

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF UNION
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Charter Township of Union Board of Trustees was held on March 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Union Township Hall.

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

Roll Call

Clerk Henry, Supervisor Alwood, Treasurer Rice, Trustees Hauck, Mielke, Lannen, and Mikus were present.

Others Present

Brian Smith, Jennifer Loveberry, James Horton

Public Comment

None

Reports/Board Comments

Mikus-Reported on Sustainability Committee-clean up day-no poly Styrofoam being accepted. Volunteers through county community service program

Hauck – Reported from City meeting – looking into grant for county restoration house

Smith - Sitting on CRC board as citizen of the township. An extension will be presented regarding the urban cooperation act in the future meeting. Sue Radwan will be here March 23, 2015 (training session)

Mielke – City Dog Park – anticipated opening date will be after July 4th, 2015

Approval of Agenda

Hauck moved **Mikus** supported to approve the agenda as presented. **Ayes: all. Motion carried.**

Consent Agenda

- A. Communications
 - Rural Development – Phase II Invoices
- B. Minutes – February 25, 2015 Regular Meeting
- C. Bills
- D. Payroll
- E. Proposed Budget Adjustments
- F. Board Meeting Pay Request

Discussion was held on items B. & E. by the board. Discussion included clarifying details of items in the minutes and B. Smith clarified the proposed budget adjustments

Hauck moved **Rice** supported to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Ayes: all. Motion carried.**

BOARD AGENDA

A. Sidewalk Engineering Contract

R. Alwood presented to the Board to enter into a 5 year contract with Rowe Professional Services for all design and engineering on all non-motorized pathways. **Henry** moved **Hauck** supported to deny request to have Rowe Engineering to have a 5 year contract.

Vote: **Ayes: all. Motion carried.**

Mikus moved **Lannen** supported to approve Rowe to a 3 year contract with 2 year renewal clause to be approved by the Board for all non motorized pathways and sidewalks in the township. Vote: **Ayes: 5 Nays: 2. Motion carried.**

Amend to include all sidewalks in Union Township.

Amend to include cost to be equal or no greater than 5% increase on an annual basis.

Amend to include \$15,000 per project.

B. Review Basic Parliamentary Guideline

Mikus moved **Hauck** supported from this time forward to replace Roberts Rules and follow the Parliamentary Guideline for the remaining term. Vote: **Ayes: All. Motion carried.**

Amend to strike “forms of voting” where MI law prohibits.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

James Horton of the 4th District County Commission updated the board on the county government.

FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Hauck - Check on Preferred vendor status of Gourdie-Fraser. Add to March 25, 2015 Agenda.

Henry – See Rowe’s contract in writing.

Alwood – Load restrictions are in force. Meeting in Crystal Mountain for 2 days - need approval by the board.

Mielke – Requested discussion on meeting compensation on March 25, 2015 Agenda.

Lannen – Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Board always has the opportunity to go out and look at engineering services.

Rice – Attending BS&A training on March 31, 2015.

Mikus – Agreed with Hauck’s statement on Gourdie- Fraser. Agreed with Lannen on engineering services.

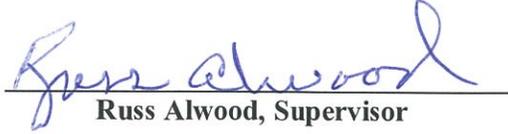
ADJOURNMENT

Henry moved **Rice** supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:20p.m. **Ayes: all. Motion carried.**

APPROVED BY:



Margie Henry, Clerk



Russ Alwood, Supervisor

(Recorded by Jennifer Loveberry)