

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Jerome Township Board of Trustees

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10128

Held

May 17, 2022

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The Jerome Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on May 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Board Chairman Megan Sloat called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Megan Sloat, Barry Adler and Wezlynn Davis answered the roll call. Also in attendance were Robert Caldwell (Fiscal Officer), Eric Snowden (Zoning Coordinator/Inspector), Doug Stewart (Fire Chief) and members of the public.

Ms. Sloat presented the agenda which was reviewed, modified as necessary and approved.

Mr. Caldwell presented minutes for approval. It was moved by Megan Sloat and seconded by Wezlynn Davis 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:

- Special meeting of April 12, 2022
- Regular meeting of April 19, 2022
- Special meeting of April 21, 2022

Being no opposition, 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 Megan Sloat and seconded by Wezlynn Davis that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees approve warrants 42758 through 42795 and 92032 through 92036 for payment.

The vote resulted as follows:

Megan Sloat, yes
Barry Adler, yes
Wezlynn Davis, yes

The motion carried.

Mr. Adler provided the Board with a trails and parks update. He reported he attended a MORPC meeting where they are working on a project to make central Ohio the largest interconnected trail system in the country which may provide access of funds for future projects in the Township. He noted that thus far the committee has received input from the residents and recently decided that rather than duplication work that would be a part of the comprehensive plan update, the scope of the trails and parks project was scaled back to focus on upgrades to existing parks in the Township. He emphasized that no decisions will be made by the committee without the direction of the Trustees.

Ms. Sloat stated that the needs of the project are exceeding the resources the Township has at this time and should be delayed until the resources are available to achieve the goal of the best possible results. She stated the Township needs to focus on the day-to-day activities until the transition to a township administrator is achieved. She said the Board needs to be involved in determining the direction of the project and the available budget. She questioned the committee's qualifications to conduct a trails assessment and the Board needs to be involved to determine what needs to be done and it is being done the right way. She indicated the Board had approved the formation of a committee and to gather feedback from residents, but future action should not be pursued until such time as a township administrator is hired or a comprehensive plan coordinator is in place.

Ms. Davis agreed that the committee should take a pause and scale back and expressed concern of the Board not being involved. She stated the Board needs to be involved in creating a vision and managing the process as the project crosses over various Township divisions. She stated that rather than leading, the Trustees are trying to catch up. She said the committee is going beyond the authority intended and suggested indefinitely suspending the work of the park and trails committee in order for the Board to catch up. Mr. Adler responded that is what he is asking for, for the Board to take more authority. Ms. Sloat questioned the committees working with design firms, etc. that was beyond the scope of the initial project. Ms. Davis added that she appreciates the work and enthusiasm of the committee but is uncomfortable with the direction of the project and reiterated the need to step back. Mr. Adler expressed his concern that stopping the group now will discourage the group.

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It was moved by Megan Sloat and seconded by Wezlynn Davis that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees suspend future actions of the parks and trails committee.

The vote resulted as follows:

Megan Sloat, yes

Barry Adler, no

Wezlynn Davis, yes

The motion carried.

At 7:30 p.m. Megan Sloat excused herself from the meeting.

Department Reports

Public Safety Officer

Mr. Adler asked the PSO for any further information regarding catalytic converter thefts that was addressed at the most recent IPA (Industrial Parkway Association) meeting. The Deputy reported thefts of catalytic converters has been on the rise county and statewide. In response the Sheriff's office is patrolling as much as possible. Ms. Davis also asked the Deputy to provide any information regarding the Sheriff's office app. He instructed the audience on how to access the app noting the ability to report tips, etc. using the app.

Fire Division

Doug Stewart, Fire Chief, reported that Robertson Construction is beginning construction of Station 211 on schedule with dirt being moved this week.

Road Division

Ms. Davis reported the restocking of fish at the Harry Wolfe Park pond. She also provided an update on Weldon Road following the installation of fiber. She indicated that a meeting with the County and the contractor had taken place where it was determined that no work could be completed until the project was finished and the weather cooperated but would be done as soon as possible. The Board also reviewed a draft letter to baseball field users regarding the use of the field. Mr. Adler had questions regarding the use of the term "detergent" in the letter verses weed control or fertilizer. The Board agreed to table the review for further updates.

Zoning

Eric Snowed reported he is continuing to work on the noise resolution and the policy documents and should have revisions by the next meeting. He indicated that the monthly zoning reports had been distributed along with noting there are two applications before the Board of Zoning Appeals and two applications before the Zoning Commission.

Old Business

Mr. Adler reported the IT service agreement was still being reviewed but the Board had extended the current agreement.

Mr. Adler stated they microphones are anticipated to be delivered but based on his meeting with the City of Marysville may not work as anticipated. He is also working on the upgrade to the visual system.

New Business

Mr. Caldwell indicated that he had previously sent to the Board the renewal proposal for the Township's insurance coverages for property, crime, inland marine, auto, general liability, public officials and management liability and excess liability. He noted this is the first renewal of these coverages with this carrier and had recommended the Township's agent meet with the Board to provide them with more detail regarding coverages. It was moved by Wezlynn Davis and seconded by Barry Adler that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees approve the renewal proposal from Glatfelter Public Practice for the Township's insurance coverages for property, crime, inland marine, auto, general liability, public officials and management liability and excess liability.

The vote resulted as follows:

Megan Sloat, absent

Barry Adler, yes

Wezlynn Davis, yes

The resolution carried. (Res. 22-056)

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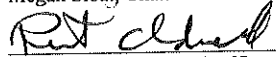
Announcements

Ms. Davis announced the Memorial Day celebration activities with Chief Stewart providing the following details: parade to begin and Jerome Church to the Jerome Cemetery, the American Legion will provide a guest speaker as part of a short ceremony at 10:00 a.m. He added the veterans' boards will be displayed.

The Trustees also announced a special meeting to take place on June 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for a public meeting to review the JEDD (Joint Economic Development District) agreement.

At 7:54 p.m. it was moved by Wezlynn Davis and seconded by Barry Adler that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adjourn. The motion carried.


Megan Sloat, Chairman


Robert Caldwell, Fiscal Officer