

**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 November 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Union Township Hall.

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

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

**Roll Call**

Present:

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

Excused:

Treasurer Rice and Clerk Cody (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)

**Approval of Agenda**

**Smith moved Bills supported to approve the agenda with an amendment to remove item 10.H "Public Act 152 (Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act) Exemption Cost Sharing Resolution" from the Consent Agenda and move it to Item 11.D under New Business. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**Presentation**

**Public Hearing**

**Public Comment**

Open: 7:03 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed: 7:04 p.m.

**Reports/Board Comments**

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

**B. Board Member Reports**

Bills – Gave an update from the November 7<sup>th</sup> Isabella Board of Commission meeting.

**Consent Agenda**

- A. Communications
- B. Minutes – October 25, 2023 – Regular Meeting
- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay
- F. Fire Reports
- G. Phase 1 Topographic Survey and Base Mapping Contract with Gourdie Frasier

**Bills moved Smith supported to approve the consent agenda with the amendment to remove item H. Vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

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**New Business**

**A. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Resolution to set a Public Hearing for the FY 2024 Budget Recommendations.**

Smith moved Bills supported to approve to schedule the FY 2024 Budget Adoption Public Hearing for Wednesday November 29, 2023, and to notice same in the Morning Sun as required by statue. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Bills, Brown, Smith, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**B. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Consider approval of the 2024 Township Manager Employment Agreement**

Brown moved Bills supported to approve the Township Manager’s Employment Agreement for calendar year 2024. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Bills, Brown, Smith, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**C. Discussion/Action: (Board of Trustees) FY 2024 Recommended Budget Discussion**

**\*7:15 p.m. Clerk Cody arrived**

Discussion by the Board.

**D. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Public Act 152 (Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act) Exemption Cost Sharing Resolution**

Bills moved Smith supported to approve the resolution opting out of the employer health care benefit plan contribution limits as allowed under State of Michigan Public Act 152 (Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act) for the benefit year of 2024. Requires two thirds vote of the governing body. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Bills, Brown, Smith, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

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

Open: 7:59 p.m.

No comments were offered

Closed: 7:59 p.m.

**MANAGER COMMENTS**

**FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Smith – commented on the House and Senate passing the bill to preempt local control for renewable energy facilities.

Bills – Sorry that the County is dealing with building issues. Feels fortunate to be in Union Township and wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mielke – Questioned where the polling site will be held for the County with the building closed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Smith moved Bills supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. **Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**APPROVED BY:**

  
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Lisa Cody, Clerk

  
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Bryan Mielke, Supervisor

*(Recorded by Tera Green)*

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