

**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 March 9, 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, Trustee Bills, Trustee, Trustee Hauck, and Trustee Thering

Excused:

Treasurer Rice and Trustee Brown

**Approval of Agenda**

**Hauck moved Bills supported to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0.**

**Motion carried.**

**Public Hearings**

N/A

**Presentation**

N/A

**Public Comment**

Open: 7:02 p.m.

Ben Gunning, 2270 E. Broomfield Rd., Commented on the relationship between Union Township and the Isabella County Road Commission, the EDA attendance policy, and the use of the Board appointments to unify the community.

Closed: 7:05 p.m.

**Reports/Board Comments**

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

**Mielke moved Cody supported to appoint Joe Schafer for a 2-year term to the Construction Board of Appeals with a term ending 12/31/2023. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Bills, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**Mielke moved Hauck supported to reappoint Ryan Buckley for a 3-year term to the Planning Commission Board with a term ending 2/15/2025. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Bills, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**Mielke moved Bills supported to reappoint Doug LaBelle for a 3-year term to the Planning Commission Board with a term ending 2/15/2025. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Bills, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

Mielke moved Thering supported to appoint Paul Gross for a 3-year term to the Planning Commission Board with a term ending 2/15/2025. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Bills, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mielke moved Cody supported to appoint Jack Williams to fill the vacant seat on the Planning Commission Board with a term ending 2/15/2023. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Bills, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**B. Board Member Reports**

Hauck – Gave updates on Isabella County Road Commission meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Bills – Gave updates on the Isabella County Board of Commissioners meeting.

Mielke – Gave updates on the Board of Review Organizational meeting, 2% Round Table and Intergovernmental Liaison meeting.

**Consent Agenda**

- A. Communications
- B. Minutes – February 23, 2022 – Regular Meeting
- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay
- F. Fire Reports

Bills moved Hauck supported to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**New Business**

**A. Discussion/Action: Resolution to reduce the Economic Development Authority (EDA) Board Membership from 11 to 9**

Cody moved Bills supported to adopt a resolution to reduce the Economic Development Authority Board membership from eleven to nine members. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Bills, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**B. Discussion/Action: Isabella County Road Commission (ICRC) Participation Contract Lincoln Rd/Broomfield Intersection to Bridge**

Hauck moved Bills supported to approve the Township Participation Contract with the Isabella County Road Commission (ICRC) for the reconstruction of Lincoln Road from the Chippewa River bridge south to and including the Broomfield Road intersection in the amount of \$466,846.00, including paved shoulders, and authorize the Township Manager to sign said contract. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Bills, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**C. Discussion/Action: Appointments to the Economic Development Authority (EDA) Board (if needed)**

1. Re-appoint David Coyne to the Economic Development Authority (EDA) Board for a 4-year term

**Mielke moved Bills supported to reappoint David Coyne for 4-year term to the Economic Development Authority (EDA) Board with a term ending 3/26/2026. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Bills, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: RESTRICTED TO 5 MINUTES REGARDING ANY ISSUE**

Open 8:17 p.m.

Frank Engler, 1798 W. River Rd., commented on the extended shoulder for the Lincoln/Broomfield Rd. project; expressed approval on the appointment of Paul Gross to the Planning Commission.

Closed: 8:19 p.m.

**MANAGER COMMENTS**

- Thanked Sherrie Teall, Finance Director, for the good job as Acting Township Manager the week of February 28 through March 4.
- Union Township's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Clean Up Day will be held October 1, 2022.
- Made Board aware of future joint pathways discussion.

**FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Bills – Would like to discuss ways to help the Isabella Food Pantry.

Hauck – Commented on working in conjunction with the Isabella County Road Commission on the 2% grant funds; commented on the need for a park on the south side; asked that everyone support Ukraine financially and with prayers.

Mielke – Offered prayers for Eastern Europe; commented on the job the Manager has done with the hiring process.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Bills moved Hauck supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**APPROVED BY:**

  
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Lisa Cody, Clerk

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Bryan Mielke, Supervisor

*(Recorded by Tera Green)*