

**Minutes of the Urbana Board of Trustees Meeting
held Monday, October 2, 2023**

The Board of Urbana Township Trustees met on this date with Trustee Paul Wright, Trustee Roger Koerner, and Trustee Blair Stinson present. The minutes of the September 18, 2023 meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented. The Financial Status Reports were reviewed and accepted as presented.

Guests

Dan Evilsizor
Matt Harrigan
Marty Hess

Trustee Wright – Well we have several guests with us here tonight. Do any of you three want to address us?

Mr. Hess – I am Marty Hess, currently on Urbana City Council. I understand that the township position is open and I am here because I am running for that position.

Trustee Wright – ok. Welcome. Dan, do you want to address us?

Mr. Evilsizor - A few little things. Thank you for the steps you took to vacate Rooney Drive. Unfortunately, it is out of everyone's hands to do that. They had suggested about writing letters to the legislature to get that changed. I was wondering about the township passing a resolution for that change. Or even inviting the legislator here to attend a meeting to discuss that.

On the Rooney Drive property, all of the permits, health department and building have been granted and issued. The tarps were removed today from ladder truck as it will be moving soon. The bee hives will be removed as well.

Discussion ensued regarding the legislature process about vacating roads.

Mr. Harrigan – thank you for the educational opportunity. I am also running for trustee along with these gentlemen.

Mr. Wright – ok, Richard do you want to give the road report?

Richard McCain, Road Supervisor

I had to go fix a couple of signs. I mowed for a couple of weeks. May mow some this week. There is stuff going on at the cemetery. Forms going in. That's about all.

Mr. Stinson – and Briarwood.

Mr. McCain – oh yeah, we got Briarwood squared away.

Mr. Stinson – Richard did a nice job on that.

Mr. Wright – that grass seed can lay there and still come up.

Mr. McCain - You guys let me know about road side mowing. You want to wait to the end of the month?

Mr. Stinson - wait as long as we can so that this will be our last one.

Mr. Wright – ok toward the end of the month then. Sounds good.

Mr. Stinson - they are calling roadsides pollination areas. The state is not doing as much mowing. Roadside mowing may be a thing of the past. People with bees and birds are wanting the roadsides to be let go.

Mr. Wright – ok, Sean what do you have?

Mr. Tullis – Dye and Doss wants to put up another billboard on 29 and its zoned residential so they need a variance. The resolution says they can only do 12 square feet and they need 60. You have seen them around and they are not obnoxious. I have already told the BZA.

Blair and I dug a footer for Lowell and Joan Newman. My buddy Vogel is going to come out on Wednesday and help us. Then I am going to rent a concrete mixer and Blair and I are going to do 50-60 bags of concrete.

Cemetery - see attached.

Mr. Wright – Richard has experience with removing vaults.

Mr. McCain – Yeah, we hit one and had to dig it up and take it out.

Mr. Stinson – when they do break a vault who is responsible? Ours? The excavator?

Mr. McCain – it is ours.

Mr. Stinson – aren't they bonded and insured?

Mr. McCain – that vault hadn't been in there very long and they said it shouldn't have done that. It was McKeever's.

Mr. Tullis – that one that we just did was in cockeyed. I probed that one a lot, but it was off up at the headstone.

Mr. McCain – it isn't hard to get them out, as long as you have the room to dig beside it.

Mr. Wright – moving on to old business. Anybody have any old business?

Mr. Stinson – I want to add to Dan. I was out there too with the commissioners and engineer and heard the reasons why he would deny vacating that road. I have contacted our representative in Columbus and Steve (McCall) had given me some information to share with her. I did call and we did register an issue about why that was taken off the books and she said that we aren't the only township and county that has this problem. It is worth inviting her and quizzing her.

Mr. Wright – I don't understand why they would have changed that.

Mr. Stinson - they had a reason why. There was someone that pushed for it. The engineer and commissioners agreed that it should be vacated. Dan said maybe we should think about putting a barrier there.

Mr. McCain – is there a barrier now?

Mr. Stinson – they have a small opening to walk through. You still might want to put something up.

Mr. McCain – if there is no exit who is going to know?

Mr. Stinson – a barrier may give someone peace of mind. That is all I had to add about that.

Mr. Wright – Roger you were going to check bank rates from our last meeting.

Mr. Koerner – People's won't let me know until Thursday of this week. F&M quoted me 5.1% but he will call me and let me know this week.

Mr. Stinson – what do you need?

Ms. Perry– they have to give us a pledged collateral statement.

Mr. Stinson – I would like to ask someone in Clark County.

Mr. Wright – I am not crazy about taking it out of county.

Mr. Stinson - I think you could use it as leverage. I am not asking them to beat it, I am asking them to match it.

Ms. Perry – I feel like we have 10 days after October 6th, but it may be less. I will check with Nichole at Peoples.

Mr. Stinson – we did it the last time with People's. But I will need something in writing. I can probably get 5.5 at Huntington.

Mr. Koerner – that might be the strongest.

Mr. Wright – any other old business? (no further old business) On to new business?

Mr. Stinson – I met with Roy Preston on Singing Way about a water issue going into his garage. We need to cut the berm back a little bit. If we got it so the water wouldn't go straight away to his garage. I told him we would wait until mowing season is done. The grass is 2 – 3 inches above the road.

Mr. Koerner – I tried to tell him when he was working on the driveway to have some kind of curbing so it wouldn't get into his garage.

