

2020 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF UNION
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Charter Township of Union Board of Trustees was held on February 12, 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, Trustee B. Hauck, Trustee Lannen, Trustee Mielke, and Trustee Woerle

Approval of Agenda

Hauck moved Cody supported to approve the Agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Presentations

Public Hearings

Public Comment

Open: 7:01 p.m.

Jim Horton of the 4th District County Commission updated the board on the county government Sherriff Main updated the board with jail updates and shared 2019 Isabella County Jail annual report

Doug LaBelle, 955 Meadowbrook Drive – Commented on process of appointing applicants to Township Boards/Commissions

Closed 7:24 p.m.

Reports/Board Comments

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

Gunning nominated Hauck supported to appoint Jeff Sweet to the Planning Commission with term ending 2/15/2023. Vote: Ayes: 2 Nays: 5. Motion failed.

Gunning nominated Hauck supported to re-appoint Alex Fuller to the Planning Commission with term ending 2/15/2023. Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Gunning nominated Hauck supported to appoint Phil Squattrito to the Planning Commission with term ending 2/15/2023. Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

B. Board Member Reports

Cody – 2/10/20 City of Mt. Pleasant updates

Hauck – Road Commission updates

Lannen – 1/27/20 City of Mt. Pleasant updates and Isabella County Commission updates

Mielke – Asked for clarity regarding language of Township Manager Job Description, Contract, and Policy Governance language from an earlier Board Discussion

• Rice - Reminder that Winter 2019 tax bills are due 2/14/2020 & payments may be made online.

Consent Agenda

- A. Communications
- B. Minutes – January 22, 2020 - regular meeting
- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay
- F. Fire Reports

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

BOARD AGENDA

A. Discussion/Action: (DePriest) Approval of the 2020 Poverty Exemption and Guidelines and Resolution used by the Board of Review when considering property tax exemption requests

Woerle moved Cody supported the approval of the 2020 Poverty Exemption and Guidelines and Resolution used by the Board of Review when considering property tax exemption requests.

Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

B. Discussion/Action: (Smith) Approval of the bid from RCL Construction for the installation of a third screw pump located at the Waste Water Treatment Plant

Cody moved Woerle supported the approval of the bid from RCL Construction for the installation of a third screw pump located at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. **Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 1. Motion Carried.**

8:35 p.m. Treasurer Rice – personal emergency/excused herself from the meeting.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: RESTRICTED TO 5 MINUTES REGARDING ANY ISSUE

Open 8:35 p.m.

Doug LaBelle, 955 Meadowbrook Drive – commented on Supervisor's role with Board of Review

Closed 8:36 p.m.

MANAGER COMMENTS

- Shared that he will be out week of February 23, 2020, Sherrie Teall will be acting Township Manager
- Asked for board to consider changing the scheduled annual joint meeting from September to April 29, 2020 to go along with the public open house for the zoning ordinance rewrite. The Board of Trustees agreed to having the annual meeting the same night as the public open house for the zoning ordinance, as it will give all Board members a chance to comment.
- Township anticipates delivery of new Fire Truck in the next couple of months. Currently working on sale of current Fire Truck with Isabella Township.

FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Hauck – Asked if the Board could go on another tour of Township facilities in the spring.

Lannen – Mentioned the article in the Morning Sun introducing Rodney Nanney, Community and Economic Development Director, commented on Township Fire Truck delivery, and stated his reasoning regarding the lack of Township resident interest in applying to serve on township boards.

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT


Cody moved Woerle supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.**

Motion carried.

APPROVED BY:



Lisa Cody, Clerk



Ben Gunning, Supervisor

(Recorded by Jennifer Loveberry)