

Jersey Township, Licking County

Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 26, 2025 - 7:30 p.m.

Attendees:

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

Staff Present:

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 Fry, Wetzel, and Pieper were in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Wetzel 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.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Wetzel introduced the minutes of the December 1, 2025, Regular Meeting and asked if there were any changes requested. With no changes being requested, Trustee Pieper moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes of the December 1, 2025, Regular Meeting as presented. Trustee Fry seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comments

Trustee Wetzel asked for Public Comments. Chuck Hagen inquired about ODOT's plans for the Condit Road and Mink Road intersection.

Finance Report

Trustee Wetzel asked for the Finance Report. Fiscal Officer Jesenko provided the current fund balances. There were no cemetery deeds. Mr. Jesenko discussed the budget and funds for 2026. Trustee Pieper moved to approve the Finance Report as submitted. Trustee Fry seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Department Reports

Trustee Wetzel stated that reports would be given at the next meeting in January.

Unfinished Business

Trustee Wetzel stated that no Unfinished Business existed.

New Business

Trustee Wetzel introduced New Business. Mr. Platte presented resolutions to approve the 2026 Budget and Adopt Permanent Appropriations for 2026, to adopt an investment policy, and to adopt a sales tax policy.

Resolution 25-12-26-01: Trustee Wetzel moved “A Resolution To Approve A Budget And Permanent Appropriations For FY2026 Pursuant To Ohio revised Code 5705.38”. Trustee Pieper seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 25-12-26-02: Trustee Wetzel moved “A Resolution Adopting An Investment Policy And Authorizing Investment In the State Treasury Access Reserve Of Ohio (STAR Ohio)”. Trustee Pieper seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 25-12-26-03: Trustee Wetzel moved “A Resolution Adopting A Tax-Exempt Certificate Use And Sales Tax Policy”. Trustee Pieper seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Platte shared that the township was in the process of reviewing the creation of two New Community Authorities (NCAs) in the Township and that he expects the Board will need to hold a special meeting mid-January to further consider the creations.

Public Comments

Trustee Wetzel asked for any Public Comments. No public comments were provided.

Executive Session

Trustee Wetzel moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(1) to consider an employee issue. Trustee Pieper seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote. The time going into Executive Session was 8:25 p.m. Invited into the executive session were Trustees Fry, Wetzel and Pieper, Fiscal Officer Jesenko, and Mr. Platte.

Trustee Wetzel moved to come out of Executive Session and return to regular session. Trustee Pieper seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote. The time out of Executive Session was 10:35 p.m.

Trustee Comments/Announcements

Trustee Wetzel discuss a bonus for the Township Administrator based on past performance. Trustee Wetzel moved to approve a \$9,000.00 performance bonus for Mr. Platte. Trustee Pieper seconded the motion and the vote to approve the motion was as follows: Wetzel, yes; Pieper yes; Fry, No.

Adjournment

Trustee Wetzel moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Pieper seconded the motion and the voice vote on the motion was 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marko F. Jesenko, Fiscal Officer



Attest:

Dan Wetzel, Chairperson

Jeff Fry, Vice-Chairperson

Ben Pieper, Trustee

