

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 June 23, 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 Brown supported to approve the agenda with two additions: presentation by Jim Horton, Isabella County Commissioner and Carriage Hill Estate Subdivision #1 & #2 Paving Special Assessment District informal petition.

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

Presentations

Rodney Nanney, Community and Economic Development Director gave an update on the Community and Economic Development Department.

Jim Horton, Isabella County Commissioner gave the County updates.

Public Hearings

N/A

Public Comment

Open: 7:31 p.m.

Shelly Smith, 3515 Riverbank Trail, Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum Board Chairperson – expressed concern over new location of the jail.

Jim Horton, 3089 Hunters Trail – commented crime rate downtown is low due to the Sheriff's Department location.

Robert Brauker, 1646 E. High St. – expressed concern with the new location for the Jail and Sheriff's office, impacting real estate, residential areas, and traffic.

Scott Vyn, 840 Ottowa, Grand Rapids, Integrated Architecture gave an overview of the project.

John Denheeten, 1654 E. High St. – expressed concerns over property value, security, and the proximity to the Children's Museum and Renaissance School.

Judy Smith, 730 E. Bluegrass Rd. – concerned with the safety of the children and location of the new jail.

Norman Woerle, 5685 Carriage Lane – commented on petition for the special assessment at Carriage Hill Estates

Sheriff Main, 207 Court St. –provided information on the new jail.

Lisa Phelps, 8524 Walton Rd., Shepherd – Had concerns with location, inmate traffic and work release.

D. Discussion/Action (Smith, Acting Manager) Policy Governance 2.7 ENDS Focus of Grants and Contracts

Discussion by the Board

E. Discussion/Action (Board of Trustees) Policy Governance 3.5 Board Commission and Community Linkage

Discussion by the Board

F. Discussion/Action (Board of Trustees) Policy Governance 3.6 Supervisor's Role in the Board's Process

Discussion by the Board

G. Discussion/Action (Board of Trustees) Policy Governance 3.7 Duties of the Elected Department Heads

Discussion by the Board

H. Discussion/Action (Smith, Acting Manager) Carriage Hill Estate Subdivision #1 & #2 Paving Special Assessment District informal petition

Bills moved Brown supported approval to prepare preliminary project cost estimates and develop the formal petition for the establishment of a Paving Special Assessment District for Carriage Hill Estates #1 & #2 Subdivision. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Rice, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: RESTRICTED TO 5 MINUTES REGARDING ANY ISSUE

Open 10:01 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed 10:02 p.m.

MANAGER COMMENTS

- McDonald Park has new scoreboards at Geiger, Sacco and Sullivan fields.
- Green Scene did some landscaping at Union Township Hall.
- Jameson Park phase II is out for bids, construction begins after the August 4th election.

FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Thering – Would like the Solar Panels and Utility Billing late fee discussion added to the agenda.

Bills – Would like to discuss switching over to all LED lights in the Township.

Hauck – Thanked Sheriff Main for his clarification. The Council of Governments will be meeting August 18th at the New McDonald Pavilion.

Brown – Asked for an update on the electronics. Thanked Sheriff Main, Mr. Horton, and Kim for a great job.

Cody – Thanked Kim, Sheriff Main, Mr. Horton, and Rodney Nanney for their hard work.

Mielke – Thanked the public, Planning Commission, and Board of Trustees.

Closed Session

N/A

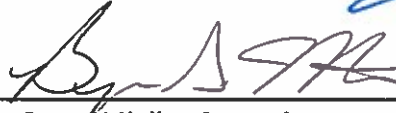
ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED BY:



Lisa Cody, Clerk



Bryan Mielke, Supervisor

(Recorded by Tera Green)