

2021 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 February 10, 2021 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

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

Presentations

Public Hearings

Public Comment

Open: 7:04 p.m.

No comments offered.

Closed 7:05 p.m.

Reports/Board Comments

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

Bills moved Brown supported to re-appoint Rick Barz to the Economic Development Authority with term ending 2/13/2025. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Cody, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Brown moved Bills supported to appoint Sarvjit Chowdhary to the Board of Review with term ending 12/31/2022. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Cody, Bills, Brown, and Hauck. Nays: Thering. Motion carried.

B. Board Member Reports

Mielke – Board of Review will be held virtual on March 8, 2021 and March 9, 2021 Charter Township of Union > Departments > Assessing (uniontownshipmi.com)

Rice – Taxes are due 2/16/2021. Payments can be dropped in the drop box outside Township Hall, made at Township Hall, and online Home | Union Charter Township | BS&A Online. Reminder that postmarks

are not honored as an on-time payment. Penalties will be applied 2/17/21 on unpaid 2020 winter tax bills.

Hauck – Road Commission updates

Thering – Isabella County Board of Commissioners updates

Consent Agenda

- Communications
- Minutes – January 27, 2021 – Regular Meeting
- Accounts Payable
- Payroll
- Meeting Pay
- Fire Reports

Bills moved Thering supported to approve the consent agenda as amended. Revision made to the minutes by correcting item C. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Rice, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

BOARD AGENDA

- A. **Discussion/Action: (Smith) Approval of budget amendment in the amount of \$425,000 to appropriate funds in the FY2021 Sanitary Sewer Operating Budget for the purchase of a vector truck**

Hauck moved Brown supported to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$425,000 to appropriate funds in the FY2021 Sanitary Sewer Operating Budget for the purchase of the vector truck. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Cody, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

- B. **Discussion/Action (Board of Trustees) Discuss Spring 2021 2% Application Submissions**

Discussion was held by the Board of Trustees; the board was in favor of Staff recommendations for the Spring 2% application submissions.

- 1) Meridian Road joint project with Deerfield Township & Union Township where Union Township confirms and agrees to fund \$52,000 of this joint participation project with Deerfield Township
- 2) Joint partnership with Union Township and the EDA for upgrades to pump station #1
- 3) Joint partnership with Union Township and the EDA for Jameson Park improvements

- C. **Discussion/Action: (Board of Trustees) Governance Policy 3.10.3**

Hauck moved Bills supported to approve the recommendations to amend Governance Policy 3.10.3 suggested by the committee (Supervisor Mielke, Clerk Cody, and Treasurer Rice) that was brought before the Board. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Cody, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: RESTRICTED TO 5 MINUTES REGARDING ANY ISSUE

Open 8:14 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed 8:15 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

MANAGER COMMENTS

- The Annual Board of Trustees and Road Commission meeting that usually happens in March will not be happening this year; however, a packet will be provided with information from the Road Commission giving their recommendations to the Township
- Out of the office the week of February 22-26, 2021, Sherrie Teall will be acting Township Manager
- Out of the office the week of March 1-5, 2021, Kim Smith will be acting Township Manager

FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Rice – Taxes are due February 16, 2021, payments can be made online, in person, or dropped in the drop box located on the outside wall at Township Hall. Also commented that she is in favor of becoming an electronic board.

Mielke – Commented on the Board of Review

Bills – Inquired on township purchasing policy for supplies

Brown – In favor of becoming an electronic board. Also commented that he is looking forward to the future township site visit.

Hauck – Thanked Sherrie Teall for updating the Township phone directory. Commented on solar panels and dumpsters at township sites. In favor of becoming an electronic board.

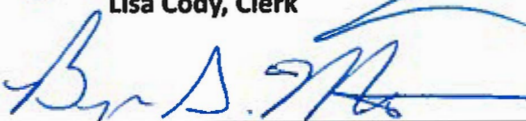
ADJOURNMENT

Rice moved Brown supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

APPROVED BY:



Lisa Cody, Clerk



Bryan Mielke, Supervisor

(Recorded by Jennifer Loveberry)