

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 March 24, 2021 at 7:01 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

Cody moved Rice 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: 7:03 p.m.

No comments offered.

Closed 7:04 p.m.

Reports/Board Comments

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

B. Board Member Reports

Mielke – EDA updates

Rice – Sidewalk and Pathways Prioritization Committee rescheduled for April 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Bills – Update from Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

Brown – Update from City of Mt. Pleasant

Hauck – Road Commission updates

Consent Agenda

- Communications
- Minutes – March 10, 2021 – Regular Meeting
- Accounts Payable
- Payroll
- Meeting Pay

- Fire Reports

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

BOARD AGENDA

- A. Discussion/Action (Smith) Approval of Engineering & Construction Services Contract with Gourdie Fraser in the amount of \$43,500.00 for the installation of high service pumps at the River Road Control Valve Station**

Hauck moved Cody supported to approve the Engineering & Construction Services Contract with Gourdie Fraser in the amount of \$43,500.00 for the installation of high service pumps at the River Road Control Valve Station. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Cody, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

- B. Discussion/Action: (Smith) Approval of Engineering & Construction Services Contract with Gourdie Fraser in the amount of \$61,300.00 for the upgrade/rehabilitation of Pump Station #7 and Collection System upgrades on McDonald Drive**

Hauck moved Brown supported to approve the Engineering & Construction Services Contract with Gourdie Fraser in the amount of \$61,300.00 for the upgrade/rehabilitation of Pump Station #7 and Collection System upgrades on McDonald Drive. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Cody, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

- C. Discussion/Action: (Smith) Adoption of McGuirk Subdivision Paving Special Assessment District Resolution #4 which sets the Second Public Hearing date and time for the establishment of a Paving Special Assessment District**

Bills moved Brown supported to adopt the McGuirk Subdivision Paving Special Assessment District Resolution #4 which sets the Second Public Hearing date and time for the establishment of a Paving Special Assessment District. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Cody, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

- D. Discussion/Action: (Nanney) To approve an Agreement for Annexation and Detachment of Property with the City of Mount Pleasant to resolve uncertainty as to the precise location of the jurisdictional boundary line between the City and the Township in the area of the former CSX railroad grade and the City's Public Works Department facilities (north of W. Pickard Road at N. Washington Street), the Calvary Cemetery (west of N. Fancher Street), and a small area of land near the southeast corner of the Mount Pleasant County Club**

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- E. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) To consider approval of a Charter Township of Union Electronic Device (computer/tablet) Use Policy for Elected Officials**

Hauck moved Rice supported to approve the Charter Township of Union Electronic Device (computer/tablet) Use Policy for Elected Officials. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Cody, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

F. 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.

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EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: RESTRICTED TO 5 MINUTES REGARDING ANY ISSUE

Open 8:19 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed 8:19 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

MANAGER COMMENTS

- Looking for summer Part-Time Seasonal help, information can be found on our website at: [Charter Township of Union > Departments > Human Resources > Employment Opportunities \(uniontownshipmi.com\)](http://charter-township-of-union.com/Departments/HumanResources/employmentopportunities)
- Preparing to schedule the Facilities Tour and Global Ends Discussion Special Meeting between April 19 – 30, 2021
- Commented that the ZBA have had minimal cases since the Zoning Ordinance update
- The township has been in contact with Block Electric and will share the report with the board when it is available

FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mielke – Supports connecting to the Mid-Michigan Pathways, suggested having a broad solar policy, and commented on the collaboration of the City, Township, and Friends of the Bark Park for the Hannah’s Bark Park

Cody – Asked about status of interviewing for the Administrative Assistant position

Rice- Hopes the board will help find people to fill various vacant board seats

Bills – Supports connecting to Mid MI Pathways to Shepherd, mentioned the lack of signage at Mission Creek Park, and suggested completing township pending infrastructure projects with stimulus money


Hauck – Mentioned possibly using stimulus money for a park on Deerfield & Mission Rd. and for a connector bridge at the end of McDonald Drive to connect the two subdivisions; asked for the status of a building official; and is still waiting for analysis from Block Electric, for solar panels at the Water Plant and Waste Water Treatment Plant

Thering – Inquired about the Assessing Department change/contract termination with the township manager.

ADJOURNMENT

Rice moved Brown supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVED BY:



Lisa Cody, Clerk



Bryan Mielke, Supervisor

(Recorded by Jennifer Loveberry)