

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Jerome Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS &amp; SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10149

Held November 19, 2019 20

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on November 19, 2019 at 7:12 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), Eric Snowden (Zoning Coordinator/Inspector), Doug Stewart (Fire Chief/Director of Departments), Peter Griggs (Brosius, Johnson and Griggs), Eric Phillips (Union County) and members of the public.

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

Executive Session

At 7:14 p.m. it was moved by Ron Rhodes and seconded by Joe Craft 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) conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.**

The vote resulted as follows:

Ronald Rhodes, yes

Lonnie (Joe) Craft, yes

Charles (C.J.) Lovejoy, yes

**The motion carried.**

At 7:55 p.m. it was moved by Ron Rhodes and seconded by Joe Craft 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.**

Eric Phillips presented to the Board a proposed project that has been five years in development. The project is the construction of a 250,000 square foot facility by Amazon Data Services for a data services facility on approximately 300 acres at the northwest corner of Industrial Parkway and Warner Road. He presented the Board with an enterprise zone agreement which will allow for a ten year, one hundred percent tax abatement. He reported that currently the existing farm land is producing \$5,494 annually in taxes of which the Township receives \$1,425. He stated he is seeking the consent of the Board of Trustees for the agreement. In addition to the enterprise zone agreement he also presented a donation agreement associated with the project which would provide monies to those parties of the agreement in lieu of taxes in the amount of four million dollars over the course of ten years. The amount to be received by Jerome Township would be \$500,000 over the ten year period or \$50,000 per year. He added that this would be the first joint economic development district (JEDD) project for the newly created JEDD within Jerome Township and would provide income tax revenue to the parties of the JEDD.

Union County Commissioner Steve Stolte and City of Marysville Major J.R. Roush spoke in support of the agreements indicating monies will be invested back into infrastructure.

Mr. Rhodes asked when the first payment would be due and Eric Phillips indicated it would be 2021.

Barry Adler expressed support of the project, however voiced concerns surrounding the transparency of the agreement. He said he felt residents did not have ample opportunities to voice their opinion throughout the process and hoped they would be more involved as it progresses.

It was moved by Joe Craft and seconded by Ron Rhodes that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

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**The Jerome Township Board of Trustees agree to the Enterprise Zone Agreement with Union County for the Amazon Data Services project.**

The vote resulted as follows:

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

**The resolution carried. (Res. 19-111)**

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 agree to the Donation Agreement with Union County for the Amazon Data Services project.**

The vote resulted as follows:

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

**The resolution carried. (Res. 19-112)**

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:**

- **Public Hearings of October 15, 2019**
- **Regular Meeting of October 15, 2019**

The vote resulted as follows:

Ronald Rhodes, yes  
 Lonnie (Joe) Craft, abstain  
 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 40572 through 40609 and 99084 through 99087 for payment.**

The vote resulted as follows:

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

**The resolution carried. (Res. 19-113)**

Mr. Caldwell presented to the Board the 2019 Township Highway System Mileage Certification prepared by the Ohio Department of Transportation and received from the Union County Engineer. He reported that the certification is for 26.082 miles which is the same as the 2018 report. 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 2019 Township Highway System Mileage Certification prepared by the Ohio Department of Transportation certifying that as of December 31, 2019 the Township is responsible for maintaining 26.082 miles of public roads.**

The vote resulted as follows:

Ronald Rhodes, yes  
 Lonnie (Joe) Craft, yes

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Charles (C.J.) Lovejoy, yes  
**The resolution carried. (Res. 19-114)**

Mr. Caldwell reported that he had followed up with legal counsel in regards to the Jefferson Health Plan (JHP) litigation. He reported that per Paul-Michel La Fayette of Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co., LPA a final settlement is being reached with JHP for the deficit of the plan. Based upon the current estimate, Jerome Township would owe \$21,154.72 which can be paid from the refund previously received from Ohio Insurance Services. 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 legal costs of the Jefferson Health Plan litigation in the amount of \$4,840.87 to Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co., LPA.**

The vote resulted as follows:

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

**The resolution carried. (Res. 19-115)**

Department Reports

Public Safety Officer

Deputy C. Myers reported some business thefts in the commerce district. He also reported an increase in deer related accident reports.

Director of Departments

Doug Stewart reported that staff in the Road Division found counterfeit money in the Civil War Monument park which had been turned over to the Union County Sheriff's office.

He reported to the Board that he had made contact regarding the land for sale next to the Jerome Cemetery. The land is being offered for sale at \$68,000 per acre and consists of approximately five acres. He asked the Board for approval to engage a realtor to represent the Township. 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 Director of Departments to engage a realtor to represent the Township in regards to inquiries into the purchase of property next to the Jerome Cemetery.**

The vote resulted as follows:

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

**The resolution carried. (Res. 19-116)**

Fire Division

Doug Stewart, Fire Chief, provided the following report:

- New medic has been delivered and will be placed in service in a couple of weeks.
- Bid request has been issue for the fire engine.
- Safer Grant has been awarded to the Township totaling \$1.6 million over three years providing for the salaries and benefits for nine new hires with reimbursements of 75% for years one and two and 35% for year three. He stated the new hires will begin in March with an in service date of April.

Executive Session

At 8:35 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 into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) to consider the compensation of a public employee.**

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The vote resulted as follows:

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

**The motion carried.**

At 8:57 p.m. it was moved by Ron Rhodes and seconded by Joe Craft 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.**

As a result of discussion in executive session, it was moved by Joe Craft and seconded by C.J. Lovejoy that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

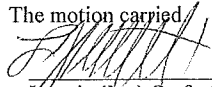
**The Jerome Township Board of Trustees approve to compensate the Director of Departments \$250 per week for eight weeks of work for additional duties serving as the zoning inspector.**


The vote resulted as follows:

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

**The resolution carried. (Res. 19-117)**

At 8:59 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