

Jersey Township, Licking County

Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2025 - 7:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Dan Wetzel, Chairman

Jeff Fry, Vice-Chairman

Ben Pieper, Trustee

Marko Jesenko, Fiscal Officer

Staff Present:

Laura Brown, Administrative Assistant

Rob Platte, Administrator

Visitors:

See Sign-In Sheet

Trustee Wetzel called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Platte called the roll confirming that Trustees Wetzel, Fry, and Pieper were in attendance.

Trustee Wetzel modified the order of the agenda moving the Jersey Historic Preservation Plan Presentation to after the adoption of the agenda. The adoption of the plan will remain under Unfinished Business. Trustee Wetzel moved to approve the agenda as modified. Trustee Fry seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Jersey Historic Preservation Plan Presentation

Trustee Wetzel turned the meeting over to Holly Mattei with Crossroads Community Planning and Kelsey Miller with Connect Real Estate for the presentation of the Jersey Historic Preservation Plan. The study area was provided along with a brief historical overview. The vision for historic Jersey provided from the community meetings was to preserve the rural character, connect the generations of residents in the township, instill curiosity in the township's history, provide a community gathering place, preserve the appreciation of youth sports while remaining friendly but not bustling. The site plan provided eight sub areas. The site data showed suburban mixed-use, mixed-use cottage businesses, mixed residential, family recreational, open space area, community buildings with ball fields, redevelopment of historic structures with cottage businesses, and one unit residential. A multi-use path was proposed that would go along Morse Road and Condit Drive with future connection up Putnam Road to Worthington Road. The preservation and reutilization of the Blacksmith Building, Buggy Works and Creamery Buildings were discussed. Comments from the audience addressed the walking paths and safety concerns because of the traffic on Morse Road. The group discussed preserving the Blacksmith Shop and having demonstrations to draw people to this area.

Trustee Wetzel introduced the minutes from the January 6, 2025, Organizational meeting and January 6, 2025, Regular Meeting and asked if there were any requested changes. With no changes being requested, Trustee Pieper moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Fry seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Wetzel asked for Public Comments. Zoning Violations and concerns in the township were discussed.

Fiscal Officer Jesenko provided the current fund balances. Trustee Wetzel moved to approve the Finance Report as presented. Trustee Pieper seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 25-02-03-01: Trustee Wetzel moved to approve Resolution to adopt permanent appropriations for FY2025 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §5705.38 as presented with attached Exhibit A. Trustee Pieper seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Wetzel asked for department reports.

Mr. Platte provided updates regarding water and sewer and the core testing along Morse Road.

Mr. Witney provided a written Zoning Inspector's Report prior to the meeting regarding zoning matters in the township.

Trustee Wetzel reported that the West Licking Joint Fire District will be placing a levy on the May ballot. Trustee Wetzel did not vote in support of the levy. There was nothing to report from Monroe Township.

Trustee Wetzel introduced Unfinished Business.

Jersey Historic Preservation Plan Presentation

Resolution 25-02-03-02: Trustee Wetzel moved to approve Resolution #25-02-03-02 to adopt a Historic Preservation Plan for the Morse Road Historic Jersey Area as presented. Trustee Fry seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Wetzel introduced New Business.

Planned Unit Development Creations

Resolution 25-02-03-03: Trustee Wetzel moved to approve Resolution #25-02-03-03 a Resolution to consult for planning services with Crossroads Community Planning for PUD Zoning assistance as detailed in the attached Exhibit A as presented. Trustee Fry seconded the motion. Discussion: The PUD shall be referred to as the "NW Interchange Overlay District" with a proposed fee of \$25,000 as outlined in the proposal. With no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Wetzel moved to certify the 2024 Township Highway System Mileage Certification to the Ohio Department of Transportation for 22.558 miles of public roads as presented.

Trustee Pieper seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Wetzel asked for any Public Comments. One comment was offered regarding the painting of the water tower.

Trustee Wetzel asked for Trustee Comments. Trustee Wetzel discussed a letter the township received from a law firm regarding a proposed natural gas fired electric generating facility in New Albany. The public is invited to attend the public information meeting. It was discussed to provide the information on the township website.

Trustee Wetzel moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Pieper seconded the motion and the voice vote on the motion was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marko F. Jesenko, Fiscal Officer

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Attest:

Dan Wetzel, Chairperson

Jeff Fry, Vice-Chairperson

Ben Pieper, Trustee

Jeff Fry

Ben Pieper