

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 March 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Union Township Hall.

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

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

Roll Call

Present:

Supervisor Mielke, Clerk Cody, Treasurer Rogers, Trustee Brown, Trustee Ley, and Trustee Thering

Excused: Clerk Cody (arrived at 7:10 p.m.) and Trustee Lannen

Approval of Agenda

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

Presentation

Public Hearing

Public Comment

Open: 7:08 p.m.

Jim Engler, 2303 Amber Lane, expressed he is not in favor of a new building for the Township Hall and urged the Trustees to seek input from the constituents before moving forward. Additionally, he shared his opinion that the Township is among the worst areas to develop in the State of Michigan.

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

Bill Hauck, 1304 E Baseline Rd., agreed that he was the one to motion that the Township look into expansion of the Township Hall but is not in favor of the proposed building size presented in the feasibility study and hopes that the Trustees seeks input of the public.

Rick McGuirk, 4171 E. Bluegrass Rd., giving the current situation with the loss of the County Road Patrol, the timing of this project is not ideal. The Township should instead focus on exploring solutions like a softening system for the water.

Cheryl Hunter, 500 Meadowbrook and 4855 E Bluegrass Rd., believes the Township should prioritize establishing a Sheriff's department over building a larger facility. She expressed concerns about safety and emphasized the need to focus on improving sidewalks and lighting on Bluegrass Road.

Carla Baumann, 2250 Rosewood North Dr., commented on the quality of the water.

John Chatfield, 2250 Rosewood North Dr., followed up the previous comment of the concern with the quality of the water.

Sue Hahn, 2280 W. Deerfield Rd. Deerfield Township, is concerned that tax dollars would go toward funding a new building and would want money spent toward public safety as a priority.

Closed: 7:21 p.m.

Reports/Board Comments

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

B. Board Member Reports

Brown gave an update on the March 10th City Commission meeting.

Mielke gave an update on the ongoing March Board of Review meeting.

Consent Agenda

- A. Communications
- B. Minutes – February 26, 2025 – Regular Meeting
- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Payroll
- E. Meeting Pay
- F. Fire Reports

Cody moved **Rogers** supported to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0.**
Motion carried.

New Business

A. Discussion/Action: (Board of Trustees) Board discussion of next steps on the township Hall Feasibility Study

Discussion by the Board

B. Discussion/Action: (Stuhldreher) 2% Grant Application Discussion

Discussion by the Board

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: RESTRICTED TO 5 MINUTES REGARDING ANY ISSUE

Open: 8:07 p.m.

Cheryl Hunter, 4855 E Bluegrass and 500 Meadowbrook, spoke on public safety, over taxing, lighting, and sidewalk issues on East Bluegrass Rd.

Tim Sprague, 158 E Bluegrass, asked if the building would be voted on by the public.

John Hayes, 1540 S. Bamber Rd., addressed the concerns raised during public comment, emphasizing that a good governance requires funding and collaboration. He stressed the importance of working together to build a better community to help the township grow.

Closed: 8:15 p.m.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Brown – Thanked the public for coming

Ley – Happy for the public's civil engagement and is proud to be elected to serve the residents.

Rogers – Encourage the public to voice their concerns and can look at the issues coming up on our board packets that are posted on our website.

Thering – Agreed with the public comment regarding Bluegrass Road lighting and spoke on the sidewalk easement issue.

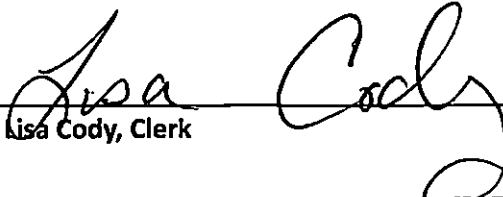
Cody – Clerk meeting tomorrow evening. The clerk's office is preparing for the May election.

Mielke – Spoke on concerns raised during public comments

ADJOURNMENT

Rogers moved Ley supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. **Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

APPROVED BY:



Lisa Cody, Clerk

Bryan Mielke, Supervisor

(Recorded by Tera Green)