

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 April 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Union Township Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Bills moved Brown supported to appoint Trustee Smith as temporary clerk until Clerk Cody arrives. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Roll Call

Present:

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

Excused:

Clerk Cody (late arrival) and Trustee Thering

Approval of Agenda

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

Presentation

- a. Frank Engler, Isabella County Commissioner, gave an update on the County Planning Session, the jail project, and gave notice the County Commissioners meeting is moving back to the County building.

***7:13 p.m. Clerk Cody arrived.**

Public Hearings

Public Comment

Open: 7:13 p.m.

No comments were given.

Closed: 7:13 p.m.

Reports/Board Comments

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

1. Reappointment to the Economic Development Authorities for a 4-year term

Cody moved Bills supported to reappoint Tom Kequom for a 4-year term to the Economic Development Authority Board with the term expiring 4/14/2027. Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

2. Reappointment to the Economic Development Authorities for a 4-year term

Brown moved Cody supported to reappoint Jim Zalud for a 4-year term to the Economic Development Authority Board with the term expiring 4/14/2027. Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion

carried.

3. Appointment to the Economic Development Authorities to fill a vacant seat

Cody moved **Smith** supported to appoint Sarvjit Chowdhary to fill the vacant seat on the Economic Development Authority Board with the term expiring 6/22/2023. **Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

4. Appointment to the Election Committee Board

Cody moved **Bills** supported to appoint Brian Smith to the Election Commission Committee with the term expiring 11/20/2024. **Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

B. Board Member Reports

Mielke – gave updates on the EDA Board meeting held on March 21st.

Consent Agenda

- A. Communications
- B. Minutes – March 22, 2023 – Regular Meeting
- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay
- F. Fire Reports

Bills moved **Smith** supported to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

New Business

A. Discussion/Action: (Smith) FY 2023 Well #8 Maintenance

Brown moved **Bills** supported to approve the bid from Peerless Midwest for the completion of the maintenance and cleaning of Well #8 located at the Mission Road Well Site in the amount of \$19,485.20. **Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

B. Discussion/Action: (Smith) Isabella County Road Commission (ICRC) Gravel Road Refurbishing Participation Contracts

Bills moved **Smith** supported to approve five (5) Participation Contracts with the Isabella County Road Commission (ICRC) for the rehabilitation of four and one-half (4 ½) miles of gravel roads within the Township in the amount of \$81,027.54, and authorize the Township Manager to sign said contracts. **Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

C. Discussion/Action: (Board of Trustees) Consider Additional Resource for Clerk's Office due to Changes in the Election Law

Rice moved **Smith** supported to table item C. – Consider Additional Resource for Clerk's Office due to Changes in the Election Law until there's a full board. **Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: RESTRICTED TO 5 MINUTES REGARDING ANY ISSUE

Open: 7:36 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed: 7:36 p.m.

MANAGER COMMENTS

- Bandit Industries held its ribbon cutting ceremony on April 5th.
- Commented on the warm weather bringing an increase of activities to the park.
- Union township hired 2 seasonal part time workers for the Parks and is currently seeking more applicants
- Mentioned the Care Store donation boxes at Union Township kicked off April 10 and will run through May 5th.

FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Bills – Commented on reaching out to Walmart, Sam’s and Meijer for an in-kind donation for the Care Store.

Brown – Commented on the bike lanes on Lincoln Road and echoed the comments regarding the Care Store donations.

Mielke – Complimented Tera on the accuracy of the minutes and asked for feedback on the annual joint meeting.

Cody – Commented on the joint meeting and complemented Kim Smith on her detailed report to the Board.

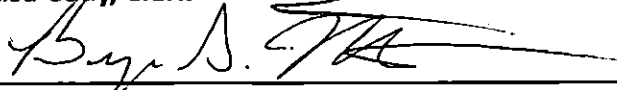
ADJOURNMENT

Rice moved Bills supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. **Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

APPROVED BY:



Lisa Cody, Clerk



Bryan Mielke, Supervisor

(Recorded by Tera Green)