

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Jerome Township Board of Trustees

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held

February 1, 2022

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The Jerome Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on February 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Board Chairman Megan Sloat called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Megan Sloat, Barry Adler and Wezlynn Davis answered the roll call. Also in attendance were Robert Caldwell (Fiscal Officer), Eric Snowden (Zoning Coordinator/Inspector), Doug Stewart (Fire Chief/Director of Departments), Peter Griggs (Brosius, Johnson & Griggs), Michael Loughry (attorney) and members of the public.

Ms. Sloat presented the agenda which was reviewed, modified as necessary and approved.

Robert Caldwell, Fiscal Officer, provided the Board with updated financial reports (receipt account status, appropriation status and fund status). Mr. Caldwell presented the pending warrants as detailed in the "Pending Warrant Report," for payment. The Fiscal Officer certified that there were sufficient funds to pay the bills. It was moved by Megan Sloat and seconded by Barry Adler that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees approve warrants 42510 through 42543 and 92005 through 92008 for payment.

The vote resulted as follows:

Megan Sloat, yes

Barry Adler, yes

Wezlynn Davis, yes

The motion carried.

Mr. Caldwell presented the Board with the 2021 Township Highway System Mileage Certification prepared by the Ohio Department of Transportation and received from the Union County Engineer which was signed.

Executive Session

At 7:04 p.m. it was moved by Megan Sloat and seconded by Barry Adler that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees adjourn into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3) with legal counsel to discuss pending or imminent court action.

The vote resulted as follows:

Megan Sloat, yes

Barry Adler, yes

Wezlynn Davis, yes

The motion carried.

At 8:10 p.m. it was moved by Megan Sloat and seconded by Barry Adler that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees adjourn from executive session.

The vote resulted as follows:

Megan Sloat, yes

Barry Adler, yes

Wezlynn Davis, yes

The motion carried.

No action was taken as a result of executive session.

Zoning

Application for a Zoning Amendment

The Board closed the hearing in Case Number Z21-002 on January 18, 2022 indicating the Board would render a decision on the case within twenty days at the next regular meeting. As indicated the Board will not take additional information or public comment on this case. It was moved by Megan Sloat and seconded by Wezlynn Davis that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt Resolution 22-018 to approve the application for a zoning amendment (Z21-002) submitted by the Board of Township Trustees requesting an amendment from Rural Residential District (RU) to Low Density Residential District (LDR) be granted for approximately 4.54+/- acres identified as parcel numbers 1700100210000 and 1700100212000 and is located on the west side of Jerome Road at Hill Road, Plain City, Ohio.

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Megan Sloat, yes
Barry Adler, yes
Wezlynn Davis, yes

The motion carried. (Res. 22-018)

Application for a Zoning Amendment

The Board closed the hearing in Case Number Z21-003 on January 18, 2022 indicating the Board would render a decision on the case within twenty days at the next regular meeting. As indicated the Board will not take additional information or public comment on this case. It was moved by Megan Sloat and seconded by Wezlynn Davis that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt Resolution 22-019 to approve the application for a zoning amendment (Z21-003) submitted by the Board of Township Trustees requesting an amendment from Planned Development District (RU) to Medium Density Residential District (MDR) be granted for approximately 1.88+/- acres identified as parcel number 1700120200000 and is located at the northern terminus of Faulk Streetm approximately 175.99 feet north of the intersection of Town Street and Faulk Street, Plain City, Ohio.

The vote resulted as follows:

Megan Sloat, yes
Barry Adler, yes
Wezlynn Davis, yes

The motion carried. (Res. 22-019)

Department Reports

Public Safety Officer

The Deputy reported that they are working traffic accidents and package thefts in the area.

Director of Departments

Mr. Stewart reported that the current rate the Township is paying for seasonal workers is not competitive with the market. He noted the issues the Ohio Department of Transportation is encountering in hiring snowplow drivers. Following discussion it was moved by Megan Sloat and seconded by Barry Adler that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees approve the pay rate of \$18 per hour for seasonal/part-time employees who snowplow and mow and \$16 per hour is they only perform either one but not both of the duties.

