

2023 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 January 25, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Union Township Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

Supervisor Mielke, Clerk Cody, Trustee Brown, and Trustee Thering

Excused:

Treasurer Rice and Trustee Bills

Approval of Agenda

Cody moved Brown supported to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Presentation

Public Hearings

Public Comment

Open: 7:12 p.m.

Ben Gunning, 2270 E. Broomfield Rd, commented on the vacant Trustee seat, the board attendance and the Zalud litigation.

Closed: 7:16 p.m.

Reports/Board Comments

- A. Current List of Boards and Commissions – Appointments as needed.**
- B. January Monthly Activity Report**
- C. Planning Commission and ZBA updates by Community and Economic Development Director**
- D. Board Member Reports**

Mielke – informed the Board of his upcoming meeting with the new MDOT Manager, Jack Hofweber, for introductions on January 31st and gave updates on the Intergovernmental meeting held on January 25th and the Annual Isabella County Road Commission meeting held on January 24th.

Consent Agenda

- A. Communications
- B. Minutes – January 11, 2023 – Regular Meeting
- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay
- F. Fire Reports
- G. Mission Creek Park Pathway Project Resolution of Intent

Cody moved **Brown** supported to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Brown, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

New Business

A. Discussion/Action: (Nanney) Adoption of the Redevelopment Ready Communities Program Participation Resolution

Cody moved **Brown** supported to adopt the Resolution of Intent to Participate in the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Redevelopment Ready Communities Program and to pursue a Redevelopment Ready Communities certification, as recommended by the Planning Commission. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Brown and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

B. Discussion/Action: (Nanney) Introduction and First Reading of the 2022 Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment

Cody moved **Brown** supported to introduce and conduct a First Reading for the proposed PTXT 22-01 set of Zoning Ordinance Amendments as recommended by the Planning Commission. **Vote: Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

C. Discussion/Action: (Smith) Source Water Grant Agreement

Brown moved **Cody** supported to approve the Source Water Grant Agreement between the Charter Township of Union and EGLE for the completion of well exploration activities, naming Kim Smith, Public Services Director as the grant representative. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Brown, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

D. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Policy Governance 2.1 Treatment of Consumers

Discussion by the Board.

E. Discussion/Action: (Board of Trustees) Clerk's Compensation Level Discussion

Discussion by the Board.

F. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Policy Governance 3.1 Governing Style

Discussion by the Board.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: RESTRICTED TO 5 MINUTES REGARDING ANY ISSUE

Open: 8:19 p.m.

Brian Smith, 2284 Sandstone Dr., suggested that future ARPA fund discussions include electric car charging stations, and expressed appreciation for the work on the sidewalk projects.

Tim Lannen, 1129 Meadow Dr., Introduced himself and expressed interest in the vacant Trustee seat.

Closed: 8:26 p.m.

MANAGER COMMENTS

- Union Township's appointed Cultural and Recreational Commission (CRC) representative, Robert Sommerville, was re-elected to Vice President to that board.

- Union Township received a \$2500 incentive check from Consumers Energy for converting the lights at Township Hall to LED.
- The Township Manager will be out of the office February 4 – 11 and February 25 – March 4.
- The Assessor gave notice of his contract termination. He will be servicing Union Township through the end of April.

FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

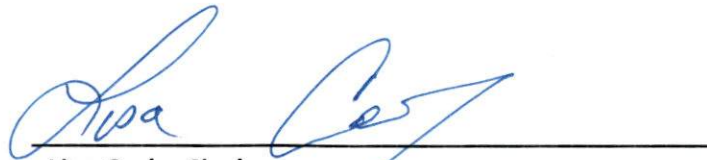
Thering – wanted clarification on the Boards next steps in appointing a candidate to the vacant Trustee seat.

Mielke – Commented on watching the State of the State and commented on his appreciation for Mr. Smith’s comment on electric charging stations.

ADJOURNMENT

Cody moved **Brown** supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. **Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

APPROVED BY:



Lisa Cody, Clerk



Bryan Mielke, Supervisor

(Recorded by Tera Green)