

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Jerome Township Board of Trustees

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 644-224-2538 FORM NO. 16048

Held _____ May 20, 2019 _____ 20 _____

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on May 20, 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/Director of Departments), Andrea Weaver (Union County Auditor), Shelley Detwiller (Union County Convention & Visitors Bureau) and members of the public.

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

Andrea Weaver, Union County Auditor, stated she was at the meeting at the request of the Fire Chief to provide information and answer questions regarding the fire levy. She indicated that her office is nearing completion of the six year update of property values. She stated that letters to property owners would be sent out in mid August with the tentative new values for tax year 2019 collection year 2020.

Chief Stewart addressed the Board that he, Justin French and the Fiscal Officer had meet with the Auditor last year to review the levies. He stated that he had a follow up meeting with her more recently. He reported that in light of the new station being built, the current five year levy due to expire in tax year 2020/collection year 2021 would need to be replaced with a larger levy to fund staffing for the new station and improvements to the current station.

Ms. Weaver reviewed the current levies and the amounts being collected. She indicated that the filing deadline with the Board of Elections is August 7. The Board agreed that they needed to begin the process and will look at passing a resolution requesting a certification of amounts at the next regular meeting.

Shelley Detwiller of the Union County Convention & Visitors Bureau provided information to the Board that four new hotels are being built in Marysville and currently there are seventeen bus tours within Union County. She updated the Board as to events surrounding the Bicentennial in 2020 and invited them to attend the next committee meeting scheduled for May 22.

Mr. Caldwell reported to the Board that the resolution to enact an additional permissive township license tax had been returned by the Ohio Department of Public Safety indicating that they could not accept it due to the fact that RC 4504.20 was in the title of the resolution even though it was not a part of the resolution itself. Mr. Caldwell indicated that the resolution was prepared by the Union County Prosecutor's office. As such, he consulted with them as to the action to be taken. He was given a resolution by the Prosecutor's office indicating that the reference to RC 4505.20 in the heading or title of Resolution 18-139 was inadvertent and appeared as a scrivener's error and Resolution 18-139 shall be corrected by removing reference to RC 4504.20. It was moved by Joe Craft and seconded by Ron Rhodes that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees approve Resolution No. 19-052 as prepared by the Union County Prosecutor.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The resolution carried. (Res. 19-052)

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 40173 through 40203 and 99036 through 99040 for payment.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The resolution carried. (Res. 19-053)

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Mr. Caldwell reported having received the renewal of the trustees' professional liability policy from Rummell Brill Insurance Agency with the policy premium going down slightly to \$8,344. It was moved by Ron Rhodes and seconded by Joe Craft that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees approve the renewal of the trustees' professional liability insurance policy with Euclid Public Sector through Rummell Brill Insurance Agency in the amount of \$8,344.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The resolution carried. (Res. 19-054)

Mr. Caldwell reported that the ODOT salt contract had been awarded and the award for Union County went to American Rock Salt Co., LLC at a rate of \$85.18 per ton.

Public Participation

Barry Adler informed the Board that the Union County Court of Appeals dismissed the appeal of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) decision for the FedEx project based on lack of standing, but did not rule on the merits of the appeal. He made the following points concerning the Board of Zoning Appeals' action:

- Facts and evidence did not support the BZA's approval
- While two BZA members agreed the project did not meet the standards of the zoning resolutions, the remainder did not
- Applicant and FedEx had the burden of proof but failed to provide key evidence
- Failed to demonstrate how a 530,000 square foot facility, over twelve acres in size, operating twenty-four hours a day and requiring a twenty foot concrete sound wall would be harmonious with and not change the character of the surrounding area
- Noise study recommendations were not enforced
- The BZA required only \$678,000 for off-site roadway infrastructure improvements until the Union County Engineer's office acted and required \$7 million
- Various studies concerning noise, air quality or property values were not conducted

He concluded by stating the Trustees need to be more responsive to the needs and concerns of residents and not just the developers and to act in a way to preserve natural resources and protect the public welfare and safety.

Department Reports

Public Safety Officer

Deputy C. Myers informed the Board of a road closure at the south end of the Township noting that it would be closed for several more weeks.

Director of Departments

Doug Stewart reported that he was in receipt of updated quotes for security cameras. He stated that the current system of three cameras could not be expanded and does not provide full coverage. The lowest quote was from Egreen for ten cameras for outside and inside door coverage at a cost of \$4,700. He stated they are high definition cameras with night vision and are motion activated. The standard retention period for video is two weeks unless it is identified to be saved for saved to another device. Mr. Craft emphasized the need for the ability to expand storage space. It was moved by Joe Craft and seconded by C.J. Lovejoy that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees approve the purchase of ten security cameras and system from Egreen at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The resolution carried. (Res. 19-055)

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GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 644-334-0316 FORM NO. 167-16

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Mr. Rhodes questioned the recent denial of overtime due to the lack of prior approval. Mr. Stewart stated that this policy is in the Township Handbook which employees signed that they read and has been asked to enforce.

Fire Division

Doug Stewart, Fire Chief, provided the following report:

- New engine is on schedule to be delivered in early July
- Completed pre-construction meeting for new medic with an estimated delivery date of October
- Awaiting confirmation of delivery of precast material to proceed with the concrete repair
- Attended a station design conference where very useful information was obtained regarding the design and building of the new station. Currently the best estimate available is \$350 to \$500 per square foot.
- Donation of \$250 received

While discussing the health benefits to be addressed in new building construction, Mr. Rhodes asked if the Township could look into providing cancer coverage for Fire Division employees. Chief Stewart indicated he would make that part of the discussion at the next renewal date.

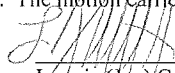
New Business

Mr. Stewart indicated that the Board had approved a resolution allowing ODOT a right of entry to the property at Industrial Parkway and US Route 42. Documents have been received regarding the sale of the right of way. The Board agreed that the documents should be reviewed by the Prosecutor's office before any action is taken.

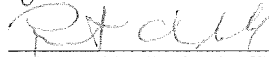
Announcements

Two public hearings scheduled for Tuesday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m.

At 8:31 p.m. it was moved by Joe Craft and seconded by Ron Rhodes that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adjourn. The motion carried.



Lonnie (Joe) Craft, Chairman



Robert Caldwell, Fiscal Officer