

Jersey Township, Licking County

Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2023 - 7:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Dan Wetzel, Chairman
Jeff Fry, Vice-Chairman
Ben Pieper, Trustee
Marko Jesenko, Fiscal Officer

Staff Present:

Bud Witney, Zoning Inspector
Rob Platte, Administrator

Consultant:

Visitors:

See Sign-In Sheet On File

Trustee Wetzel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., and then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Platte called the roll and it was confirmed that Trustees Wetzel, Pieper, and Fry were in attendance.

Trustee Pieper moved to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Fry seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Wetzel introduced the minutes from the May 1, 2023 Regular Meeting and asked if there were any requested changes. With no changes being requested, Trustee Fry moved to dispense of the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Pieper seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Wetzel asked for Public Comments. No comments were provided

Trustee Wetzel asked for the Finance Report. Fiscal Officer Jesenko reviewed the current fund balances and read the checks aloud. Trustee Wetzel moved to approve the Finance Report as submitted. Trustee Pieper seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote. Fiscal Officer Jesenko reported that he had 2 cemetery deeds that need signed. Witnesses were requested and the deeds were executed.

Trustee Wetzel asked for reports. Mr. Platte shared the OPWC committee would be meeting on June 9 and they would be looking to reappoint a liaison for the next round. Mr. Platte reminded the Board that the costs for the township to provide such services is reimbursable through OPWC. The Board indicated they are supportive of continuing to provide the service. Mr. Platte will share that with the OPWC committee. Mr. Platte shared that AEP will be replacing the street lights in Jersey (20 lights) with LED lights in 2024. The MCOD committee had would be meeting on June 14 to further determine the recommended boundaries and uses for the overlay. Mr. Platte had followed up with ODNr and they do not test/monitor private wells. Mr. Platte shared that he and Trustee Wetzel had held initial discussions with a couple surrounding

townships that may be interested in shared services. He will follow up when additional information becomes available. Mr. Witney reported on permits that were recently issued and/or are pending, as well as, shared information about a possible food truck wanting to locate at the southwest corner of Mink and Worthington Roads. Trustee Wetzel shared that the West Licking Fire District was in the process of acquiring land and a structure at the corner of Refugee and Columbia Roads to relocate Station 3, due to outgrowing the Mink Road location. Monroe Township was also in the process of hiring 6 new full-time employees.

Trustee Wetzel asked if there was any Unfinished Business for the board to consider. Mr. Platte stated that the Road Department was ready to proceed with the purchase of a heated pressure washer, as was discussed at the previous meeting. Trustee Wetzel moved Resolution #23-06-06-01, Resolution Authorizing An Expenditure From The American Rescue Plan Funds Under The Township's Standard Allowance. Trustee Pieper seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote. Mr. Platte shared that there is a desire to increase security services at the township complex. As discussed at the previous meeting, he sought bids to provide those services and is recommending the trustee contract with DMO Security out of Newark. Trustee Wetzel moved Resolution #23-06-05-02, Resolution Contracting For Building Security System Services. Trustee Fry seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Wetzel asked if there was any New Business for the Board to consider. Mr. Platte stated that the Licking County TID had asked for a letter of support for its state budget request for road projects in Licking County. Trustee Wetzel explained that this includes roads in Jersey Township. Trustee Pieper moved to approve a letter of support as requested. Trustee Fry seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote. Trustee Wetzel shared that Mr. Platte's employment was at or near one year and the Board wished to further update and clarify his employment terms. Trustee Wetzel moved Resolution #23-06-05-03, Resolution Establishing And Clarifying The Terms And Conditions Of Employment For The Individual Presently Employed As The Jersey Township Administrator. Trustee Fry seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote. Mr. Platte stated that the County Commissioners would be taking up the CRA creation in the near future, but that the township needs to adopt a resolution formally requesting its creation first. Trustee Wetzel moved Resolution #23-06-05-04, Resolution Requesting The Licking County Commissioners Implement Sections 3735.65 Through 3735.70 Of The Ohio Revised Code, Establishing And Describing The Boundaries Of A Community Reinvestment Area In Jersey Township, And Designating A Housing Officer To Administer The Program And Designating A Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council And Tax Incentive Review Council. Trustee Pieper seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Wetzel asked for additional Public Comments. No additional comments were provided.

Trustee Wetzel asked for Trustee Comments. Trustee Wetzel shared that he had recently met with Congressman Balderson and his staff to express frustration for the lack of funding coming to the small communities to deal with the impacts of Intel. The Congressman shared that the CHIPS Act money was still being allocated and that specific projects were still being determined. Trustee Wetzel shared that he had spoken with the township's legal counsel about the township's partnership with the SWLCWSD. Trustee Wetzel asked for the Board to approve him to work with legal counsel on a letter requesting the District consider allowing Jersey to have a seat on the District Board of Directors, given Jersey's significant commitment to the District for future projects. Trustee Wetzel moved to approve him as discussed. Trustee Pieper

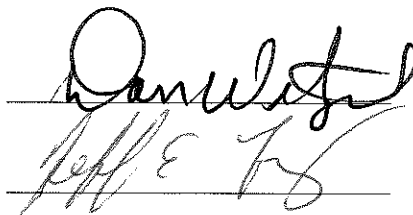
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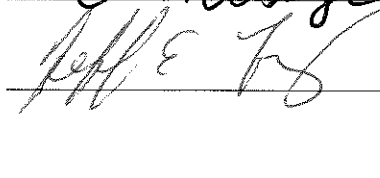
Marko F. Jesenko, Fiscal Officer

Attest:

Dan Wetzel, Chairperson

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Jeff Fry, Vice-Chairperson

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Ben Pieper, Trustee

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