Mr. Stinson – is that something I can tell him we will look at this fall? He wanted us to cut that back and put a drain in. Looking at the video he had, it was a lot of water. If he could get it off of the driveway and it to the ditch it would help. Unfortunately, he wants to blame it on us and it's not us.

Mr. McCain – when he was putting that pipe in he would not listen. I stopped there and told him it was too small. I said why not put a big grate in the middle and a 12 inch pipe? It won't stop it, but it will help.

Mr. Stinson – did Singing wind way sell?

Mr. Koerner – no. the bank bought it back.

Mr. Stinson – well if the bank bought it back it needs to be mowed again. The other thing is we have a mailbox problem across the road. Ours. We need to get a new post cover. Is that something we want to replace?

Mr. McCain – get a cover and put over it. I am like you I don't think we need such a big mailbox.

Mr. Stinson – do you mind if I get prices?

Mr. McCain – while looking, look at those drive in post holders. We have 2, get 3 extras. Those are pretty neat.

Mr. Wright – so you guys are going to handle that?

Mr. Stinson – yes.

Mr. Koerner – I did talk to John Dustinhimer, he is very sick. He remembers an agreement/covenants, but another guy down the road stated he didn't ever remember having any.

Mr. Evilsizor – across the road there was, the neighbors always told me that.

Mr. Koerner – he couldn't find it.

Mr. Evilsizor – it should be on file at the Recorder's Office.

Mr. Stinson – the woman right above them has them. She was supposed to email them to Sandi.

Ms. Perry – I haven't received anything.

Mr. Evilsizor – the Spridgeons had them.

Mr. Stinson – she was looking at it and reading it.

Mr. Koerner – so she was going to send it to them?

Mr. Stinson – they must have got it taken care of. That's all I have.

Ms. Perry – back to the CD, we need to get this taken care of before the next meeting.

Mr. Koerner – I make a motion to go with the highest rate period in or out of county on the CD.

Mr. Stinson – I will second.

Mr. Wright – say again what the motion is:

Mr. Koerner – that we will go with the highest cd rate we are given for a year in or out of county.

Roll call was as follows: Mr. Wright, yes; Mr. Koerner, yes; Mr. Stinson, yes.

Mr. Tullis – Paul before we adjourn, I thought of some old business that I have a question about. Do I have approval to go ahead with the cemetery software?

Mr. Wright – yes you do.

Mr. Tullis – Ok I will call them then and get that started.

Mr. Stinson – the only reason we held back was to get the answer to the questions.

Mr. Wright – ok, does anybody have any more new business to come before the meeting?

Fiscal Officer

The following bills were presented for payment:

Check No.	Date	Payee	Total Amount
20185	10/02/2023	Cintas	\$24.84
20186	10/02/2023	Koenig	\$28.75
20187	10/02/2023	Williams Hardware	\$20.78
20188	10/02/2023	Pioneer	\$122.29

20189	10/02/2023	Urbana Truck & Trailer	\$511.40
20190	10/02/2023	ADT	\$67.61
20191	10/02/2023	CT Communications	\$130.75
Total			\$906.42

Mr. Stinson moved, seconded by Mr. Koerner that the bills were approved.
Roll call was as follows: Mr. Wright, yes; Mr. Koerner, yes; Mr. Stinson, yes.

Being no further business, Mr. Stinson moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Koerner.



Trustee Paul Wright, President



Sandi Perry, Fiscal Officer

10-2-23

Zoning

1. Met with Randey McGuffey to fill out a zoning permit for a 24'x60' pole barn at 1840 South Dugan Rd. 937-605-2675.
2. Met with Link Construction for a zoning permit for a 60'x90' pole barn at Farmers Equipment. It is to be used for storage.
3. DiAnne Doss is looking to put up a sign on 2262 East State Route 29. It is zoned residential and maximum sign is 12 square foot. They want a 60 square foot billboard like 2 other ones they have so they will need to get a variance from BZA.
4. Paul Workman on Childrens Home Rd. wants to place a mailbox correctly and out of the way. He said they are near the city park. Is that a TWP thing or a city/ county thing? 740-624-6637

10-2-23

Cemetery

1. Blair and I dug a footer for Lowel and Joanne Newman grave P 86 GS 5.
2. Blair, Richard and I laid out the spot for a footer for Mike and Sheila Grove (P195, GS 1,2). We will dig it on Wednesday at 2:00 pm.
3. We will bury the ashes of Dan Lambert (P27, GS1,2) of on Saturday at 11:00 am. The urn is 8.25" H x 6.5" L x 4.25" W.
4. We are going to try and install 2 military markers on Wednesday.
5. I am going to rent a concrete mixer, buy 50-60 bags of concrete and we will pour the footers.
6. I spoke with Kurt Seeley with Jennings, Farley & Seeley Funeral Home about disinterments. He gave me the following information.
 - They charge 4 times their opening/ closing costs
 - Find out if possible the type of vault, Wilbert Monticello are good and metal domed vaults are bad
 - If the vault is next to other vaults may dig up the ends and use a pry bar to break the ground suction
 - TWP/ cemetery is not responsible for casket damage
 - We can dig up the vault haul it away, leave it whole or break it up and bury it. If it is let in the ground then the gravesite would be abandoned or used for an urn.
 - They use 24"x12"x4" granite ground level gravesite markers bedded on ½" of pea gravel.