

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 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Union Township Hall.

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

Roll Call

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

Others Present

Bill Newkirk, Kim Smith, Pat DePriest, Jennifer Loveberry

Public Comment – open 7:01 pm

No comments

Reports/Board Comments

Mielke – City liaison team updates regarding Indian Pines Park; looking to collaborate with the following entities: Township, CMU, City of Mt. Pleasant, Road Commission, & MMDC, Isabella Commissioners, and Saginaw Tribe regarding Crawford Rd. safety issues; asked Interim Manager to look at budgeting non budgeted Parks Truck purchase.

Alwood – Meeting set for 3/10/16 to bring all entities involved together to discuss safety issues on Crawford Rd, possible walkable pathway

Mikus – Sustainability Committee rescheduled to meet on 3/16/16 at 4 p.m.

Henry- Election updates

Approval of Agenda

Hauck moved **Rice** supported to approve the agenda with changes, adding item K. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

Consent Agenda

- A. Communications
- B. Minutes – February 9, 2016–Special Meeting
- C. Minutes – February 10, 2016-Regular Meeting
- D. Minutes – February 23, 2016 – Special Meeting
- E. Bills
- F. Payroll
- G. Fire Reports

Henry moved **Mikus** supported to approve the consent agenda with changes, correcting Minutes for February 10, 2016. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

BOARD AGENDA

A. CMU presentation by Higher Learning Commission / Claudia Douglass

Presentation by Claudia Douglass, Reaffirmation of Accreditation April 25-26, 2016.

B. 2016 Township survey / discussion with Mary Senter (CMU)

The Board discussed the updates Mary Senter made for the 2016 Township Survey.

C. Hydro Seeder Purchase – 2016 Budget Item

Kim Smith presented. Hauck moved Rice supported to approve purchase of Finn T-30 Hydro Seeder from Alta Equipment in the amount of \$13,500.00.

Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

D. Financial Funding for MTT Appraisals

Pat DePriest presented. Hauck moved Mielke supported to table making decision on Chip Housing until the 3/23/16 meeting. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

Recusal –Mielke removed himself from participation in the decision so as to avoid a conflict of interest.

Rice moved **Lannen** supported to approve the recommendation to file claim of appeal against Creative Beginnings. Township assessor is requesting \$3,500.00 for attorney fees. **Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

E. Adopt Ordinance 2016-01 – Listening Ear

Mielke moved Hauck supported to adopt Ordinance 2016-01 – Listening Ear. **Roll call vote: Ayes: Alwood, Henry, Rice, Hauck, Lannen, Mielke, and Mikus. Motion carried.**

F. Appointment to Planning Commission

Mikus moved Lannen supported to table reappointment to the Planning Commission until opening has been published, within the next 5 days, in the newspaper. **Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 1. Motion carried.**

G. Adjustment to Accountant's Position

Lannen moved Rice supported to approve the recommendation by the Interim Manager changing the Accountant's title to Finance Director, increase salary to \$60,000 for the 2016 fiscal year, and hire part time assistant to work in Finance Director's office. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

H. Township Brine Participation Contract

Mikus moved Lannen supported the Agreement made and entered into by and between the Board of County Road Commissioners for the County of Isabella and Union Township. The Townships share is \$15,819.55 for Three Applications of Michigan Chloride at 2000 gallons per mile. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

I. Municipal Violation Ordinance Discussion

Rice moved Hauck supported to postpone Municipal Violation Ordinance Discussion. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

Alanna D'Ambrosio-Berry, 2935 Billbrael –Thanked the Board of Trustees for all that they have done so far regarding the safety issue on Crawford Rd.

J. Closed Session-Discuss legal opinion with council

9:09 p.m. Hauck moved Mielke supported to go into closed session. **Roll call vote: Ayes: Alwood, Henry, Rice, Hauck, Lannen, Mielke, and Mikus. Motion carried.**

9:27 p.m. Hauck moved Mikus supported come out of closed session. **Roll call vote: Ayes: Alwood, Henry, Rice, Hauck, Lannen, Mielke, and Mikus. Motion carried.**

K. Closed Session-Discuss Litigation

9:30 p.m. Hauck moved Mikus supported to go into closed session. **Roll call vote: Ayes: Alwood, Henry, Rice, Hauck, Lannen, Mielke, and Mikus. Motion carried.**

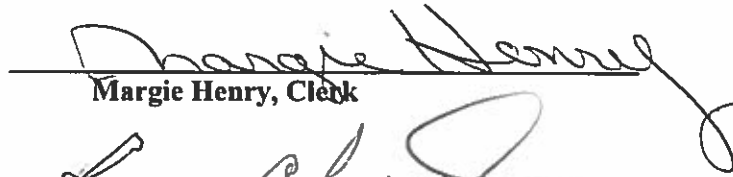
10:38 p.m. Hauck moved Mikus supported come out of closed session. **Roll call vote: Ayes: Alwood, Henry, Rice, Hauck, Lannen, Mielke, and Mikus. Motion carried.**

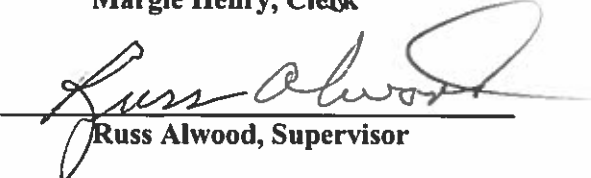
FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Hauck moved Mikus supported to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 p.m. **Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

APPROVED BY:


Margie Henry, Clerk


Russ Alwood, Supervisor

(Recorded by Jennifer Loveberry)