

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 8th 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 6th 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 18th 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:



Lisa Cody, Clerk



Bryan Mielke, Supervisor

(Recorded by Tera Green)