

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 September 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Union Township Hall.

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

Smith moved **Brown** supported to appoint Trustee Bills 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 (arrived at 7:10 p.m.) and Treasurer Rice (arrived at 7:26 p.m.)

Approval of Agenda

Smith moved **Brown** 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 DTE Solar Panel groundbreaking and the County updates.

Public Hearing

Public Comment

Open: 7:06 p.m.

Tim Odykirk, 1338 Tomah Dr., introduced himself as running for Michigan 92nd District House of Representatives and gave his background.

***7:10 p.m. Clerk Cody arrived**

Closed: 7:11 p.m.

Reports/Board Comments

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

B. September Monthly Activity Report

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

D. Board Member Reports

Thering gave an update on the September 17th Planning Commission meeting.

Bills gave an update on the September 25th Intergovernmental Liaison meeting.

Smith gave an update on the Isabella County Commissioners Meeting.

Mielke gave additional updates on the September 25th Intergovernmental Liaison meeting.

***7:26 p.m. Treasurer Rice arrived.**

Cody gave an update on the upcoming November 5th election

Consent Agenda

- A. Communications
- B. Minutes – September 11, 2024 – Regular Meeting
- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay
- F. Fire Reports

G. Consumers Energy Street Light Resolution

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

New Business

A. **Discussion/Action: (Nanney) Introduction and First Reading of the updated Zoning Ordinance - Signs**

Bills moved Smith supported to introduce and conduct a First Reading for 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, as recommended by the Planning Commission. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Rice, Bills, Brown, Smith, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

B. **Discussion/Action: (Nanney) Approve a Participation Agreement with the EDA Board for FY2025 funding to support completion of the E. Pickard Road and S. Summerton Road watermain loop as part of the State Drinking Water State Revolving Fund ARPA Grant Division B Water Main Transmission and Extensions Project**

Brown moved Bills supported to approve a Participation Agreement with the EDA Board for FY2025 funding from the East DDA District Fund in the amount of \$500,000.00 to support completion of the E. Pickard Road and S. Summerton Road watermain loop as part of the State Drinking Water State Revolving Fund ARPA Grant Division B Water Main Transmission and Extension Project, subject to the appropriation of funds in the FY2025 East DDA Fund Annual Budget. **Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

C. **Discussion/Action: (Peters) 2024 Tax Rate Request (Form L-4029) Resolution**

Rice moved Brown supported to approve the Charter Township of Union's 2024 Tax Rate Request, Form 614 (L-4029) for the 2024 Tax Year and to authorize the Township Clerk and Supervisor to sign the form. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Rice, Bills, Brown, Smith, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

D. **Discussion/Action: (Teall) FY 2024 Budget Amendment #1**

Smith moved Thering supported to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment No. 1 for the General Fund, East DDA Fund, West DDA Fund, Sewer Fund and Water Fund. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mielke, Cody, Rice, Bills, Brown, Smith, and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

E. **Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Policy Governance 2.10 Communication and Support to the Board**
Discussion by the Board

F. **Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Policy Governance 4.0 Global Board – Township Management Linkage**
Discussion by the Board

G. **Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) Policy Governance 4.1 Unity of Control**
Discussion by the Board

H. **Discussion/Action: (Board of Trustees) Board Level Review of the Township Manager**
Discussion by the Board

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: RESTRICTED TO 5 MINUTES REGARDING ANY ISSUE

Open: 8:53 p.m.

Frank Engler, 1798 W River Rd., gave updates on the Isabella Conservation District Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste pick up at the Fairgrounds on September 7, 2024.

Closed: 8:55 p.m.

MANAGER COMMENTS

- Reminder that the Annual Clean-up Day is this Saturday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Thanked Tera, Amy for organizing the Clean-up Day
- Thanked the staff for their hard work throughout the year and the support they provide to management.

FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Bills – Winter is coming

Smith – Gave the Manager a shout out for asking the tough questions at the meeting with CMU regarding moving the College of Medicine to Saginaw.

Cody – Asked that the riders of the electric scooters to be careful and use signals while operating.

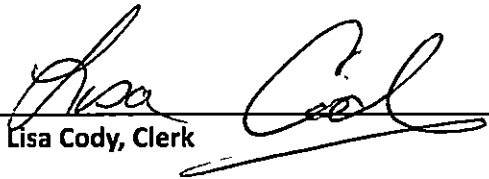
Thering – Thanked the Supervisor for sharing positive comments from a potential developer and the Manager for follow up on email regarding the Lincoln and M-20 intersection.

Mielke – gave additional information on Trustees Thering’s comment. Commented on Mr. Odykirk being present for the meeting, his role as the chair of Mt Pleasant School Board and how he manages the meetings smoothly.

ADJOURNMENT

Smith moved Brown supported to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. **Vote: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

APPROVED BY:



Lisa Cody, Clerk

Bryan Mielke, Supervisor

(Recorded by Tera Green)