

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 September 14, 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 Rice supported to approve the agenda with an amendment under New Business to add item 11. E. – Present the Performance Review Evaluation to the Township Manager. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

Presentation

Public Hearings

Public Comment

Open: 7:03 p.m.

Jonathan Wilson, Reginal Manager for DTE Energy, spoke on behalf of the DTE Energy Gas Franchise Ordinance.

Closed: 7:04 p.m.

Closed Session

Reports/Board Comments

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

B. Board Member Reports

Bills – gave an update on the Isabella County Board of Commissioners Work Session meeting held on September 6th.

Rice – Gave an update on taxes.

Hauck – Gave updates on the Isabella County Road Commission meetings held on August 25th and September 8th.

Consent Agenda

- A. Communications
- B. Minutes – August 24, 2022 – Regular Meeting
- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay
- F. Fire Reports

G. Isabella County Child Advocacy Center – Temporary Raffle License Resolution

Bills moved Rice supported to approve the consent agenda with one amendment to item B. “Minutes – August 24, 2022” to add Jeff Brown as present under Roll Call. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.** Motion carried.

New Business

A. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Introduction and First Reading of the DTE Energy Company Gas Franchise Ordinance

Rice moved Bills supported to introduce and conduct a First Reading for the proposed new DTE Energy Company Gas Franchise Ordinance. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.** Motion carried.

B. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Resolution of Intent and Authorization for Purchase of a new Outdoor Fitness Court for McDonald Park

Rice moved Cody supported adopt a Resolution of Intent to participate in the National Fitness Campaign’s outdoor fitness court initiative in Michigan sponsored by Priority Health, to authorize a FY2022 appropriation of up to \$168,000.00 for the purchase of an outdoor fitness court facility for McDonald Park using the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds received by the Township, and to amend the FY2022 budget as appropriate to reflect this action. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Rice, Bills, Brown, and Hauck. Nays: Thering.** Motion carried.

C. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Property Transfer Affidavit Penalty Waiver Approval Request Resolution

Hauck moved Brown supported to authorize (by resolution) the Township Assessor to waive penalties to constituents for failure to file property transfer affidavits timely. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Rice, Bills, Brown, Hauck, and Thering. Nays: 0.** Motion carried.

D. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) 2022 Tax Rate Request (Form L-4029) Resolution

Brown moved Bills supported to approve the Charter Township of Union’s 2022 Tax rate Request, Form 614 (L-4029) for the 2023 tax year and to authorize the Township Clerk and Supervisor to sign the form. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.** Motion carried.

E. Discussion: (Board of Trustees) Presentation of the Township Manager Performance Review Evaluation

Discussion by the Board

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: RESTRICTED TO 5 MINUTES REGARDING ANY ISSUE

Open: 8:31 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed: 8:31 p.m.

MANAGER COMMENTS

- Commented on Chris Radar’s retirement on September 2nd.

- Commented on upcoming agenda items:
 - Adjust expiration dates to the ZBA Board matrix to stagger the dates.
 - Collaborate with the Road Commission to repair Broomfield Rd. east of the current project to the city limits.
- Reminded the Board that as leaders, their words matter.
- Appreciates the time and thoughtfulness of the Township Manager Review.

FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Hauck – Commented on a work session for ARPA funds, employee negotiations, and the 2023 budget.

Bills – Looking forward to attending the Policy Governance Training the first week in October, excited about the new fitness court at McDonald Park, commented on Queen Elizabeth’s passing, and agreed with Trustee Hauck’s comment regarding the ARPA fund work session.

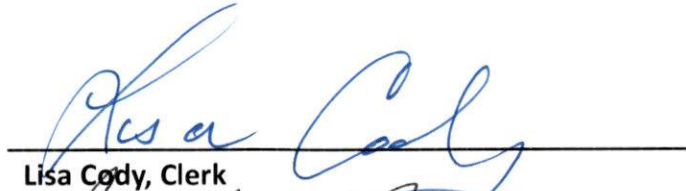
Brown – Excited for the arrival of the new Vac Truck. Commented on the Township Manager’s evaluation.

Mielke – Commented on the arrival of the new Vac Truck.

ADJOURNMENT

Rice moved **Brown** supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.**
Motion carried.

APPROVED BY:



Lisa Cody, Clerk



Bryan Mielke, Supervisor

(Recorded by Tera Green)