

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 November 26, 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 Thering supported to approve the agenda as presented. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

Presentation

- a. Supervisor Mielke explained the Boards roles and expectations

Public Hearing

Public Comment

Open: 7:07 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.

Closed: 7:09 p.m.

Reports/Board Comments

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

Rogers moved Lannen supported to appoint Trustee Thering as the Planning Commission Liaison with at term ending 11-20-28. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

Cody moved Thering supported to appoint Supervisor Mielke as the Economic Development Advisory Board Liaison with at term ending 11-20-28. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

B. November Monthly Activity Report

C. Community and Economic Development Director

a. Planning Commission, EDA, and ZBA updates

b. Economic Development Report

D. Board Member Reports

Lannen went to the Treasurer's Guide to Township Government training in Frankenmuth on November 25th and encourages the board and staff to go to trainings.

Rogers gave an update on the Treasurer's Guide to Township Government training.

Mielke gave an update on the 2% Grant Distribution, EDA, and the county Work Session meeting.

Consent Agenda

- A. Communications

- B. Minutes – October 23, 2024 – Regular Meeting
- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay
- F. Fire Reports

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

New Business

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

Lannen moved **Brown** supported to introduce and conduct a First 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). **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Rogers, Brown, Lannen, Ley, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

- B. **Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) One-year extension of the Fire Service Agreement with the City of Mt. Pleasant**

Brown moved **Rogers** supported to approve a one-year extension to the Fire Protection Service Agreement with the City of Mt. Pleasant in the amount of \$807, 458. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Rogers, Brown, Lannen, Ley, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

- C. **Discussion/Action: (Teall) Resolution designating Treasurer Rogers as a check signer**

Brown moved **Thering** supported to approve adding newly elected Treasurer, Lori Rogers as a signatory to all of the Township's Bank accounts with Isabella Bank and Isabella Community Credit Union. Also to approve removing outgoing Treasurer, Kimberly Rice as a signatory from the accounts. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Rogers, Brown, Lannen, Ley, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

- D. **Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Policy Governance 2.8 Emergency Township Manager Succession**
Discussion by the Board

- E. **Discussion/Action: (Board of Trustees) Policy Governance 3.8 Board Committee Principles**
Discussion by the Board

- F. **Discussion/Action: (Board of Trustees) Policy Governance 3.9 Board Committee Structure**
Discussion by the Board

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

- Congratulations on the newly elected officials and look forward to working with the new board.
- Invited the newly elected officials to schedule a one-on-one meeting with him.
- Asked if the newly elected official would like to have an agenda item to discuss in detail the approve

FY 2025 budget.

FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Brown – Welcomed the new board. Happy Thanksgiving. Winter is coming, be safe on the roads.

Lannen – Thanked the citizens that elected the board. Loves to listen to peoples questions, concerns and ideas but will consider what is best for the greater good of the community. He found the managers' report in the packet to be helpful. He mentioned that he may need to respond to a fire emergency during a meeting but would evaluate the importance of the call before making the decision to leave.

Ley – Thanked the voters for electing her. She is humbled and expressed her excitement to serve.

Rogers – Thanked the public and is looking forward to moving on, learning, and giving her all.

Thering – Affirm the manager's comment on scheduling a meeting with him when feeling concerns or questions or just need information. He has several meetings with the manager and found them helpful in making informed decisions for the township and recommends others take advantage of the opportunity.

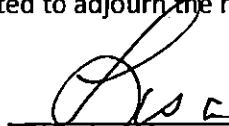
Cody – Welcomed the new board. Happy Thanksgiving

Mielke – Spoke on the onboarding process, reviewing the 2025 budget, policy governance training, and liaison assignments to outside boards. Discussion ensued.


ADJOURNMENT

Cody moved **Brown** supported to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. **Vote: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

APPROVED BY:



Lisa Cody, Clerk



Bryan Mielke, Supervisor

(Recorded by Tera Green)