

2025 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 February 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Union Township Hall.

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

Brown moved Thering supported to appoint Trustee Ley as temporary Clerk for the meeting. Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Roll Call

Present:

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

Excused:

Clerk Cody

Approval of Agenda

Rogers moved Brown supported to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Presentation

Public Hearing

Public Comment

Open: 7:02 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed: 7:03 p.m.

Reports/Board Comments

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

Brown moved Lannen supported to reappoint Richard Barz to a 4-year term to the Economic Development Authority with a term expiring 12/13/2029. Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mielke moved Lannen supported to reappoint John Hayes to a 3-year term to the Planning Commission with a term expiring 12/13/2028. Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mielke moved Brown supported to reappoint Philip Browne Jr. to a 3-year term to the Planning Commission with a term expiring 12/13/2028. Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mielke moved Lannen supported to appoint Everett Bradshaw to a 3-year term to the Planning Commission with a term expiring 12/13/2028. Vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Abstained 1. Motion carried.

Brown moved Lannen supported to appoint Trustee Ley to a vacant seat on the Culture and Recreational Commission with a term expiring 12/31/2025. Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

B. Board Member Reports

Lannen gave updates on the February 4th Isabella County Board of Commissioners and the January 30th Annual Road Commission meeting.

Mielke – gave additional information on the January 30th Annual Road Commission meeting.

Consent Agenda

- A. Communications
- B. Minutes – January 22, 2025 – Regular Meeting and January 29, 2025 Special Meeting
- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay
- F. Fire Reports

Rogers moved Brown supported to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

New Business

A. Discussion/Action: (Nanney) Springbrook Townhomes PILOT Percentage Reduction Request

Brown moved Rogers supported to approve reducing the annual service charge/percentage of annual shelter rent for the Springbrook Townhomes Phase I and Phase II low-income housing projects authorized under Tax Exemption Ordinance No 20-10 as a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) from the current ten percent (10) to 4% and to adopt updated PILOT resolutions for Phase I and Phase II that reflect the percentage change. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rogers, Brown, Lannen, Ley, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

B. Discussion/Action: (Nanney) Cranbrook Senior Living PILOT Percentage Reduction Request

Rogers moved Brown supported to approve reducing the annual service charge/percentage of annual shelter rent for the Cranbrook Senior Village low-income housing projects authorized under Tax Exemption Ordinance No 20-10 as a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) from the current nine percent (9) to 4% and to adopt updated PILOT resolutions for Phase I and Phase II that reflect the percentage change. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rogers, Brown, Lannen, Ley, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

C. Discussion/Action: (Board of Trustees) Follow-up to the Policy Governance Training

Discussion by the Board

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: RESTRICTED TO 5 MINUTES REGARDING ANY ISSUE

Open: 8:32 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed: 8:33 p.m.

MANAGER COMMENTS

FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Brown – Be Safe and thanked the employees for having the lot cleared for the meeting.

Lannen – Announce Union Township has a birthday on March 9th. It was founded in 1861 making it 163 years old.

Ley – Pleasure to be the clerk for the night.


Rogers – Safe travels.

Mielke – Thanked acting manager Kim Smith for her support. Enjoyed tonight's great discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Rogers moved **Brown** supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. **Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

APPROVED BY:



Lisa Cody, Clerk



Bryan Mielke, Supervisor

(Recorded by Tera Green)