

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Jerome Township Board of Trustees**

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS &amp; SUPPLIES 611-224-3636 FORM NO. 10148

Held August 20, 2019 20

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on August 20, 2019 at 7:52 p.m. following a public hearing. 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) 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 Joe Craft 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:**

- **Public hearings of August 6, 2019 (three hearings)**
- **Regular meeting of August 6, 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 C.J. Lovejoy and seconded by Joe Craft that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

**The Jerome Township Board of Trustees approve warrants 40368 through 40404 and 99060 through 99063 for payment.**

The vote resulted as follows:

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

**The resolution carried. (Res. 19-089)**

Public Participation

Marilyn Valois reported there is a gas leak near her property which is located at 10845 Tioga Springs Circle. She stated that the gas company says it is not dangerous and is on the schedule for repair in December. Mr. Stewart reported that he is aware of the problem and it currently is in the hands of the gas company.

Department Reports

Mr. Stewart presented the following report:

- Wells Road and US 42 have been reopened
- Two disinternments were conducted at the cemetery this week
- Water issue at the Township Hall is ongoing
- Township Hall entry door has been ordered
- Seasonal employees finished up last week
- Posting for zoning inspector position has been completed with a deadline for applications of August 30

Mr. Craft wished to reaffirm the engagement of Gary Smith to provide consulting on zoning matters. 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 engage the services of G2 Planning for zoning consulting at a cost of up to \$3,600.**

The vote resulted as follows:

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

**The resolution carried. (Res. 19-090)**

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Mr. Craft wished to reaffirm the appointment of the Director of Departments to serve as the Zoning Inspector. 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 appoint the Director of Departments to serve as the Zoning Inspector until someone is hired for the position.**

The vote resulted as follows:

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

**The resolution carried. (Res. 19-091)**

C.J. Lovejoy stated that the Chairman and the Director of Departments could narrow down the applicant list to four or five candidates. The consensus of the Board was to review the applications together to make a decision. Mr. Craft indicated the Board could review applications at the August 22 regular meeting and continue the meeting to August 29 to review additional applications.

Fire Division Doug Stewart, Fire Chief, provided the following report:

- Levy PAC has been formed and called "Safer Jerome"
- Several town hall meetings will be set
- Draft RFQ is being prepared for qualifications of architects with the top three to receive the RFP for the design of the new fire station

Mr. Craft reported that the issue between the Jerome Township and Darby Township residents over weeds was ongoing and Thayne Gray of the Union County Prosecutor's office will attend a board meeting to provide advice.

Executive Session

At 8:44 p.m. 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 adjourn into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment and employment of a public employee.**

The vote resulted as follows:

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

**The motion carried.**

At 9:05 p.m. it was moved by Joe Craft and seconded by Ron Rhodes that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

**The Jerome Township Board of Trustees adjourn from executive session.**

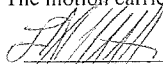
The vote resulted as follows:

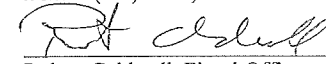
Ronald Rhodes, yes  
 Lonnie (Joe) Craft, yes  
 Charles (C.J.) Lovejoy, yes

**The motion carried.**

No action was taken as a result of executive session.

At 9:05 p.m. it was moved by Ron Rhodes and seconded by C.J. Lovejoy 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