

**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 April 9, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Union Township Hall.

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

**Ley moved Brown supported to appoint Trustee Ley as temporary Clerk. 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 (arrived at 7:12 p.m.)

**Approval of Agenda**

**Rogers moved Brown supported to approve the agenda with an addition to add an item under New Business – 11.C to discuss the upcoming Annual Joint Meeting of Township Boards and Commissions. Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**Presentation**

- a. Amanda Brake gave a presentation on the Maslow's Village – Tiny Homes as Transitional Housing Support for the Homeless

**\* 7:12 p.m. Clerk Cody arrived**

**Public Hearing**

**Public Comment**

Open: 7:32 p.m.

No comments were offered

Closed: 7:32 p.m.

**Reports/Board Comments**

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

**B. Board Member Reports**

Lannen gave updates on the April 8<sup>th</sup> Isabella County Board of Commissioners Finance Committee meeting and the MTA Annual Conference held in Grand Rapids March 31 – April 3, 2025.

Rogers gave additional updates on the MTA Annual Conference.

Cody gave updates on the upcoming Election Committee meeting and the Accuracy Testing for the May 6<sup>th</sup> election.

**Consent Agenda**

- A. Communications
- B. Minutes – March 26, 2025 – Regular Meeting
- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay
- F. Fire Reports

Rogers moved Ley 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 a proposed amendment to Ordinance No 24-01 to expand turnaround area design options for smaller private roads**

Lannen moved Brown supported to introduce and conduct a First Reading for the proposed amendment to the Private Road Ordinance No. 24-01 to expand turnaround area design options for smaller private roads serving up to eight (8) lots. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Rogers, Brown, Lannen, Ley, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**B. Discussion/Action: (Board of Trustees) Board of Trustees Review of Existing Policy Ends 1.0 – 1.5**

Discussion by the Board

**C. Discussion: (Board of Trustees) Planning for the Annual Joint Meeting of Township Boards and Commissions**

Discussion by the Board

**EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: RESTRICTED TO 5 MINUTES REGARDING ANY ISSUE**

Open: 8:30 p.m.

No comments were offered

Closed: 8:31 p.m.

#### **MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

- Reminder that the Township Hall is closed Friday April 18<sup>th</sup> for Good Friday.
- The Annual Joint Meeting of Township Boards and Commission is Wednesday April 16, 6:00 p.m. at Jameson Hall.
- Provided a status update on the CRC Committee and ongoing efforts to confirm current list of appointees, appointment terms and contact information.
- Provided an update on the civil legal action process against a property owner for non-compliance with the ZBA decision.

#### **FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

Thering – Shared positive feedback from Central Christian Academy, expressing appreciation for Mr. Nanney and his staff's helpfulness during their meeting to discuss a new location for a school.

Ley – Grateful to hear the Tiny Homes presentation and hopes to see it come to fruition.

Rogers – Revisited the discussion regarding sidewalks on Bluegrass and inquired about the budget allocation for the project.

Mielke – Echoed Trustee Thering's remarks, highlighting positive feedback received by a representative from MMDC regarding their experience with the Township's permitting process.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Rogers moved Cody supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. **Vote: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

APPROVED BY:

  
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Lisa Cody, Clerk

  
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Bryan Mielke, Supervisor

(Recorded by Tera Green)