

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 April 28, 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 Frankfort, IL)

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, moving Closed Session before New Business.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Cody, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Presentations

Jim Horton, 4th District County Commissioner gave updates from the County

Public Hearings

N/A

Public Comment

Open: 7:11 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed 7:11 p.m.

Reports/Board Comments

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

B. Board Member Reports

Mielke – City of Mt. Pleasant and EDA updates

Thering – Isabella County Commission updates

Consent Agenda

- Communications
- Minutes – April 28, 2021 – Regular Meeting
- Accounts Payable
- Payroll
- Meeting Pay
- Fire Reports

Cody, Rice, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Closed Session

7:40 p.m.

Rice moved **Brown** supported to go into closed session Regarding the cases of James and Jeremy Zalud v Charter Township of Union, now pending in Isabella County Circuit Court Case No. 20-016281-CK, and Concerned Citizens of Union Township v Charter Township of Union, now pending in Isabella County Circuit Court Case No. 20-016292-CZ, I move to go into closed session to consult with the Township's attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation because an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the Township. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Rice, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

8:25 p.m.

Hauck moved **Rice** supported to come out of closed session. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Rice, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

BOARD AGENDA

- A. Discussion/Action: (Smith) The Township Board of Trustees is requested to authorize the trade-in of a 2012 Ford Super Duty truck with snow plow and the purchase of a 2021 4 x 4 Heavy Duty Chevrolet Work/Service Truck with a Boss Snow Plow, and service body from LaFontaine Birch Run in the amount of \$42,311.00.**

Bills moved **Brown** supported to authorize the trade in of a 2012 Ford Super Duty truck with snow plow and the purchase of a 2021 4x4 Heavy Duty Chevrolet Work/Service Truck with a Boss Snow Plow, and service body from LaFontaine Burch Run. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Cody, Bills, Brown, and Thering. Nays: Hauck. Motion carried.**

- B. Discussion/Action: (Nanney) To conduct a Second Reading for and adopt the amendatory ordinance for the proposed PREZ 21-02 request to rezone the 1.92-acre parcel at 2266 Northway Dr. (PID#14-152-00-005-02) from B-7 (Retail and Service Highway Business District) to I-2 (General Industrial District)**

Hauck moved **Rice** supported to conduct a Second Reading for and adopt the amendatory ordinance for the proposed PREZ 21-02 request to rezone the 1.92-acre parcel at 2266 Northway Dr. (PID#14-152-00-005-02) from B-7 (Retail and Service Highway Business District) to I-2 (General Industrial District). **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Cody, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

- C. Discussion/Action (Nanney) To introduce and conduct a First Reading for the proposed PREZ 21-01 request to rezone the easterly 79.0-foot by 240.47-foot portion of the 1.16-acre parcel at 5048 E. Pickard Road (PID #14-146-00-003-00) located on the south side of E. Pickard Road and west side of Florence Street from R-2B (One and Two Family, Medium Density Residential District) to B-7 (Retail and Service Highway Business District)**

Cody moved **Bills** supported to introduce and conduct a First Reading for the proposed PREZ 21-01 request to rezone the easterly 79.0-foot by 240.47-foot portion of the 1.16-acre parcel at 5048 E. Pickard Road (PID #14-146-00-003-00) located on the south side of E. Pickard Road and west side of Florence Street from R-2B (One and Two Family, Medium Density Residential District) to B-7 (Retail and Service Highway Business District). **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Cody, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

- D. Discussion/Action: (Nanney) To concur with the Planning Commission and approve their**

updated bylaws and rules of procedure

Hauck moved Bills supported to concur with the Planning Commission and approve their updated by-laws and rules of procedure. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Cody, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

E. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Policy Governance 2.6 Asset Protection

Discussion by the Board.

F. Discussion/Action: (Board of Trustees) Board of Trustees annual review of Board Governance Policy No. 3.4 – Agenda Planning

Discussion by the Board.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: RESTRICTED TO 5 MINUTES REGARDING ANY ISSUE

Open 9:18 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed 9:18 p.m.

MANAGER COMMENTS

- Township Hall will be closed on May 4, 2021 for the election as the front door will be used as an exit door
- Reminder the Facilities Tour and Ends meeting will be on May 5, 2021 starting at 5:00p.m. meet at Jameson Hall
- Posted the Building Official position
- An offer was made for the Administrative Assistant position, with a start date later in May

FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mielke – Commented on Census Data starting to trickle out and commented on the many vaccination clinics available to become vaccinated.


Rice – May not be able to attend the Facilities Tour and Ends meeting on May 5, 2021

Brown – Inquired on vac truck purchase and purchase date of electronics for the board.

ADJOURNMENT

Rice moved Bills supported to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m. Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVED BY:



Lisa Cody, Clerk



Bryan Mielke, Supervisor

(Recorded by Jennifer Loveberry)