

**2024 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 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Union Township Hall.

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

**Bills moved Brown supported to appoint Trustee Smith as Temporary Supervisor. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**Bills moved Brown supported to appoint Treasurer Rice as Temporary Clerk. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**Roll Call**

Present:

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

Excused:

Supervisor Mielke and Clerk Cody

**Approval of Agenda**

**Thering moved Bills supported to approve the agenda with an amendment to remove item B under New Business, "Consider/Approve an At Will Department Director's Agreement as to form". Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**Presentation**

- a. Lisa Diaz, Mid-Michigan Aquatic Recreation Authority Treasurer, gave a presentation on the Key Accomplishments, Features, Schedule, and Cost of the proposed Aquatic Center.

**Public Hearing**

- a. Michael Engineering, 5625 Venture Way, IFTE Request

Open: 7:29 p.m.

Jim McBryde, Middle Michigan Development Corporation CEO, spoke in support of a tax abatement for Michael Engineering.

Eric Pruitt, Owner of Michael Engineering, gave the history of the family-owned company.

Closed: 7:34p.m.

**Public Comment**

Open: 7:35 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed: 7:35 p.m.

**Reports/Board Comments**

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

**B. 2023 Planning Commission Annual Report**

**Bills moved Thering supported to acknowledge the 2023 Planning Commission Annual Report. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**C. Board Member Reports**

**Bills – gave an update on the December 5, 2023 Isabella County Board of Commissioners meeting.**

Rice – Reminded taxpayers to pay their taxes and explained how to use the online payment option.

**Consent Agenda**

- A. Communications
- B. Minutes – December 13, 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: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**New Business**

**A. Discussion/Action: (Smith) Late Fee Waiver Request – Account 04251 2366 Sandstone Drive**

**Brown moved Rice supported to deny the request to waive the quarterly water and sewer bill penalty for 2366 Sandstone account number 04251 in the amount of \$47.00. Vote: Ayes: 3. Nays: 2. Motion carried.**

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

Open: 7:52 p.m.

Rick Barz, 1110 Meadow Drive, commented on the process of the informal and formal petition for Fox Meadow Subdivision’s Special Assessment. The cost of the project is higher than anticipated and requested that the Township consider sharing some of the general funds to help offset some of the expenses.

Closed: 7:57 p.m.

**MANAGER COMMENTS**

No comments were offered.

**FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Rice – Reminded taxpayers to pay their taxes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Bills moved Brown supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**APPROVED BY:**

  
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Lisa Cody, Clerk

  
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Bryan Mielke, Supervisor

*(Recorded by Tera Green)*