

**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 May 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. as a virtual meeting through the Zoom meeting platform.

**Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.**

**Roll Call**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

Mielke moved Hauck supported to approve the Agenda as presented. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gunning, Rice, Cody Hauck, Lannen, Mielke, and Woerle Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**Presentations**

2019 Audit Presentation by Ali Barnes of Yeo & Yeo

**Public Hearings**

**Public Comment**

Open: 7:23 p.m.

Ryan Buckley, 3978 McGuirk – Made comments that Special Assessment District's be made in an expeditious and efficient manner.

Closed 7:27 p.m.

**Reports/Board Comments**

- A. Current List of Boards and Commissions – Appointments as needed**
- B. Monthly report under separate cover**
- C. Planning Commission and ZBA updates by Community and Economic Development Director**

Report by Nanney, Community and Economic Development Director

**D. Board Member Reports**

Cody – Commented on Soaring Eagle Casino opening back up June 1, 2020

Rice – Summer Taxes are being prepared and will be in Township resident mailboxes July 1, 2020

Woerle – Updates from Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe - notification of the spring 2% award will be announced the second or third week in June; shared the remembrance of the boarding school grounds, that was to be held on June 6, 2020, has been suspended this year; and lastly, he shared that the Soaring Eagle Casino will be opening back up. Questioned the Supervisor regarding his plan to fill the open Planning Commission seat.

**Consent Agenda**

- A. Communications
- B. Minutes – May 12, 2020 – Regular Meeting

- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay
- F. Fire Reports

Rice moved Lannen supported to approve the consent agenda as amended. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gunning, Rice, Cody, Hauck, Lannen, Mielke, and Woerle Nays: 0. Motion Carried.**

**BOARD AGENDA**

**A. Discussion/Action: (Smith) Approval of the Proposals from Goudreau & Associates and Central Michigan Surveying & Development**

Woerle moved Lannen supported to approve the proposals from Goudreau and Associates and Central Michigan Surveying & Development in the amount of \$53,032.00 for the completion of construction documents and bidding services for the Jameson Park Master Plan improvements and authorize the Township Manager to sign the agreements. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gunning, Rice, Cody, Hauck, Lannen, Mielke, and Woerle. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.**

**B. Discussion regarding special assessment cost sharing policy**

Discussion by the Board, no action taken. Would like to see policy brought back as a future Agenda Item

**C. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Consider request to waive late fees on water/sewer account owned by Walnut Court LLC**

Mielke moved Rice supported to deny the request to waive late fees on water/sewer account owned by Walnut Court LLC. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gunning, Rice, Cody, Hauck, Lannen, Mielke, and Woerle. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.**

**D. Discussion: (Stuhldreher) Policy Governance 2.3 Compensation and Benefits**

Discussion by the Board.

**E. Discussion: (Board of Trustees) Board of Trustees Annual review of Policy Governance 3.10 Cost of Governance**

Discussion by the Board.

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

Open 9:46 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed 9:46 p.m.

**MANAGER COMMENTS**

**FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Cody – Asked for the Manager’s update for possibly providing a one-time recycling pick up for Union Township. Believes that the Township should do a local preference policy like Supervisor Gunning suggested.

Rice – Apologized for the wording of the motion that she made during the meeting, she stated that she was just trying to be positive for discussion purposes.

Lannen – Union Township’s new fire truck is now being housed at the Mt. Pleasant Fire Department where training will commence, and the fire truck should be out on our roads soon. Thanked Catherine from MTA on the terrific job on the updated Authorities & Responsibilities of Michigan Townships book, also referred to as the “Township’s Little Red Book”.

Mielke – Commented on statement that Hauck made during the waiving of late fees discussion.

Woerle – Thoughts that some comments made tonight were made with the misrepresentation of intent, shared that everyone, including himself needs to pause and step back because at the end of the day cooler heads do prevail.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Rice moved Cody supported to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 p.m. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cody, Rice, Hauk, Lannen, Mielke, and Woerle Nays: Gunning. Motion carried.**

**APPROVED BY:**

  
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Lisa Cody, Clerk

  
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**Ben Gunning, Supervisor**

*(Recorded by Jennifer Loveberry)*

