

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 May 12, 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

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

Presentations

- A. John Dinse – Representative of Hannah’s Bark and Friends of the Bark Park
- B. FY 2020 Audit Presentation by Ali Barns from Yeo & Yeo

Public Hearings

- A. McGuirk Subdivision Special Assessment Public Hearing #2 for the purpose

Open - 7:41 p.m.

Pat Mayfield, 1796 Mammie St. – Stated that she was the lead in getting the petition started. Has two concerns: 1) The corners of the road are falling apart, will a 1 ½ " overlay be enough to support the edges of the road? 2) Feels that there hasn't been much information shared regarding payment if a person chooses to amortize over ten years what the cost would be spelled out (prime plus 3%), doesn't want anyone in the subdivision to be caught off guard

Phil Squattrito, 1797 James Court – Thought that the price was reasonable and does not have any objections to the assessment roll, has concerns about the corners and the deep ruts on the side of the road, especially James Court, primarily due to the path of the postal vehicles as they are driving on the edge daily rather than going back and forth onto the pavement. Made mention of the Road Commission packing sand on the edge of the Roads in other areas to support the edge of the pavement. Also mentioned the yearly freeze and thaw how will the 1 ½" overlay hold up? Commented that he presumes that the payment options and cost information will be forth coming under new business

William Fransted, representing the estate of Ruth Fransted, 1790 Rose Marie Lane - Not in favor of project, in protest of the special assessment, feels that the road is not in that bad of shape. Stated that there are two places where repairs were made to the city water system that have caused dips in the road, if this overlay is completed what is there to stop them from chopping another hole in it? Feels that the road could possibly use a seal coat or chip coat. Stated that the McGuirk Subdivision is not a private

subdivision, feels there should be more entities involved in the payment of the project.

Closed – 7:56 p.m.

Public Comment

Open: 7:57 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed 7:57 p.m.

Reports/Board Comments

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

B. Board Member Reports

Mielke – Commented on the Ends meeting held on May 5, 2021

Rice – Shared the Summer 2021 Summer Tax Team met 5/12/21 and that 2021 Summer Tax Bills will be in property owners' mailboxes July 1, 2021

Bills – Shared that the flower baskets are starting to go up along the EDA Pickard Road corridor

Brown – Updates from the May 5, 2021 City of Mt. Pleasant meeting

Hauck – Will attend the Isabella County Road Commission tomorrow morning (May 13, 2021)

Consent Agenda

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

Bills moved Rice 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) Adoption of McGuirk Subdivision Paving Special Assessment District Resolution #5 to confirm the Special Assessment Roll, determine the number of annual installments, and determine the interest rate to be charged on future installments

Hauck moved Bills supported to approve the adoption of McGuirk Subdivision Paving Special Assessment District Resolution #5 to confirm the Special Assessment Roll, determine the number of annual installments, and determine the interest rate to be charged on future installments. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Cody, Bills, Brown, and Thering. Nays: Hauck. Motion carried.**

B. Discussion/Action: (Nanney) Consideration to approve the Township Participation Contract with the Isabella County Road Commission (ICRC) for the McGuirk Subdivision Paving Special Assessment District 1 ½" overlay in the amount of \$65,389.79 and authorize the Township Manager to sign said contracts.

Bills moved Brown supported to approve the Township Participation Contract with the Isabella County Road Commission (ICRC) for the McGuirk Subdivision Paving Special Assessment District 1 ½" overlay in the amount of \$65,389.79 and authorize the Township Manager to sign said contracts. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Cody, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

C. Discussion/Action (Nanney) To conduct a Second Reading for and adopt the amendatory ordinance 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 (PIO #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).

Rice moved Cody supported to conduct a Second Reading for and adopt the amendatory ordinance 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 (PIO #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.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: RESTRICTED TO 5 MINUTES REGARDING ANY ISSUE

Open 8:25 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed 8:25 p.m.

MANAGER COMMENTS

- Stated that the deadline for receiving applications for the Building Official ended and that there were four applications
- Shared with the Board that there will be upcoming presentations from the Finance Director, Community and Economic Development Director, and Public Services Director
- Commented on scheduling Ends discussion #2
- Acknowledged the Board of Trustees interest in a future presentation from Sheriff Main

FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mielke – Commented on email received from Sheriff Main regarding a COPS grant to Clerk and Trustee Hauck, gathered consensus that the board would like a presentation from Sheriff Main. Also mentioned possible doodle poll to obtain the boards availability for Discussion of Ends meeting #2

Cody – In support of having presentation from Sheriff Main at the either the 5/26/21 or the 6/9/21 meeting, she will email the board the grant information she received from Sheriff Main

Bills – “Thank you to the township staff for everything you do, you guys are awesome”. Commented on her thoughts for the end’s discussion

Brown – Expressed the need for a Township electronic device. Thank you to Sherrie Teall for her involvement in the FY2020 Audit and thanked Kim Smith/Mark Stuhldreher for facilitating the Township Facilities Tour and Ends meeting. Asked when the board might be able to meet for in person meetings. In support of having Sheriff Main for a presentation.

Hauck – Mentioned not having any discussion on the stimulus money the township will be receiving, mentioned that he felt this tour of the facilities was better than last year, made a statement regarding having a park at Deerfield and Mission, stated that he wondered what we are waiting for? Stated that he would like to encourage residents/developers/business owners to come to speak at Board of Trustees meetings so all seven members of the board can hear their concerns

Thering – Attended Policy Governance Boot Camp by Susan Radwan and encourages all board members to do so as well

ADJOURNMENT

Rice moved Brown supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVED BY:



Lisa Cody, Clerk



Bryan Mielke, Supervisor

(Recorded by Jennifer Loveberry)