

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 October 9, 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 Treasurer Rice as temporary Supervisor. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Smith moved Brown supported to appoint Trustee Bills as temporary Clerk. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Roll Call

Present:

Treasurer Rice, Trustee Bills, Trustee Brown, Trustee Smith, and Trustee Thering

Excused: Supervisor Mielke and Clerk Cody (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

Approval of Agenda

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

Presentation

- a. Commissioner Engler, Isabella County Commissioner, gave updates on the County.

Public Hearing

Public Comment

Open: 7:05 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed: 7:05 p.m.

Reports/Board Comments

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

B. Board Member Reports

Smith gave updates on the Isabella County Commissioners work session meeting.

C. Memo from Treasurer Rice: List of Delinquent Assessments (Step 1 to get them on the Winter Tax Roll)

Consent Agenda

- A. Communications
- B. Minutes – September 25, 2024 – Regular Meeting
- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay
- F. Fire Reports

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

New Business

A. Discussion/Action: (Nanney) Second Reading and Adoption of the updated Zoning Ordinance - Signs *7:10 p.m. Clerk Cody arrived

Bills moved Smith supported to conduct a Second Reading of the proposed PTXT 24-01 amendments to Section 11 (Signs and Section 2.2 (Definitions of the Zoning Ordinance No. 20-06 for the purposes of establishing more flexible standards and updated requirements for various types of signs and resolving regulatory conflicts in the current ordinance, and to adopt the amendatory ordinance as Township Ordinance Number 24-04. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cody, Rice, Bills, Brown, Smith, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

B. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Resolution to set a Public Hearing for FY 2025 Budget Recommendations

Smith moved Brown supported to schedule the FY 2025 Budget Adoption Public Hearing for Wednesday, October 23, 2024 and to notice same in the Morning Sun as required by statute Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

C. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Public Act 152 (Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act) Exemption Cost Sharing Resolution

Cody moved Smith to approve a resolution opting out of the employer health care benefit plan contribution limits as allowed under State of Michigan Public Act 152 (Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act) for the benefit year of 2025. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cody, Rice, Bills, Brown, Smith, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

D. Discussion/Action: (Board of Trustees) Negotiating of the Manager's 2025 Employment Agreement

Smith moved Brown supported to approve a 3% salary increase and a \$50 monthly increase to the car allowance for to the Managers 2025 Employment Agreement. Additionally, add an agenda item to the October 23, 2024 regular meeting to discuss authorization to amend the Department Director's Employment Agreement originally approved on 1/24/2024. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cody, Rice, Bills, Brown, Smith, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: RESTRICTED TO 5 MINUTES REGARDING ANY ISSUE

Open: 7:37 p.m.

Lori Rogers, 2248 Cornerstone Dr., made a comment that attending the meetings helped her find how she could be more involved with the community.

Closed: 7:38 p.m.

MANAGER COMMENTS

- Reminder that the Township Hall will be closed to the public for the November 5th election. Staff will be on site working.
- Staff will bring an Economic Development presentation to the Board at a future meeting
- Reminder that there are board seats that expire at the end of the year.
- Appreciate the consideration of the Managers 2025 Contract.

FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT


Bills – Thanked the Township Clerk for getting the absentee ballots out and reminded everyone to be mindful of lighting fires while its bone dry out.

Thering – Thanked the manager for accepting the Manager's 2025 Contract.


ADJOURNMENT

Bills moved Smith supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVED BY:



Lisa Cody, Clerk



Bryan Mielke, Supervisor

(Recorded by Tera Green)