

2022 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 February 23, 2022, 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, Trustee Hauck, and Trustee Thering

Excused:

Trustee Brown

Approval of Agenda

Hauck moved Bills supported to approve the agenda with an amendment to add 5B, presentation by Mr. McBryde from MMDC. Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Public Hearings

N/A

Presentation

- A. Rodney Nanney, Community and Economic Development Director gave a presentation on the Economic Development Activities.
- B. James McBryde, CEO of Middle Michigan Development Corporation, gave a summary of the Middle Michigan Development Corporation 2021 Annual Report.

Public Comment

Open: 8:01 p.m.

Ben Gunning, 2270 E. Broomfield Rd., read a letter on behalf of Richard Figg, Union Township business owner, showing support for the Lincoln/Broomfield improvements.

Rick McGuirk, 770 Stone Ridge Dr., echoed the support of the Lincoln/Broomfield Rd. improvements for safer roadways for bikers and drivers. Commented on burned out lights on the corner of M-20 and Lincoln Rd.

Jeremy Sheets, 1740 Leroy Ln., spoke in support of the Lincoln/Broomfield Rd. improvements for safety purposes.

Jim Engler, 2303 Amber Lane, echoed the comments of support for the Lincoln/Broomfield Rd. improvements.

Ben Gunning, 2270 E. Broomfield Rd., spoke in support of the Lincoln/Broomfield Rd. improvements.

Rick McGuirk, representing Chuck McGuirk and the McGuirk businesses, echoed the support for the Broomfield/Lincoln Rd improvements to move forward.

Closed: 8:14 p.m.

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Reports/Board Comments

- A. Current List of Boards and Commissions – Appointments as needed
- B. February Monthly Activity Report
- C. Planning Commission, EDA, Sidewalks, and ZBA update by Community and Economic Development Director
- D. Correspondence – Receipt of letter from ICRC regarding Lincoln Rd/E. Broomfield Rd and intersection improvements.
- E. Board Member Reports

Bills – Gave updates on the Isabella County Commissioners meeting.

Rice – Taxes were due on February 14th. Treasurer mailed out reminder bills on February 15th. All unpaid taxes will go to the County on March 1st.

Hauck – Gave updates on the February 10th Road Commission meeting and the February 16th Council of Governance meeting.

Mielke – Gave an update on a meeting with a local group that included CMU, City, County and MMDC on sustainability. Commented on Board of Review dates in March.

Consent Agenda

- A. Communications
- B. Minutes – February 9, 2022 – Regular Meeting
- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay
- F. Fire Reports
- G. March Board of Review Date Change Resolution

Bills moved Rice supported to approve the consent agenda with removal of item G. **Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

G. Cody moved Rice supported to approve a resolution for an alternate meeting start date for the March 2022 Board of Review to Wednesday, March 16, 2022. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Rice, Bills, Hauck, and Thering. Nays 0. Motion carried.**

New Business

- A. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Policy Governance 2.2 Policy Title: Treatment of Staff

Discussion by the Board.

- B. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Policy Governance 3.2 Board Job Description

Discussion by the Board

- C. Board of Trustees Discussion: March 2% Grant Application

Discussion by the Board

- D. Board of Trustees Discussion: Police Service Levels in Union Township

Discussion by the Board

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: RESTRICTED TO 5 MINUTES REGARDING ANY ISSUE

Open 9:46 p.m.

Rick McGuirk, 770 Stone Ridge Dr., expressed concern of the safety regarding the sidewalks and streetlights on Bluegrass to Isabella. Commented on the vacancies on the Planning Commission Board.

Closed: 9:48 p.m.

MANAGER COMMENTS

- The manager will be out of the office next week; Sherrie Teall will be the Acting Manager.
- Union Township lost a light pole on Pickard due to an accident. The township is working to get it replaced.

FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Hauck – Echoed Rick McGuirk’s comment on reappointments to the Planning Commission. Gave suggestions for the Fall 2% grant application.

Rice – Pay your taxes.

Thering – Commented on the applications and vacancies for the Planning Commission.

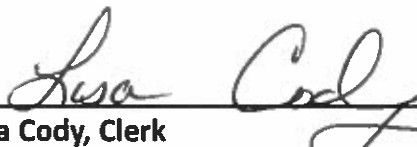
Bills – Thanked Eric Miller, Rental Inspector, for doing extra job duties; commented on the safety issues with the sidewalks on Broomfield; express support for the Lincoln/Broomfield Rd. improvements.

Mielke – Echoed comment regarding Lincoln/Broomfield project improvements; Agreed on the safety issue on Bluegrass.

ADJOURNMENT

Rice moved Bills supported to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m. **Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

APPROVED BY:



Lisa Cody, Clerk



Bryan Mielke, Supervisor

(Recorded by Tera Green)