

**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 April 13, 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 Brown, Trustee Hauck, and Trustee Thering

**Approval of Agenda**

**Bills moved Brown supported to approve the agenda with one amendment to move item 8 – Closed Session to item 11.5. Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**Public Hearings**

N/A

**Presentation**

N/A

**Public Comment**

Open: 7:03 p.m.

Norm Woerle, 5685 Carriage Ln, commented in support of the Carriage Hill Estates Paving Special Assessments District Resolution.

Closed: 7:06 p.m.

**Reports/Board Comments**

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

Trustee Bills stepped down from the Tribal Liaison due to conflicts in schedule.

**Bills moved Hauck supported to appoint Supervisor Mielke as the Tribal Liaison and Norm Woerle as the Deputy Tribal Liaison. Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**B. Board Member Reports**

Cody – Gave updates on the Election Committee meeting held on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Hauck – Gave updates on the Isabella County Road Commission meeting held on March 24<sup>th</sup> and reported that the Joint Meeting with all boards went well.

Bills – Gave updates on the Isabella County Board of Commissioners meeting held on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mielke – Gave updates on the Board of Review meeting held on March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Consent Agenda**

A. Communications

B. Minutes – March 23, 2022 – Regular Meeting

- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay
- F. Fire Reports
- G. 2022 Township Brine Participation Contract with Isabella County Road Commission
- H. 2022 Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Award
- I. 2022 Isabella County Road Commission (ICRC) Gravel Road Contract

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

**New Business**

**A. Discussion/Action: (Smith) Carriage Hill Estates #1 and #2 Subdivision Paving Special Assessment District Resolution #4**

Hauck moved Brown supported the adoption of Carriage Hill Estates #1 and #2 Subdivision Paving Special Assessment District Resolution #4 which sets the Second Public Hearing date and time for the establishment of a Paving Special Assessment District. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Rice, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**B. Discussion/Action: (Smith) River Road Control Valve Station Booster Pump Installation Construction Contract**

Bills moved Cody supported to approve the construction contract with Countyline Power LLC, in the amount of \$339,574.00 for the installation of high service pumps at the River Road Control Valve Station. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**C. Discussion/Action: (Nanney) Second Reading and Adoption of the PTXT21-02 Zoning Ordinance Amendments**

Brown moved Bills supported to conduct a Second Reading of the proposed PTXT21-02 Zoning Ordinance text amendments to increase the maximum allowable height and to adjust the minimum setback standards for ground-mounted solar energy facilities, and to adopt the amendatory ordinance as Township Ordinance Number 22-02. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Rice, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

Hauck moved Cody supported to move item 11.5 – Closed Session to 12.5. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

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

Open 7:41 p.m.

Norm Woerle, 5685 Carriage Ln, thanked the board for approving the Carriage Hill Estates Resolution and appointing him as Deputy Tribal Liaison.

Jennifer Hodges, Gourdie-Fraser Engineer, introduced herself and thanked the Board for supporting the high service pumps project.

Closed: 7:43 p.m.

**Closed Session**

7:44 p.m.

Rice moved Cody 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 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 litigation or settlement position of the Township. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Rice, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

8:22 p.m.

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

8:26 p.m.

Rice moved Bills supported to move that the Board meet in closed session 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, Rice, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

8:38 p.m.

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

**MANAGER COMMENTS**

- Request for bids on the demolition of the Jonathan Lane property were due back today.
- Gave update on the now resolved Tolas case.

**FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Rice – Complimented the secretaries for updates on the Township website.  
 Cody – Thanked Hannah Fitzpatrick for her time with the Township.  
 Thering – Asked the status of the Vac Truck.  
 Mielke – Commented on how well the Joint Meeting went with all Boards.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Rice moved Hauck supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**APPROVED BY:**

  
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 Lisa Cody, Clerk

  
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 Bryan Mielke, Supervisor