Vote: Ayes: Gunning, Cody, Rice, Hauck, Lannen, Mielke, and Woerle Nays: 0. Motion Carried.**

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

Open 8:34 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed 8:34 p.m.

**MANAGER COMMENTS**

- Recreational Authority Committee continues to meet monthly
- Shared that he will be out next week and Sherrie Teall will be acting Township Manager
- Confirmed direction from the Board regarding Spring 2% projects

**FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Gunning – Shared wishes for 2020 – 1. Full-time Building Official 2. Completing sidewalk at the Bluegrass/Mission intersection.

Cody – 1. Still need election works, holding classes January 23, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. and January 28, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. information on website 2. Responded to voting precinct concerns made by the Board, stated that there are criteria requirements that she will email out to the Board to read.

Lannen – 1. Mentioned the need for sidewalks/pathways in the Township 2. Thanked the Board for their support regarding the Voting Precinct Maps he passed out 3. Commented on Isabella Rd. / Charter Schools comment.

Mielke – 1. Made statement regarding 300 ft notice 2. Thanked Trustee Lannen for bringing the Precinct Map before the Board.

Rice – Taxes due 2/14/2020 Reminder that payment can be made online at:

<http://www.uniontownshipmi.com/>

**CLOSED SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Rice moved Cody supported to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

APPROVED BY:

  
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Lisa Cody, Clerk

  
**Ben Gunning, Supervisor**

*(Recorded by Jennifer Loveberry)*