

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF UNION

Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Charter Township of Union Board of Trustees was held on April 13, 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, Pat DePriest, Jennifer Loveberry

Public Comment – open 7:01 pm

No comments

Reports/Board Comments

Mikus – Sustainability Committee updates: Clean up day 6/25/16 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (flyer to follow when available) and Isabella County Conservation District Hazardous Waste set for 5/14/16 and 9/10/16 as well as Tire Drop off 5/21/16 at the Isabella County Fair Grounds (Information to be updated on our website when available at uniontownshipmi.com / clean up days.

Mielke – Planning Commission updates.

Approval of Agenda

Mielke moved Mikus supported to approve the agenda as presented. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.**
Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

- A. Communications
- B. Minutes – March 23, 2016-Regular Meeting
- C. Bills
- D. Payroll

Hauck moved Lannen supported to approve the consent agenda with corrections. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

BOARD AGENDA

A. Appointment to the Planning Commission

Hauck moved Alwood supported to reappoint Rick McGuirk to the Planning Commission, new term expiring 2/16/19. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Alwood, Henry, Hauck Nays: Rice, Lannen, Mielke, and Mikus. Motion failed.**

Supervisor Alwood stated that Mr. McGuirk will continue to be held over for the full term of his position on the Planning Commission, per his request.

B. Township Participation Contracts

1. Bluegrass Rd. to Whiteville to Meridian

Mikus moved Henry 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 Township's share is \$192,862.17 for project No. 459-014-611519. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

2. River Rd. – Lincoln To Crawford

Hauck moved Rice 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 Township's share is \$144,947.00 for project No. 459-014-511402. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

3. Broadway Rd., Ruby St.- Isabella Road to the East side of U.S. 127

Lannen moved Mielke 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 Township's share is \$525,178.00 for project No. 459-014-411406. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

C. Policy Governance Review

Discussion by the Board. Add reports to 4/27/16 Agenda

D. Purchase Order policy / process

Henry moved Mikus supported to approve expanding our current use of BS&A software to fully integrate purchase orders, allowing our employees to track their purchases, monitor line item balances, review general fund and special fund line item status, and a number of other functions of value to the management team and Township Board of Trustees. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

E. Ordinance Review

B. Newkirk presented. Discussion was held, no action taken.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT - Open 8:20 p.m.

Jim Horton of the 4th District County Commission updated the board on the county government.
Ben Gunning, 2270-2280 Broomfield Rd. - thanked elected officials for their duties.

FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

B. Newkirk –shared with Trustees that the Township has entered into contract with Isabella County that will integrate GIS mapping into the BS&software that our Assessor, Pat DePriest had been working on. Add Sidewalk completion (Bluegrass Rd.) to Agenda.

Alwood –Commented that Crawford Rd. safety is still ongoing; Discussion from Intergovernmental Committee with the City regarding 80 acres of land by airport donated for a park that is in Union Township and owned by the City of Mt. Pleasant. The City is looking for an agreement with Union Township to adopt local rules related to land, instead of relying on state laws, for enforcement by City staff on the land, looking for the Board of Trustees approval to discuss the possibilities at future Intergovernmental Committee Meeting.

Mikus – Would like to Add Recycling (Deerfield Rd.) to Agenda.

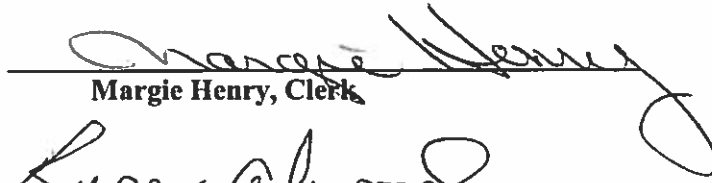
Lannen – Comments from citizens for the need of Pathways from Pickard Rd. to Hannah’s Dog Park (Mission Creek Woodland Park) located on S. Crawford Rd. Requested township residents to please complete township survey sent by CMU.

Mielke – looking forward to interviews with candidates from 4/11/16 special meeting’s short list.


ADJOURNMENT

Hauck moved Mikus supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVED BY:



Margie Henry, Clerk



Russ Alwood, Supervisor

(Recorded by Jennifer Loveberry)