

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

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS &amp; SUPPLIES 842-224-3338 FORM NO. 1014E

Held

September 3, 2019

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The Jerome Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on September 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Board Chairman Joe Craft called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ronald Rhodes and Joe Craft answered the roll call, C.J. Lovejoy was absent. Also in attendance were 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.

Prior to the meeting, Robert Caldwell, Fiscal Officer, provided the Board with updated financial reports (receipt account status, appropriation status and fund status). Mr. Craft presented the pending warrants as detailed in the "Pending Warrant Report," for payment. The Fiscal Officer provided a certification that there were sufficient funds to pay the bills. 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 warrants 40405 through 40429 and 99064 through 99066 for payment.**

The vote resulted as follows:

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

**The resolution carried. (Res. 19-093)**

Department Reports

Director of Departments

Mr. Stewart reported that the waterline back flow was determined to be okay and therefore the line will be dug up on Wednesday or Thursday. He reported that twenty applications had been received for the zoning inspector position and that currently there was a five day turnaround on zoning applications.

Planning/Zoning

Mr. Craft indicated that a public hearing needed to be set. 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 hold a public hearing on September 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall to hear application 19-ZA-11 for pet crematories.**

The vote resulted as follows:

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

**The motion carried.**

Fire Division

Doug Stewart, Fire Chief, provided the following report:

- Run report
- Town halls to be held in anticipation of the levy in November
- Concrete punch list will be review on Friday, while the issue with the cracks needs to be resolved and will involve the Union County Prosecutor

Public Safety Officer

Deputy C. Myers reported that there was a report of shooting received in the area and it was determined that it was being conducted with all proper safety and that new residents to the area need to understand this is still a rural area.

New Business

Peter Griggs of Loveland, Brosius & Griggs was in attendance to present the cooperative economic development agreement (CEDA) resolution to approve the agreement with the City of Marysville. He indicated that a CEDA establishes a format for joint economic development and allows the City and Township to impose an income tax on new businesses coming into the Township that need water and sewer. He stated that this agreement is something they have been

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working on for four years with the City of Marysville and Union County. Under the agreement, all three parties are going to collaborate on public infrastructure. The income tax allows funds to be created to provide public infrastructure improvements. He stated the resolution was to only approve the CEDA. Once the CEDA is approved by the Township it goes to the City for approval. Once approved and signed, once businesses need and apply for water and sewer from the City of Marysville they will be required to join the joint economic development district (JEDD). The creation of the JEDD is a separate statutory process which includes the creation of a JEDD Board made up of representatives of the Township, City, County, business owners and employees. The CEDA provides for a revenue split between the Township, County and City. It also includes an annexation agreement preventing the City from annexing any territory in the Township over the term of the CEDA which is fifty years. This preserves the borders of the Township. Mr. Rhodes asked if approval of the CEDA required a unanimous vote. Mr. Griggs stated that for a CEDA a majority approval only was needed. However, a JEDD must be unanimous. Mr. Griggs concluded by indicating a CEDA and JEDD are great economic tools with a majority of the money going to the JEDD Board for infrastructure and fifteen percent going to the Township.

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 adopt the "Resolution Adopting and Approving an Annexation Agreement with the City of Marysville Entitled Cooperative Development Agreement and Authorizing Its Execution."**

The vote resulted as follows:

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

**The resolution carried. (Res. 19-094)**

Mr. Griggs stated that the resolution needed to be signed by the Fiscal Officer with a resolution number and then should be sent to him to forward to the City of Marysville for approval.

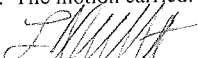
Public Participation

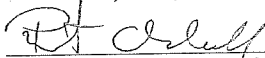
Megan Sloat voiced her concern to the Board that public comment has been eliminated from the Zoning Commission meetings.

Jay Sturwold addressed the Board concerning an ongoing issue of complaint regarding weeds on his neighbor's property which are not being mowed. He provided the Board with information indicating the presence of noxious weeds including poison hemlock and Canada thistle. He read a letter he submitted to the Board outlining the situation and referenced the Ohio Revised Code sections which set forth the steps which may be taken. He provided the Board with pictures and concluded by stating that noxious weeds can damage crops and hurt the ecosystem.

Mr. Craft had asked Thayne Gray of the Union County Prosecutor's office to be in attendance to provide guidance. Mr. Gray set forth that first he would work with Township staff to prepare a letter, next before going onto the property he recommended holding a hearing allowing for an element of due process. Finally the Township could get a court order to go onto the property.

At 8:10 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