

**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 February 26, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Union Township Hall.

**Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.**

**Cody moved Lannen supported to appoint Trustee Thering as acting Chair for the meeting. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**Roll Call**

Present:

Clerk Cody, Treasurer Rogers, Trustee Lannen, Trustee Ley, and Trustee Thering

Excused:

Supervisor Mielke and Trustee Brown

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Presentation**

- a. Lynn Laskowsky and Ruth Helwig gave a presentation on the Chippewa River District Library Annual Report.
- b. Commissioner Engler gave Isabella County updates

**Public Hearing**

**Closed Session**

**7:29 p.m.**

**Cody moved Rogers supported to move the Board into closed session under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider written material from the Township's attorney that is exempt from disclosure by Section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cody, Rogers, Lannen, Ley, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.**

**8:44 p.m.**

**Cody moved Ley supported that the Board come out of closed session. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cody, Rogers, Lannen, Ley, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.**

**Public Comment**

Open: 7:50 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed: 7:50 p.m.

**Reports/Board Comments**

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

**Cody** moved **Rogers** supported to reappoint Jeanette Corbin, Sarjit Chowdhary, and Jacob Trudell-Lozano to the Board of Review for a 2-year term with an expiration date of 12-31-26. **Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**B. February Monthly Activity Report**

**C. Board Member Reports**

Rogers gave an update on the February 13<sup>th</sup> Isabella County Road Commission meeting.

Lannen gave updates on the February 18<sup>th</sup> Isabella County Board of Commissioners meeting, the February 19<sup>th</sup> Isabella County Council of Governance meeting and the February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Board of Review Training.

Thering – gave an update on the February 18<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting.

**Consent Agenda**

- A. Communications
- B. Minutes – February 12, 2025 – Regular Meeting
- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay
- F. Fire Reports
- G. 2025 Brine Application Isabella County Road Commission (ICRC) Participation Contract
- H. 2025 Isabella County Road Commission Gravel Road Participation Contract

**Cody** moved **Ley** supported to approve the consent agenda with an amendment to remove item H from the Consent Agenda and put it under New Business as item A. **Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**New Business**

**A. Discussion/Action: (Smith) 2025 Isabella County Road Commission Gravel Road Participation Contract**

**Cody** moved **Rogers** supported to approve three (3) Participation Contracts with the Isabella County Road Commission (ICRC) for the rehabilitation of three (3) miles of gravel roads within the Township in the amount of \$49,255.09 and authorize the Township Manager to sign said contracts. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cody, Rogers, Lannen, Ley, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**B. Discussion/Action: (Smith) Township Hall Preliminary Architectural Feasibility Report and Presentation**

Discussion by the Board

**C. Discussion/Action: (Smith) Meridian Road Isabella County Road Commission Participation Contract**

**Cody** moved **Rogers** supported to approve the Participation Contract for Meridian Road from Remus Road to Baseline Road with the Isabella County Road Commission (ICRC) for the HMA overlay, light wedging, and gravel shoulders in the amount of \$178,065.35 and authorize the Township Manager to sign said contract. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cody, Rogers, Lannen, Ley, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**D. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Policy Governance 2.2 Treatment of Staff**

Discussion by the Board

**E. Discussion/Action: (Board of Trustees) Policy Governance 3.2 Board Job Description**  
Discussion by the Board

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

Open: 9:24 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed: 9:25 p.m.

**MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

- The Manager informed the Board of the staff's yearly \$100 clothing allowance and extended this benefit to the Board.
- Manager will be out of the office next week and will be naming an acting manager.
- Recognized and lifted up Treasurer Rogers for the great work she has been doing.

**FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

Lannen – Lannen expressed a desire to incorporate more history into the building by highlighting board members and staff. He also shared his thoughts on how changing times could impact libraries.

Additionally, he mentioned that he would not be at the March 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Ley – Commented that both the Commission on Aging and the Library are gems in the community.

Thering – Spoke more on the Mid-Michigan Event Center's preliminary site plan and discussed the options that were offered to resolve the maximum building height violations at the February 18<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Rogers moved **Cody** supported to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. **Vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

APPROVED BY:



Lisa Cody, Clerk



Bryan Mielke, Supervisor

(Recorded by Tera Green)