

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 December 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Union Township Hall.

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

Roll Call

Present:

Supervisor Mielke, Clerk Cody, Treasurer Rogers, Trustee Brown, Trustee Lannen, Trustee Ley, and Trustee Thering

Excused:

Approval of Agenda

Rogers moved Cody supported to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Presentation

Public Hearing

Public Comment

Open: 7:02 p.m.

Sandy Halasz, 580 S. Shepherd Rd. spoke on behalf of Jessica and Jared Gallinger in favor of the initiated rezone of lot 943 S. Isabella Rd. from the L-1 district to the R-1 District.

Ken Kandaris, 2190 Yats Dr., spoke as a partial property owner of 943 S. Shepherd in favor of the initiated rezone.

Closed: 7:09 p.m.

Reports/Board Comments

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

Brown moved Cody supported to reappoint Jeanette Corbin to the Board of Review for a 2-year term with an expiration date of 12-31-26. Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Rogers moved Brown supported to reappoint Sarjit Chowdhary to the Board of Review for a 2-year term with an expiration date of 12-31-26. Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Cody moved Thering supported to reappoint Jacob Trudell-Lozano to the Board of Review for a 2-year term with an expiration date of 12-31-26. Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Lannen moved Brown supported to appoint Brian Clark to a regular seat of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3-year term with an expiration date of 12-31-27. Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Lannen moved Brown supported to reappoint David Coyne to the Alternate #1 seat of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3-year term with an expiration date of 12-31-27. Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

B. December Monthly Activity Report

C. Planning Commission Annual Report

D. Community and Economic Development Director

E. Board Member Reports

Lannen gave updates on the December 9th City Commission meeting.
Rogers gave an update on the Winter Tax production
Mielke gave an update on the December 10th Board of Review meeting.

Consent Agenda

- A. Communications
- B. Minutes – November 26, 2024 -- Regular Meeting
- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay
- F. Fire Reports
- G. Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement Renewal

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

New Business

- A. **Discussion/Action: (Nanney) Second Reading and Adoption of the Township Initiated Rezoning of lot at 943 S. Isabella Rd. from I-1 (Light Industrial) to R-1 (Rural Residential)**

Cody moved **Lannen** supported to conduct a Second Reading for the proposed PREZ24-01 request to rezone the 0.53-acre lot at 943 S. Isabella Road (PID 14-001-30-004-01) on the east side of S. Isabella Road north of E. River Road in the southwest quarter of Section 1 from I-1 (Light Industrial District) to R-1 (Rural Residential District), and to adopt the amendatory ordinance as Ordinance No. 24-06. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cody, Rogers, Brown, Lannen, Ley, and Thering. Nays: Mielke. Motion carried.**

- B. **Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule**

***7:11 p.m. Clerk Cody left the meeting**

Brown moved **Thering** supported to approve the proposed Board of Trustee meeting Schedule for the 2025 calendar year in accordance with the Open Meetings Act with one change to move the December meeting from Wednesday December 17 to Thursday December 18, 2025. **Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

- C. **Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Consider taking a position regarding the proposed Sand/Gravel Mining legislation**

Lannen moved **Brown** supported to oppose House Bills 4526, 4527, and 4528 and further, directs the Township Supervisor to draft a communication stating such to be delivered to our local state legislative representatives and the Governor's Office. **Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

- D. **Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Policy Governance 2.4 Financial Planning/Budgeting**

Discussion by the Board

- E. **Discussion/Action: (Board of Trustees) Policy Governance 3.0 Global Governance Commitment**

Discussion by the Board

- F. **Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Reaffirm the use of Policy Governance**

Rogers moved **Brown** supported to reaffirm the use of Union Township's existing governance model, known as Policy Governance, and the implementation of same via the Union Township Board Policy Manual. **Roll**

Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rogers, Brown, Lannen, Ley, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: RESTRICTED TO 5 MINUTES REGARDING ANY ISSUE

Open: 8:50 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed: 8:50 p.m.

MANAGER COMMENTS

- Reported on the Staff Annual Christmas party funded by the Township Manager. It was held on Friday December 13th in the Cask Room. The staff enjoy it each year and it is well attended.
- Reminded the board that our next meeting is January 8th and happy holidays.

FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Brown – Thanked the township staff from him and his family and Merry Christmas.

Lannen – Lifted up Susan Radwan, who played a key role in drafting the board's policy governance.

Encouraged the board to review her book for insight into her thought process and to take advantage of available educational training. Merry Christmas!

Ley – Thank you to the staff for their hard work. She looks forward to the good work ahead in the coming year. Stay safe on the roads.

Rogers – Very thankful for the staff and their helpfulness. Merry Christmas!

Thering – Thanked the manager for organizing the Christmas party for the staff. It truly shows how much he cares, and the fact that he used his own funds speaks to his character.

Mielke – Thanked the manager for organizing the staff party, glad staff had the chance to fellowship.

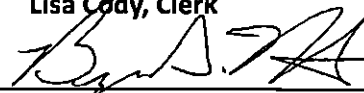
Commented on the Board of Review training, which provides details on how to appeal your taxes. Suggested that the staff hold another Citizen Seminar on how to appeal your taxes. Requested that the Board take a tour of the facilities. Also commented on the decision to adopt the rezone of property 943 S. Isabella from I-1 to R-1.

ADJOURNMENT

Rogers moved **Brown** supported to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. **Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

APPROVED BY:

Lisa Cody, Clerk



Bryan Mielke, Supervisor

(Recorded by Tera Green)