

**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 March 22, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Union Township Hall.

**Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.**

**Bills moved Brown supported to appoint Treasurer Rice as temporary clerk until Clerk Cody arrives. Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**Roll Call**

Present:

Supervisor Mielke, Treasurer Rice, Trustee Bills, Trustee Brown, Trustee Smith and Trustee Thering

Excused:

Clerk Cody (late arrival)

**Approval of Agenda**

**Bills moved Smith supported to approve the agenda with an addition to add April 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Joint Meeting Discussion under New Business. Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**Presentation**

- a. Ruth Helwig and Lynn Laskowsky gave updates for the Chippewa River District Library (CRDL) on the operations, programs and challenges that libraries are seeing.
- b. John Zang gave a progress report on the Mid Michigan Aquatic Recreation Authority.

**\* 7:11 p.m. Clerk Cody arrived**

**Public Hearings**

**Public Comment**

Open: 7:33 p.m.

William Whitehead, 1474 E Broomfield Rd, spoke in support of the vacant parcel with address property 3465 S. Meridian Rd to be released from an existing State of Michigan PA116 program Farmland Development Rights Agreement and to be donated to Isabella County to expand Meridian Park.

Closed: 7:38 p.m.

**Reports/Board Comments**

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

Bills – gave an update on the Isabella County Board of Commissioners meeting held March 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Cody – updated that the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Isabella County Road Commission meeting was cancelled.  
Thering – gave an update on the Planning Commission meeting held on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Consent Agenda**

- A. Communications
- B. Minutes – March 8, 2023 – Regular Meeting
- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay
- F. Fire Reports
- G. Pump Station 3,6 and 11 Wet Well Wizard System Purchase

**Bills** moved **Cody** supported to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

### **New Business**

**A. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Mid Michigan Aquatic Recreation Authority Request to Waive Audit Requirements for FY 2022 Financial Statements**

**Bills** moved **Brown** supported to approve the request by the Mid-Michigan Aquatic Recreational Authority (MMARA) to waive the requirement for an independent audit of their FY 2022 financial statements. **Vote: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**B. Discussion/Action: (Nanney) Second Reading and Adoption of the Storm Water Management Ordinance**

**Brown** moved **Bills** supported to conduct a Second Reading of and to adopt the proposed Storm-water Management Ordinance as Township Ordinance Number 23-03. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Rice, Bills, Brown, Smith and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**C. Discussion/Action: (Nanney) Resolution of Support to Release 4.01 Acres of PID 14-019-30-003-01 from the State's PA116 Agricultural Land Conservation Easement Program**

**Cody** moved **Brown** supported to adopt a resolution of support to release 4.01 acres of PID 14-019-30-002-01, a vacant parcel with an address of 3465 S. Meridian Road, from an existing State of Michigan PA116 program Farmland Development Rights Agreement, finding that the proposal from landowners William and Nancy Whitehead to donate this land to Isabella County to expand Meridian Park is acceptable, in the public interest, and for a public use. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Rice, Bills, Brown, Smith and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**D. Discussion: (Board of Trustees) April 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Joint Meeting**

Discussion by the Board.

**E. Introduction/Discussion: (Stuhldreher) Policy Governance 3.3 Board Member's Code of Conduct**

Discussion by the Board.

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

Open: 8:23 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed: 8:23 p.m.

**MANAGER COMMENTS**

- Suggested that the Master Plan Reviewing be discussed at the Annual Joint Meeting April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Announced the pay increase for the Deputy Clerk and authorized to issue her a key to the building.
- Union township is partnering with Isabella County on the AED "Heart Saver" Equipment.
- Targeting the April 26<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees meeting for a discussion on the "Ends".

**FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Smith – Commented on the Isabella County Board of Commissioners holding a Goal Session Special Meeting.

Bills – Commented on the Isabella County Restoration House hosting the "Party for a Purpose" Auction on April 15<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart.

Brown – Commented on citizens reaching out to him as a Trustee and on the exceptional job the Isabella County Road Commission did on the Broomfield/Lincoln intersection.

Mielke – Made the Board of Trustees aware of the spam emails being sent under his name. Gave an update on the March Board of Review. Commented on the importance of educating taxpayers on how to appeal their taxes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Bills moved Brown supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 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

*(Recorded by Tera Green)*