

DARBY TOWNSHIP
October 14, 2024
MEETING MINUTES

The Darby Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, October 14, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at the Darby Township Hall with the following township official's present: James Scheiderer, Dennis Blumenschein, David Huber, and Connie Priday. Also present was Scott Smith, Terry Nicol, Chad Jolliff, Rob Thompson and Randy Poland (the Union Township Trustees).

Chairman Scheiderer called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes from the September 9, 2024 regular meeting, of the Darby Township Trustees were emailed to all Trustees prior to the meeting. Mr. Blumenschein made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Huber seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as presented.

Sheriff's Report:

The deputy was not in attendance.

Township residents/visitors' business/concerns:

Union Township Trustees Jolliff, Thompson and Poland provided information on the current state of the Union Township Fire Department, indicating that they want to do what is best for the residents and community. Mr. Jolliff indicated that Union Township is setting up a Citizens Committee to determine the best options for the Union Township Fire Department. He asked that Trustee Scheiderer consider participating on the committee. Mr. Scheiderer agreed to participate on the committee. The Union Township Trustees feel that it will take approximately one year for the committee to reach a decision.

Zoning Inspector Report:

Mr. Smith

- Permits Issued:
 - Joseph and Kristin Huber, 18015 Kleiber Road, Marysville, accessory building.
- The monthly report was discussed, with Mr. Smith providing several updates in the Township.
- A discussion was held on zoning rates and applying a charge to residents who request time extensions to their permits. This will be discussed further at 2025 Reorganizational meeting.

Pleasant Valley Fire District:

- Mr. Scheiderer shared the Pleasant Valley Fire Department monthly report.

Old Business

- 1) *Speed Sign* – Mr. Huber has had the speed sign out several times. Mr. Scheiderer will pick the speed sign up from Mr. Huber.
- 2) *Township Website Traffic* - Mr. Huber distributed the report and provided detailed information from the report. Mr. Huber indicated that Darby Township has been assigned a new rep, her name is Candace Justice.
 - A discussion was held on the Township setting up an email distribution list for the Township residents so Township information can be emailed to the residents. Items to share with the residents include: Memorial Day information, Spring Newsletter, Township Clean-up day, etc.
- 3) *Richwood Bank Positive Pay* – No exceptions were reported for the month of September 2024.
- 4) *Township Appraisal from OTARMA* – The appraisal from OTARMA was shared via email.
- 5) *Recap of Clean-Up Day* – The Township clean-up day was again a success. Mr. Huber indicated that he asked the residents who brought items how they knew about the Clean-Up Day. Most residents indicated that they had seen the signs that were placed through-out the Township.
- 6) *Other Business* –
 - Mr. Huber indicated that the missing parts on the playground dome have been installed.

New Business

- 1) *Fall Festival 2024* – Mr. Huber made a motion to donate \$500 to Lighthouse Fellowship Church for expenses related to the Fall Festival, which will be held on Saturday, October 19th in the Unionville Center Green area.
- 2) *Union County Health Department Semi Public Sewage Disposal System* – Mr. Blumenschein signed the document, which will be sent to the Union County Health Department for processing.
- 3) *Warners Waste* – The Township holding tank was pumped earlier in the month, and was full. Mrs. Priday has asked Warner's Waste to place the Township on the calendar for October 2025 to get the tank pumped. Mr. Scheiderer indicated that the red tank full light is no longer working. The Trustees will try to find someone to repair the light. Information will be forthcoming.
- 4) *2025 Qualified Small Employer Health Reimbursement Arrangement* – The document was distributed with the 2024 rates. The 2025 rates have not yet been released. When the rates are released that information will be shared with the Trustees.
- 5) *Any other new business*

Cemeteries

- Cemetery Software - Mr. Huber spoke to the City of Marysville in regards to cemetery software. They indicated that they use Findagrave.com.
- Columbarium – Mr. Huber provided pictures of the columbarium that is at Oakdale Cemetery. A discussion ensued.
- Longstretch is expected to begin to work on resetting and cleaning the Darby Township cemetery stones soon.

Playground

Mr. Huber provided the playground report to Mrs. Priday.

- A brief discussion was held on future equipment for the playground, and a decision was made to budget \$20,000 in 2025 for new playground equipment.

Management Reports

The monthly Management Reports were available for the Trustees to review and provide comments.

Roads

A discussion was held on the poor job that Strawser did on the paving of the Autumn Ridge roads. Mr. Blumenschein has left a message for Jeff Stauch, Union County Engineer.

Communications/Correspondence

Mr. Blumenschein shared information on Steve Stiver's speaking engagement in Marysville on October 22nd.

Mrs. Priday shared an email from the Marysville Journal Tribune on the upcoming Veterans Day edition. Mr. Huber made a motion to approve the placement of an ad in the JT, Mr. Blumenschein seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Scheiderer, yea, Mr. Blumenschein, yea and Mr. Huber, yea. Motion unanimously passed.