

**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 May 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Union Township Hall.

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

**Brown moved Lannen 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 7:15 p.m.)

**Approval of Agenda**

**Rogers moved Brown supported to approve the agenda with an amendment to reorganize the New Business items to move Item C and D to Item A and B. Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**Presentation**

a. Jake Borton, Director of the Isabella County Material Recovery Facility (MRF), gave a presentation on the Isabella County Material Recovery Facility (MRF) Materials Management Plan

\* 7:15 p.m. Clerk Cody arrived

**Public Hearing**

**Public Comment**

Open: 7:44 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed: 7:44 p.m.

**Reports/Board Comments**

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

**B. Board Member Reports**

Cody gave an update on May 6, 2025, Special Election.

Lannen gave updates on the Middle Michigan Development Corporation 2025 Annual meeting, Isabella County Commissioner Work Session meeting and the Policy Governance Bootcamp training.

Rogers gave an update on the Policy Governance Bootcamp training.

**Consent Agenda**

- A. Communications
- B. Minutes – April 23, 2025 – Regular Meeting
- C. Accounts Payable.
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay
- F. Fire Reports
- G. Well #10 Maintenance and Cleaning

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

#### **New Business**

**A. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Attorney Lawler's request for payment of outstanding invoices**

Thering moved Brown supported to approve the request from Attorney Lawler to pay remaining legal fees on behalf of former Assessor Pat DePriest in the amount of \$29,083.28. **Vote: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

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

Discussion by the Board.

Cody moved Ley supported to take a five (5) minute recess from 8:47 p.m. to 8:52 p.m. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**C. Discussion/Action: (Board of Trustees) Accept resignation letter from Board of Review Member Jacob Trudell-Lozano**

Rogers moved Cody supported to accept Board of Review Member Jacob Trudell-Lozano's resignation letter. **Vote: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**D. Discussion/Action: (Nanney) Second Reading and Adoption of Zoning Ordinance Amendments – Limited Allowance for Additional Building Height**

Brown moved Cody supported to conduct a Second Reading for the proposed PTXT25-01 amendments to Section 3.4 (Permitted Uses by District) and Section 6.34 (Public and Institutional Uses) of the Zoning Ordinance Number 20-06 to revise and extend a limited allowance for additional building height above the maximum otherwise allowed in the zoning district for Public and Institutional Uses, Religious Institutions, Business Schools, Colleges, Universities, and Indoor Publicly-Owned Recreation Facilities, and to adopt the amendatory ordinance as Ordinance Number 25-02. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Rogers, Brown, Lannen, Ley and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

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

Open: 9:13 p.m.

No comments were offered

Closed: 9:14 p.m.

**MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

- In collaboration with the Convention of Visitor Bureau, Union Township has installed Special Olympic banners at the Pickard and US-127 exchanges.
- The new website will go live on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Gave a special shout-out to Tera for her tremendous amount of work throughout the website development process.
- Announced that the Classification and Compensation study is now underway
- Union Township will have a display at the Isabella County Historical Society Annual History Day event on May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The Township has been Invited to the 2% Grant Award Ceremony.
- Provided clarification that Isabella County will eventually phase out of the recycling collection, and the Township will need to address this for future service.

**FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

Lannen – Recognized and commended Jim Maclean, Rick Barz, and Mark Stuhldreher for their dedication and service to the community.

Mielke – inquired on rescheduling Katie Mora for the MMDC presentation and commented on edits to the Governance Policy 1.0 – 1.5.

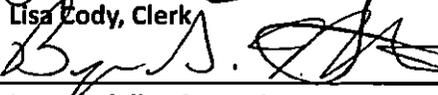
Cody – acknowledge the recent passing of one of the Township’s long-time and dedicated election inspector, expressing her appreciation of having the honor of working with her. Additionally, she thanked everyone who played a part in ensuring the May election ran smoothly.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Rogers moved Ley supported to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 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)*