

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Jerome Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS &amp; SUPPLIES 844-224-9338 FORM NO. 10148

Held

March 18, 2019

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The Jerome Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on March 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Board Chairman Joe Craft called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ronald Rhodes, Joe Craft and C.J. Lovejoy answered the roll call. Also in attendance were Robert Caldwell (Fiscal Officer), Doug Stewart (Fire Chief) and members of the public.

Mr. Craft presented the agenda which was reviewed, modified as necessary and approved.

Mr. Caldwell presented minutes for approval. It was moved by Ron Rhodes and seconded by C.J. Lovejoy that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

**The Jerome Township Board of Trustees waive the reading and approve the following minutes:**

- Regular meeting of February 19, 2019
- Special meeting of March 4, 2019
- Special meeting, public hearing of March 4, 2019
- Regular meeting of March 4, 2019

The vote resulted as follows:

Ronald Rhodes, yes  
 Lonnie (Joe) Craft, yes  
 Charles (C.J.) Lovejoy, yes

**The motion carried.**

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 Ron Rhodes and seconded by C.J. Lovejoy that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

**The Jerome Township Board of Trustees approve warrants 40023 through 40057 and 99021 through 99024 for payment.**

The vote resulted as follows:

Ronald Rhodes, yes  
 Lonnie (Joe) Craft, yes  
 Charles (C.J.) Lovejoy, yes

**The resolution carried. (Res. 19-036)**

#### Department Reports

##### Public Safety Officer

Deputy C. Myers addressed the Board indicating that there had been a few thefts from cars at the metro park and reminded those in attendance to not leave items visible in their cars.

##### Roads/Parks

Mr. Rhodes reported receiving a follow complaint about engine braking within the Township. He referenced an email from the Ohio Department of Transportation which indicated that they will not restrict the use of engine brakes by trucks but would install signs to support a township resolution. However, it indicated that typically only one sign in each direction of travel within the township should be installed on a state highway and are typically located where the state highway enters the township. The Board took no further action at this time.

Mr. Rhodes asked the Board if they wished to restock the pond at the Township Hall with fish this year as it had not been done for a few years. The Board members were in agreement and indicated \$2,000 could be spent to restock the pond with fish.

##### Planning/Zoning

Mr. Rhodes indicated he was contacted by the Union County Engineer to meet to discuss the 2020 census.

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GOVERNMENT FORMS &amp; SUPPLIES 644-224-03/08 FORM NO. 10146

Held

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Fire Division

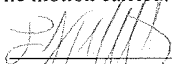
Doug Stewart, Fire Chief, addressed the Board stating that the Department had completed the process to fill the two vacant lieutenant positions. He outlined the process indicating that there were six candidates, all candidates passed the exam and interviews were conducted by the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association. The result was that effective Saturday, March 23 Justin French would be promoted to Lieutenant on 1 Unit and Eric Billingsly would be promoted to Lieutenant on 3 Unit. The Board congratulated to two on their promotions.

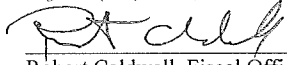
Chief Stewart informed the Board that during a repair service, Engine 211 had rusted frame rails which were cost prohibitive to replace. He noted that E211 was a 2002 model and has been in service for seventeen years. Chief Stewart reported that due to the condition of the engine it has been taken out of service. He also reviewed the more current corrosion reduction policies used by manufacturers. He informed that Board that he reached out to a couple manufacturers who often have demo or stock units available for emergency needs. He outlined a few options that were available and ranged in pricing from \$520,000 for an engine to \$900,000 for a quint unit. The Chief and the Board discussed the pros and cons of purchasing either unit noting the need in the township for unit with an aerial ladder. Following a review of the available budget with Mr. Caldwell, the Board agreed to give Chief Stewart the authority to move forward with obtaining additional information for the Board to act upon.

Old Business

Mr. Craft asked the Board to discuss the recent request to establish a Director of Departments position, a part time position, to assist with various administrative duties. Mr. Lovejoy reaffirmed that he felt this would remain a part time position for two to three years until it would be considered for a full time position. Mr. Craft indicated that the Board was in agreement that help was needed including the possibility of a summer intern in the zoning department. Mr. Lovejoy stated that he felt the Township was in a position where Chief Stewart could take on the duties of the new position. Mr. Rhodes stated he would like to review the matter by the next meeting.

At 8:26 p.m. it was moved by Joe Craft and seconded by Ron Rhodes that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adjourn. The motion carried.

  
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 Lonnie (Joe) Craft, Chairman

  
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 Robert Caldwell, Fiscal Officer