

2020 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF UNION
Board of Trustees
Regular - Electronic Meeting Minutes

A regular-electronic meeting of the Charter Township of Union Board of Trustees was held on April 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. as a virtual meeting through the Zoom meeting platform and youtube live.

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Presentations

Public Hearings

Public Comment

Open: 7:15 p.m.

James Zalud, 6422 S. Whiteville Rd., Commented on proposed ordinance

Joe Quandt, 412 S. Union St. Traverse City, MI, Commented on proposed ordinance

Closed 7:24 p.m.

Reports/Board Comments

A. Board Member Reports

Gunning – Thanked Board of Review members (Brian Neyer, Doug LaBelle, and James Thering, Jr.) for their hard work during the March Board of Review

Rice – Sidewalk and Pathway Prioritization Committee updates

Woerle – Commented that Spring 2% grants were submitted

Consent Agenda

A. Communications

1. Recommendations from the Township Sidewalk and Pathways Prioritization Committee Letter

2. Correspondence RE: Proposed Extraction Ordinance by email

B. Minutes – March 11, 2020 – Regular Meeting

C. Accounts Payable

D. Payroll

E. Meeting Pay

F. Fire Reports

G. (Smith) RFBA 2020 Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Bids

Hauck moved Cody supported to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 7
Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

BOARD AGENDA

- A. Discussion/Action: (Smith) Consideration to approve four (4) contracts with the Isabella County Road Commission (ICRC) for the rehabilitation of four (4) miles of gravel roads within the Township in the amount of \$54,000 and authorize the Township Manager to sign said contracts.**

Recusal Cody

Hauck moved Woerle to approve four (4) contracts with the Isabella County Road Commission (ICRC) for the rehabilitation of approximately four (4) miles of gravel roads within the Township not to exceed \$54,000 and authorize the Township Manager to sign said contracts.

- Craig Hill (.5 mile), Meridian Rd. (Deerfield to Wing .5 mile), Lincoln Rd. (Deerfield to Millbrook 1 mile), Concourse (W. of Crawford .25 mile), River Rd. (Isabella E. to End .25 mile), Millbrook (Summerton to Isabella 1 mile), Airway Rd. (Airport Rd. to Dead End .25 mile)

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gunning, Rice, Hauck, Lannen, Mielke, and Woerle. Nays: 0.
Motion Carried.

- B. Discussion/Action: (Nanney) Second Reading and adoption of the proposed Extraction Ordinance**

Lannen moved Mielke supported to approve the second reading of the proposed extraction ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gunning, Rice, Cody, Hauck, Lannen, Mielke, and Woerle. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

- C. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Consider amendments to item #2 of the Duties and Authority section of the Township Manager Employment Contract to clarify that authority for removal of township staff vest with the position of Township Manager in accordance with Township Manager job description and Governance Policy Manual**

Recusal - Cody

Woerle moved Rice supported to approve amending item #2 of the Duties and Authority section of the Township Manager Employment Contract to clarify that authority for removal of township staff vest with the position of Township Manager in accordance with Township Manager job description and Governance Policy Manual Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Rice, Hauck, Lannen, Mielke, and Woerle. Nays: Gunning. Motion Carried.

- D. Discussion/Action: (Board of Trustees) Board of Trustees annual review of Board Governance Policy No. 3.3 – Board Members' Code of Conduct**

Discussion was held by the Board of Trustees.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: RESTRICTED TO 5 MINUTES REGARDING ANY ISSUE

Open 10:06 p.m.

Jim Zalud, 6422 S Whiteville Rd. – Great discussion regarding the proposed extraction ordinance, asked the Board to look closely at the extraction activities section.

Closed 10:12 p.m.

MANAGER COMMENTS

- Nottawa Township easement for sewer main to run from Nottawa Township to the City Sewer Plant will be on the April 22, 2020 Board of Trustees Agenda
- The electronic meeting will end immediately after the Board adjourns tonight's meeting

FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Gunning – Commented on the pandemic and shared thoughts of helping Township citizens. Commented that he thought tonight was a great meeting.

Cody – Mentioned possibly becoming a paperless board, asked for quotes. Mentioned that the deadline for Candidates running for Township office is April 21, 2020 by 4:00 p.m. See: <http://www.uniontownshipmi.com/Officials/Clerk.aspx> for more information.

Rice – Mentioned that she supports having an electronic Board. Shared that the MTA Conference was cancelled and commented the open Planning Commission seat.

Hauck – Be safe, support local business.

Lannen – Stay healthy and complete the 2020 Census.

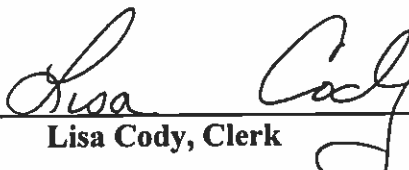
Mielke – Support local restaurants, in what ways can this Board show encouragement and support to our Township residents, in support of becoming an electronic Board.

Woerle – Ended with a poem, “And People Stayed Home” written by Kathleen O’Mara and reprinted during the 1918 Flu Pandemic.


ADJOURNMENT

Cody moved Woerle supported to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m. **Vote: Ayes:7 Nays: 0.**
Motion carried.

APPROVED BY:



Lisa Cody, Clerk



Ben Gunning, Supervisor

(Recorded by Jennifer Loveberry)