

# Jersey Township, Licking County

Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2023 - 7:30 p.m.

## Attendees:

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

## Staff Present:

Rob Platte, Administrator

## Consultant:

## Visitors:

*See Sign-In Sheet On File*

Trustee Fry called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m., and then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Platte called the roll and it was confirmed that Trustees Pieper and Fry were in attendance, Trustee Wetzel was absent.

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

Trustee Fry introduced the minutes from the July 3, 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 Fry asked for Public Comments. No public comments were provided.

Trustee Fry asked for the Finance Report. Fiscal Officer Jesenko reviewed the current fund balances and read the checks aloud. Trustee Fry 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.

Trustee Fry asked for reports. Mr. Platte shared that the historic preservation committee would be meeting soon as there is current discussion of what to do with the old blacksmith shop. He will report back to the board with a recommendation at the September meeting. Mr. Platte stated that a large dead tree in Jersey Cemetery needs removed. After discussing with Road Superintendent Freese, a quote was obtained from A-Z Tree Experts for \$6,200.00. Stump grinding was not included in the price as it is not clear at the moment if that would be needed. Mr. Platte asked the Board to consider using its ARPA funds to pay for the tree removal. Trustee Fry moved to approve Resolution No.23-08-07-01, 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 a culvert on each of Burnside and Caswell Roads needs replaced. These sections of road are included in the OPWC grant funded projects for repaving and it makes sense to replace the culverts prior to the repaving. Mr. Platte asked the Board to allow him to work with the County

Engineer's office to combine the projects and hopefully receive more competitive bids for the 2024 paving season. The Board agreed to proceed as discussed. Mr. Platte shared that the detour routes for the City of New Albany road projects are on the township website. He reminded the Board that the Mink Corridor Overlay District committee would next meet on August 16 at 4:00 to review the feedback received from the Zoning Commission. Mr. Platte also stated that he is working with the City of New Albany on the money owed pursuant to the annexation agreements. He expects this to be finalized for the September meeting. Mr. Platte shared a zoning update from Mr. Witney, including: the Zoning Commission will resume in September after the August break; lots had been mowed on Jug and Morse Roads; Coughlin Ford received a permit for an additional building; an EV charging station will also be added at Coughlin Ford; and a cell tower upgrade is underway on Morse Road, but just involves changing out equipment and the possible addition of a back-up generator. Mr. Platte shared that he had heard from Chief Wright and no update was available.

Trustee Fry stated there was no Unfinished Business for the board to consider.

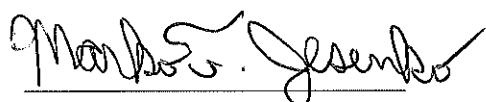
Trustee Fry stated there was New Business for the Board to consider. The township needs to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Commission. Mr. Platte shared that Killen Crankfield, currently the alternate, is willing to serve as a regular member. Trustee Pieper moved to appoint Mr. Crankfield as a regular member. Trustee Fry seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote. Mr. Platte stated that he would publish notice of the alternate vacancy.

Trustee Fry asked for additional Public Comments. A resident asked who the tree company is that would be removing the cemetery tree. Mr. Platte stated that it is A-Z Tree Experts.

Trustee Fry asked for Trustee Comments, nothing additional was discussed.

Trustee ~~Fry~~<sup>Pieper</sup> moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Fry seconded the motion and the voice vote on the motion was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Marko F. Jesenko, Fiscal Officer

Attest:

Dan Wetzel, Chairperson

Jeff Fry, Vice-Chairperson

Ben Pieper, Trustee

