

**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 September 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Union Township Hall.

**Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.**

**Smith** moved **Rice** supported to appoint Trustee **Bills** 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** (arrived at 7:21 p.m.)

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Presentation**

- a. **Frank Engler**, Isabella County Commissioner, gave an update on the county budget and DNR Grant for Meridian Park.

**Public Hearing**

**Public Comment**

Open: 7:06 p.m.

No comments were offered

Closed: 7:06 p.m.

**Reports/Board Comments**

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

**B. Board Member Reports**

**Bills** – gave an update on the September 5<sup>th</sup> Isabella County Board of Commission meeting.

**Smith** – gave an update on the September 12<sup>th</sup> Leadership Luncheon.

**Rice** – Taxes are due September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Thering** – gave updates on the Planning Commission’s Master Plan Updates.

**Mielke** – piggy backed on Trustee’s **Smith**’s update on the Leadership Luncheon.

**Consent Agenda**

- A. Communications
- B. Minutes – August 23, 2023 – Regular Meeting
- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay

## F. Fire Reports

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

## New Business

### A. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) 2023 Tax Rate Request (Form L-4029) Resolution

Brown moved Smith supported to approve the Charter Township of Union's 2023 Tax Rate Request, Form 614 (L-4029) for the 2023 Tax Year and to authorize the Township Clerk and Supervisor to sign the form. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Bills, Brown, Smith, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**\* 7:21 p.m. Clerk Cody arrived**

### B. Discussion/Action: (Board of Trustees) AARPA Fund Discussion

Discussion by the Board

### C. Discussion/Action: (Board of Trustees) First Meeting of Manager Performance Evaluation

Discussion by the Board

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

Open: 8:40 p.m.

Frank Engler, 1798 E. River Rd, thanked the Board for allowing Mark to sit on one of his committees. Commented on the dual bills that are in the House and Senate to change Michigan law regarding septic codes and regulations.

Closed: 8:42 p.m.

## MANAGER COMMENTS

- Annual Clean-Up Day is September 30<sup>th</sup> at Commission on Aging from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Volunteers are welcome.
- September 15<sup>th</sup> is the Fall 2% Round Table Meeting
- The Fitness Court Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was well attended. The event was organized by Rodney Nanney and wouldn't have been the success it had been without Amy Peak.
- EAP Inspection of the Wastewater Treatment Plant was this week. There was no area of concerns.
- Thanked the Board for the comments during the Manager Performance Evaluation.

## FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mielke – was approached by a resident that inquired about assessment of roads in subdivisions and why the Township doesn't help fund the repaving.

Rice – Pay your taxes.

Bills – Ribbon Cutting Event was awesome. Appreciates how the Manager takes care of the Township.

Brown – Would love the residents to watch the meeting to hear the positive comments on how the Manager runs the Township.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Bills moved Rice supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 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)*