The vote resulted as follows:

Megan Sloat, yes
Barry Adler, yes
Wezlynn Davis, yes

The resolution carried. (Res. 22-020)

As part of the discussion, Mr. Stewart stated that he felt the current staff is underpaid compared to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Committee survey.

Fire Division

Doug Stewart, Fire Chief, provided the following:

- Deed for property for Station 211 has been executed and being delivered
- Station 211 bid opening has been extended seven days as a result of a date error in the bid instructions
- Preparations taking place in anticipation of the winter storm

Old Business

Mr. Stewart provided the Board with an updated schedule of cemetery fees as well as updated procedures and rules. He indicated that the documents are being reviewed by the Prosecuting Attorney and asked the Board to delay any action until that review is completed. He noted that the Prosecutor's office as well as the insurance company are reviewing the rental agreement.

New Business

Ms. Sloat indicated the desire to have a joint meeting with the Zoning Commission. It was moved by Megan Sloat and seconded by Wezlynn Davis that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees conduct a special meeting on March 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall located at 9777 Industrial Parkway, Plain City, Ohio for the purpose of holding a joint meeting with the Jerome Township Zoning Commission.

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Wezlynn Davis, yes

The motion carried.

Ms. Davis wished to address the public regarding questions she has received regarding the Township's actions to Dublin City School District's redistricting plans. She stated that the Board cares about things that affect our children, however the Township has no legal jurisdiction regarding redistricting matters. Redistricting rests with the superintendants of the schools. In addition, she stated the Township does not have the authority to ask for impact fees for zoning legally through the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Adler reported that as the liaison with Fairbanks Local School district he attended a recent meeting where he was impressed with how the school was working with its residents.

Mr. Adler indicated the Dublin Chamber of Commerce's request for Jerome Township to become a member. The Board asked for more information before moving forward.

Mr. Adler asked the Board to consider undertaking some strategic planning to assist the Board with focusing and prioritizing, including such things as economic development planning. Ms. Sloat indicated that strategic planning can be very involved and the Board would need to consider the scope along with the workload of addressing the comprehensive plan with other items. Mr. Adler clarified that he was thinking more of addressing the prioritization of items than a detailed strategic plan. The Board agreed to address this further. It was moved by Megan Sloat and seconded by Barry Adler that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees hold a special meeting on March 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall located at 9777 Industrial Parkway, Plain City, Ohio for the purpose of conducting a work session to discuss priorities and goals.

The vote resulted as follows:

Megan Sloat, yes
Barry Adler, yes
Wezlynn Davis, yes

The motion carried.

Mr. Stewart reported receiving the resignation of Sarah Paige from the Fire Division. It was moved by Barry Adler and seconded by Megan Sloat that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees accept the resignation of Sarah Paige from the Fire Division.

The vote resulted as follows:

Megan Sloat, yes
Barry Adler, yes
Wezlynn Davis, yes

The motion carried.

Executive Session

At 9:43 p.m. it was moved by Megan Sloat and seconded by Barry Adler that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees adjourn into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(8) for the purpose of considering confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, trade secrets, and/or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance and to take any action in connection therewith; that is to be provided or administered under any provision of Chapter 715, 725, 1724 or 1728 or Sections 701.07, 3735.67 to 3735.70, 5709.40 to 5709.43, 5709.61 to 5709.69, 5709.73 to 5709.75, or 5709.77 to 5709.81 of the Revised Code, or that involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to an economic development project. By unanimous quorum, the Board hereby determines that the executive session is necessary to protect the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project.

The vote resulted as follows:

Megan Sloat, yes
Barry Adler, yes
Wezlynn Davis, yes

The motion carried.

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At 10:32 p.m. it was moved by Megan Sloat and seconded by Barry Adler that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees adjourn from executive session.

The vote resulted as follows:

Megan Sloat, yes

Barry Adler, yes

Wezlynn Davis, yes

The motion carried.

No action was taken as a result of executive session.

At 10:32 p.m. it was moved by Megan Sloat and seconded by Wezlynn Davis that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adjourn. The motion carried.

Megan Sloat, Chairman
Robert Caldwell, Fiscal Officer