

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 January 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Union Township Hall.

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

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

Roll Call

Present:

Supervisor Mielke, Trustee Brown, Trustee Lannen, Trustee Ley, and Trustee Thering

Excused: Clerk Cody and Treasurer Rogers

Approval of Agenda

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

Presentation

- a. Frank Engler, Isabella County Commissioner gave updates on the County Commission
- b. Rodney Nanney, Community and Economic Development Director gave a presentation on the Community and Economic Development Department
- c. Sherrie Teall, Finance Director, gave a presentation on the Finance Department.

Public Hearing

Public Comment

Open: 7:37 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed: 7:38 p.m.

Reports/Board Comments

- A. **Current List of Boards and Commissions – Appointments as needed.**
- B. **Board Member Reports**

Consent Agenda

- A. Communications
- B. Minutes – December 18, 2024 – Regular Meeting
- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay
- F. Fire Reports

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

New Business

- A. **Discussion/Action: (Nanney) Consideration of a request by April85 Properties LLC to enroll two parcels**

of vacant agricultural land into the State PA116 Farmland Preservation Program

Brown moved **Lannen** supported to approve the request by April85 Properties LLC (James and Laurie Cary) to enroll two (2) parcels of vacant agricultural land (PID 14-025-40-001-03, consisting of 157.5-acres on the northwest corner of E. Deerfield Rd. & S. Summerton Rd.: and PID 14-036-20-001-00, consisting of 42.36-acres on the southwest corner of E. Deerfield Rd. & S. Summerton Rd.) into the State of Michigan's PA116 Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Brown, Lannen, Ley, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

B. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Consideration to amending language to Governance Policy 2.4.2 to acknowledge the use of Fund Balance to balance the budget

Lannen moved **Brown** supported to approve amending Governance Policy 2.4.2 to acknowledge the use of fund balance is an appropriate mechanism to balance a fund budget when expenditures in a fiscal year are projected to exceed projected revenues. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Brown, Lannen, Ley, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: RESTRICTED TO 5 MINUTES REGARDING ANY ISSUE

Open: 8:18 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed: 8:18 p.m.

MANAGER COMMENTS

- Reported that he will be out of the office January 16 – 24 and will be naming an acting manager while out of town.
- Reminder that there is a Policy Governance Education Special Meeting scheduled with Susan Radwan on January 29, 2025 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Jameson Hall.
- Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Ley – Happy New Year!

Meilke - Congratulated Commissioner Engler on being appointed the chair for the County Commissioners, shared a conversation he had with a previous board member that is proud of the township and their value for installing sidewalks and offered kind words and condolences for the passing of Jim McBryde.

ADJOURNMENT

Ley moved **Brown** supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. **Vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

APPROVED BY:



Lisa Cody, Clerk



Bryan Mielke, Supervisor

(Recorded by Tera Green)