

2021 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF UNION
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Charter Township of Union Board of Trustees was held on October 13, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Union Township Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Supervisor Mielke, Clerk Cody, Treasurer Rice, Trustee Bills, Trustee Brown, Trustee Hauck, and Trustee Thering

Approval of Agenda

Rice moved Bills supported to approve the agenda with amendments to move item 5.A. – Presentations - to item 12 and to move item 14 – Closed Session – between item 9 and 10.
Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Public Hearings

A. Updated East DDA District Development and Tax Increment Financing plans

Open: 7:03 p.m.

Jim Horton, 3089 Hunters Trail, gave positive comments on the Township and County working together on the EDA plans.

Closed: 7:05 p.m.

B. Updated West DDA District Development and Tax Increment Financing plans

Open: 7:05 p.m.

No comments were offered

Closed: 7:06 p.m.

Presentation

Jim Horton, Isabella County Commissioner gave the County updates. The County hired a new Administrator Controller, Nicole Frost.

Public Comment

Open: 7:13 p.m.

John Zang, 623 Hopkins, Chairman of the Mid-Michigan Aquatic Recreational Authority, asked the Township to consider approving the requested startup fund for the Aquatic Center in the amount of \$10,000.

Closed: 7:14 p.m.

Reports/Board Comments

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

B. **Board Member Reports**

Hauck – Gave updates on the Road Commission.

Bills – Gave updates on the Election Committee Meeting.

Brown – Gave updates on the City Commission meeting

Consent Agenda

- Communications
- Minutes – September 22, 2021 – Regular Meeting and October 6, 2021, Special Meeting
- Accounts Payable
- Payroll
- Meeting Pay
- Fire Reports
- Jameson Park Phase II – Participation Agreement UT/EDA
- 2021 Manhole Rehabilitation Project Bid Award
- 2021 6" Centrifugal Pump Purchase
- Consider request from Mid-Michigan Aquatic Recreational Authority for startup funding

Bills moved Brown supported to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Closed Session

7:23 p.m.

Cody moved Rice supported to move that the Board meet in 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 for the following reasons: 1) 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 and 2) under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider written material from the Township's attorney that is exempt from disclosure by Section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

8:01 p.m.

Brown moved Bills supported to come out of closed session. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 7 Mielke, Cody, Bills, Brown, Hauck and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

New Business

A. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) First Reading for the East DDA Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan Amendatory Ordinance

Rice moved Brown supported to introduce and conduct a First Reading for the East DDA Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan Amendatory Ordinance. Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

B. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) First Reading for the West DDA Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan Amendatory Ordinance

Bills moved Brown supported to introduce and conduct a First Reading for the West DDA Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan Amendatory Ordinance. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

C. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) 2021 Combination Single Engine Dual State Sewer Cleaner/Jetter Purchase

Brown moved Bills supported the approval to purchase a 2021 Combination Single Engine Dual Stage Sewer Cleaner (Jetter) with Hydrostatic Driven Vacuum System Mounted on a Heavy-Duty Chassis (Vactor Truck) from Jack Doheny Company in the amount of \$420,898.00. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

* Thering moved Bills supported to authorize the Township Manager to proceed with finalization of the proposed settlement of the Concerned Citizens litigation in the form and manner discussed during closed session, including (1) conveyance of the proposed Settlement Agreement discussed during closed session to opposing counsel; (2) execution of the Settlement Agreement, if accepted by opposing counsel, and (3) prior to any such execution, the making of any changes to the Settlement Agreement which are non-substantive and/or typographical in nature, should the Township Manager counsel agree that such changes are necessary and in the best interests of the Township. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, 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

Annual Clean Up Day held Saturday, October 2, 2021, was a success.

Fire Hydrant and Water Main Flushing began October 11th.

PRESENTATION

Mark Stuhldreher, Township Manager, presented the FY' 22 Budget Recommendations to the Board. The recommended budget can be viewed on the Township's website.

FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Brown – Thanked Mark for being thorough on the FY' 22 Budget Recommendation and recognized the Board made a very important vote on the Vactor Truck purchase.

Bills – Is happy Union Township is able to contribute to the Mid-Michigan Aquatic Recreational Authority startup fund and appreciates the FY' 22 budget presentation.

Thering – Shared an email from a constituent.

Hauck – Would like to see more people vaccinated and life return to normal.

Mielke – Appreciates Trustee Hauck's comment regarding vaccinations.

ADJOURNMENT

Cody moved Rice supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

APPROVED BY:



Lisa Cody, Clerk



Bryan Mielke, Supervisor

(Recorded by Tera Green)

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