

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 August 28, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Union Township Hall.

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

Smith moved **Bills** supported to appoint Trustee Thering as temporary clerk. **Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

Roll Call

Present:

Supervisor Mielke, Trustee Bills, Trustee Brown, Trustee Smith, and Trustee Thering

Excused: Clerk Cody and Treasurer Rice (arrived at 7:13 p.m.)

Approval of Agenda

Bills moved **Smith** supported to approve the agenda as presented. **Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

Presentation

a. Sheriff Main from the Isabella County Sheriff Office gave updates on Union Township's Offense Count Report for 2023

b. Commissioner Engler from Isabella County Commissioners gave County updates.

***7:13 p.m. Treasurer Rice arrived.**

c. Michelle Thompson, representative of Backing our Deputies – Isabella County addressed the meeting to support the Isabella County Road Patrol and urged voters to support the Road Patrol mileage on the November 6th ballot.

Public Hearing

Public Comment

Open: 7:22 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed: 7:23 p.m.

Reports/Board Comments

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

Mielke moved **Bills** supported to appoint Philip Browne Jr. to a vacant seat on the Planning Commission with a term ending 2/15/2025. **Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

B. August Monthly Activity Report

C. Planning Commission, EDA, and ZBA updates by community and Economic Development Director

D. Board Member Reports

Smith gave updates on the Isabella County Commissioners meeting.

Rice reminded the residents that taxes are due on September 16th and their payment options.

Consent Agenda

A. Communications

B. Minutes – August 14, 2024 – Regular Meeting

- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay
- F. Fire Reports

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

New Business

A. Discussion/Action: (Nanney) Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 24-03 to Repeal Outdated and Unenforceable Township Ordinances

Bills moved Smith supported to conduct a Second Reading for and adopt Ordinance No. 24-03 to repeal outdated and unenforceable Township ordinances. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Bills, Brown, Smith, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

B. Discussion/Action: (Nanney) Adoption of the updated Sidewalk and Pathways Construction Policy Resolution

Bills moved Smith supported to adopt the new Sidewalk and Pathway Construction Policy Resolution as recommended by the Planning Commission with two amendments. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Rice, Bills, Brown, Smith, and Thering Nays: 0. Motion carried.

C. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Declare vacancy on the Culture and Recreational Commission Board
Discussion by the Board

D. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Policy Governance 2.9 Collaboration with Other Entities
Discussion by the Board

E. Discussion/Action: (board of Trustees) Policy Governance 4.2 Accountability of Township Manager
Discussion by the Board

F. Discussion (Board of Trustees) Individual performance review of the Township Manager

Bills moved Smith supported to table the performance review of the Township Manager discussion until the September 11, 2024 meeting. Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

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

- Will be out of the office next week.
- Kim Smith will be acting Manager for the September 11th meeting while the manager participates in the Corporate Cup Challenge
- Clean-up Day is September 28th. We need volunteers.
- Offered a free box from Consumer Energy to the Board of Trustees.

FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Brown – School is back in. Pay attention out there.

Bills – Wished the manager a great vacation and everyone a Happy Labor Day.

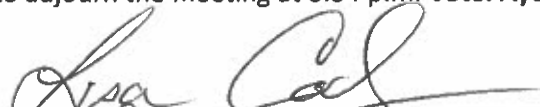
Rice – apologized for being late to the meeting. Echoed the statement of being careful now that school is back in; watch for pedestrians.

Mielke – Asked if the Township could use the exit signs in the Consumers Energy Boxes.

ADJOURNMENT

Bills moved Brown supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVED BY:



Lisa Cody, Clerk



Bryan Mielke, Supervisor

(Recorded by Tera Green)