

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 December 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. as a virtual meeting through the Zoom meeting platform.

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

Roll Call

Present:

Supervisor Mielke (location: Union Township, Isabella County, Mt. Pleasant, MI)
Treasurer Rice (location: Union Township, Isabella County, Mt. Pleasant, MI)
Clerk Cody (location: Union Township, Isabella County, Mt. Pleasant, MI)
Trustee Bills (location Union Township, Isabella County, Mt. Pleasant, MI)
Trustee Brown (location Union Township, Isabella County, Mt. Pleasant, MI)
Trustee Hauck (location Union Township, Isabella County, Mt. Pleasant, MI)
Trustee Thering (location) Union Township, Isabella County, Mt. Pleasant, MI)

Approval of Agenda

Bills moved Brown supported to approve the Agenda as amended. Add Clerk compensation discussion and change Item B to Item I and Item I to Item B. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Cody, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Presentations

Isabella County Jail presentation by Isabella County Controller, Margaret McAvoy, Sheriff Main, and Darrel Dettaan of Intergraded Architecture

Public Hearings

Public Comment

Open: 7:26 p.m.

Jim Horton, 4th District – looking forward to working with the Township’s new board and thanked George Green, County Commissioner for his service

Closed 7:30 p.m.

Reports/Board Comments

- **Current List of Boards and Commissions – Appointments as needed**

1. **Appoint Stan Shingles as Township Representative to the Mid-Michigan Aquatic Recreational Authority**

Thering moved Bills supported to nominate Stan Shingles to the Mid-Michigan Aquatic Recreational Authority with term expiring 12/31/2023. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Cody, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

- **Planning Commission and ZBA updates by Community and Economic Development Director**

- **Board Member Reports**

Mielke – updates from the EDA; asked that citizen communication email correspondence be entered into Clerk’s minutes

Cody – Commented that the Planning Commission still has a vacant seat

Rice – Updated the board that taxes were mailed out and an error was later caught finding that a lighting district special assessment was missed which required new billings to be mailed to taxpayers

Hauck – Updated that the traffic light at Isabella and Broomfield has been installed and plans for it to be operational are planned for January 2021. Also shared that easements are still being obtained for the Broomfield/Lincoln project.

Consent Agenda

- Communications
- Minutes – November 24, 2020 – Regular Meeting
- Minutes – December 2, 2020 – Special Meeting
- Minutes – December 7, 2020 – Special Meeting
- Minutes – December 9, 2020 – Special Meeting
- Accounts Payable
- Payroll
- Meeting Pay
- Fire Reports

Hauck moved Cody supported to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Cody, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

BOARD AGENDA

A. Board approval of an Airport Joint Operations and Management Agreement with the City of Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County, Mid-Michigan Development (MMDC) and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

Cody moved Rice supported to approve the request for an Airport Joint Operations and Management Agreement with the City of Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County, Mid-Michigan Development (MMDC) and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Cody, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

B. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Consider the appeal by Mr. Kevin Crawford of the Manager’s decision to not reimburse employee for a potential personal tax liability

Brown moved Hauck supported to reimburse Mr. Kevin Crawford for a potential tax liability, in the amount of \$600, from his appeal of the Manager’s decision. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Cody, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

C. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) To introduce and conduct a First Reading for the proposed PREZ 20-03 request from Grayling Investors LLC to rezone the northern 465 feet of PID 14-026-20-001-06 from the B-4 (General Business) to the B-5 (Highway Business) District

Thering moved Bills supported to approve introducing and conducting a First Reading for the proposed PREZ 20-03 request from Grayling Investors LLC to rezone the northern 465 feet of

PID 14-026-20-001-06 from the B-4 (General Business) to the B-5 (Highway Business) District. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Cody, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

D. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) To Conduct a Second Reading and adopt the new Tax Exemption Ordinance

Bills moved Brown supported to conduct a Second Reading and adopt the new Tax Exemption Ordinance 20-10. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Cody, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

E. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) To adopt each of the four (4) separate resolutions as presented in the meeting packet to reaffirm the continuing eligibility of the Arbors at Eagle Crest Phase II housing project, the Springbrook Townhomes (Phase I) housing project, the Springbrook Townhomes Phase II housing project, and the Cranbrook Senior Village housing project for a tax exemption and annual service charge payment in lieu of taxes under the new Tax Exemption Ordinance

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F. Discussion/Action: (Smith) Approval of the bid from Konwinski Construction Inc., in the amount of \$103,724.00 for the completion of code related, exterior, and interior improvements for the Phase I Jameson Park Improvements Project and authorize the Township Manager to sign the agreement

Hauck moved Cody supported to approve the bid from Konwinski Construction Inc., in the amount of \$103,724.00 for the completion of code related, exterior, and interior improvements for the Phase I Jameson Park Improvements Project and authorize the Township Manager to sign the agreement. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Cody, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

G. Discussion/Action: (Board of Trustees) Reaffirm use of the governance model, known as Policy Governance, and the implementation of the theory via the use of the Union Township Board Policy Manual

Bills moved Cody supported to reaffirm the use of the governance model, known as Policy Governance, and the implementation of the theory via the use of the Union Township Board Policy Manual. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Cody, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

H. Discussion/Action: (Board of Trustees): Salary compensation to the Clerk discussion
Rice moved Bills supported to approve the Board of Trustees decision for a one-time salary compensation to the Township Clerk for \$2,250.00. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Recusal Clerk Cody.

I. Discussion/Action: (Board of Trustees): Amend the 2020 Budget for \$2,250.00 to allow for the one-time salary compensation to the Clerk

Rice moved Bills supported to amend the 2020 budget for \$2,250 to allow for the one-time salary compensation to the Township Clerk. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Cody, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Cody moved to take a five (5) minute break resuming at 9:30 p.m. Support by all.

J. Discussion/Action: (Board of Trustees) Board adoption of the FY 2021 Appropriations Resolution covering the following funds: General, Fire, Special Assessment, East DDA, West DDA, 2% Grant, Sewer and Water; approval of the 2021 fee schedule and millage rates

Hauck moved Thering supported to adopt the FY2021 Appropriations Resolution covering the following funds: General, Special Assessment, East DDA, West DDA, 2% Grant, Sewer and Water funds, reducing the sewer fund (590 536 977) by \$425,000.00. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Cody, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

K. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Consider approval of the proposed Board of Trustees meeting schedule for the 2021 calendar year in accordance with the Open Meetings Act

Bills moved Cody to approve the proposed Board of Trustees meeting schedule for the 2021 calendar year in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Cody, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

L. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Policy Governance 2.4 Financial Planning/Budgeting

Discussion by the board.

M. Discussion/Action: (Board of Trustees) Policy Governance 3.0 Global Governance Process

Discussion by the board.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: RESTRICTED TO 5 MINUTES REGARDING ANY ISSUE

Open 10:20p.m.

Ben Gunning 2270 E. Broomfield Rd. – Commented on the board meeting and email that he had sent to the board as correspondence.

Closed 8:46 p.m.

MANAGER COMMENTS

- Merry Christmas / Happy Holidays

FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mielke – Merry Christmas / Happy Holidays to all. Thank you to George Green County Commissioner for the past 24 years.

Cody – Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Bills – Happy Holidays. Inquired on funding for Bluegrass sidewalk completion.

Brown- Merry Christmas

Hauck – Merry Christmas. Wanted to go on record to publicly acknowledge Jennifer Loveberry for her hard work

Thering – Asked for board interest for a future agenda item to discuss water monitoring and system monitoring in Union Township

ADJOURNMENT

Rice moved Brown supported to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 p.m. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.**
Motion carried.

APPROVED BY:



Lisa Cody, Clerk



Bryan Mielke, Supervisor

(Recorded by Jennifer Loveberry)