

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Jerome Township Board of Trustees

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held

June 21, 2022

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The Jerome Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on June 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Board Chairman Megan Sloat called the meeting to order. Megan Sloat, Barry Adler and Wezlynn Davis answered the roll call. Also in attendance were Robert Caldwell (Fiscal Officer), Joe Koralewski (Assistant Zoning Inspector), Doug Stewart (Fire Chief), and members of the public.

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

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees open the public hearing concerning the Joint Economic Development District and Contract.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The motion carried.

Wezlynn Davis began by stating the public hearing was for the Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) Agreement between Jerome Township and the City of Marysville. She noted the agreement would provide for the following:

- Promote economic development within the Township
- Provide a source of funding for the cost of installation of public utility infrastructure
- Strengthen existing Township services

The JEDD will accomplish these goals by levying an income tax on new commercial developments within the Township needing water service from the City of Marysville.

There was not public comment.

At 7:06 p.m. it was moved by Megan Sloat and seconded by Barry Adler that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees close the public hearing concerning the Joint Economic Development District and Contract.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The motion carried.

Ms. Sloat led the Pledge of Allegiance and 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:

- Regular meeting of May 4, 2022
- Regular meeting of May 17, 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 Barry Adler that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees approve warrants 42842 through 42889 and 92040 through 92048 for payment.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The motion carried.

Mr. Caldwell asked the Board to approve the following amendment to the 2022 Appropriations Resolution for the purpose of paying for construction and related costs association with Station 211. He noted that there would also be an adjustment to revenue as Nationwide Realty would be reimbursing the

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Township for the majority of these expenditures. It was moved by Megan Sloat and seconded by Barry Adler that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees amend the 2022 Appropriations Resolution as follows:

- **Appropriate \$3,407,700 from previously un-appropriated funds to appropriation 10-A-06 "New Buildings and Equipment" Fire District Fund.**

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The resolution carried. (Res. 22-062)

Mr. Caldwell reported that the most recent legal invoice had reduced the open purchase order to approximately \$500 and indicated the Board would need to approve an additional encumbrance of funds for this purpose. Mr. Adler asked about the costs and Mr. Caldwell responded that the majority of the costs incurred this year have been paid from the Zoning Fund. Mr. Adler asked the Board to consider a procedure for incurring costs for legal consulting and to have some type of policy. Ms. Sloat asked that this request be addressed at another time when Eric Snowden is present. It was moved by Megan Sloat and seconded by Wezlynn Davis that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees approve the encumbrance of \$25,000 for legal services from Brosius, Johnson & Griggs from the Zoning Fund.

The vote resulted as follows:

Megan Sloat, yes
Barry Adler, no
Wezlynn Davis, yes

The resolution carried. (Res. 22-063)

Mr. Caldwell reported that he had received a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding the liquor permit for RMG Global LLC dba Rolling Meadows Golf Club. It was noted that to request a hearing the Township would need to show some just cause as to why the permit should not be issued. It was moved by Barry Adler and seconded by Megan Sloat that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees do not request a hearing with the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding RNG Global LLC dba Rolling Meadows Golf Club.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The motion carried.

Department Reports

Public Safety Officer

The PSO noted that there continues to be an emphasis on traffic control with a number of accidents occurring in the areas of Route 42 and Route 33.

Fire Division

Doug Stewart, Fire Chief, provided the following:

- Station 211 update that information regarding the availability of steel is forthcoming
- Touch-a-Truck event held this past weekend was a success with and estimated over five hundred individuals in attendance throughout the event
- Applied for the state grant for retention and awaiting determination
- Retirement of Lieutenant Wilson after forty-one years of fire service
- Provided a job description for replacement hiring

Chief Stewart provided the Board with a comparison of part-time firefighter pay rates in the area. He explained to the Board that the Division had hired its existing part-time pool as part of the SAFER grant hiring and the difficulties departments are having in finding part-time candidates. In reviewing the rates, he recommended the Board increase the rates from \$12 per hour for a Firefighter/EMT and \$12.50 per hour for a Firefighter/Medic to \$18 per hour for a Firefighter/EMT and \$18.67 per hour for a Firefighter/Medic. It was moved by Barry Adler and seconded by Wezlynn Davis that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees approve the increase in pay rates for part-time firefighters to \$18 per hour for a Firefighter/EMT and \$18.67 per hour for a Firefighter/Medic.

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The vote resulted as follows:

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Wezlynn Davis, yes

The resolution carried. (Res. 22-064)

Road Department

Due to the absence of the Road Supervisor, discussion of Road Department items was tabled until the next regular meeting.

Zoning Department

Joe Koralewski provided the Board with an update on the comprehensive plan. He reported that four responses to the request for qualifications had been received and staff was working on scheduling interview dates with the selection committee. It was noted the selection committee will consist of Trustee Davis, three residents yet to be selected from those that have expressed interest, a member of the Zoning Commission, a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals and zoning staff.

Old Business

Mr. Adler reported the IT contract was still being reviewed by the contractor and therefore asked the Board to approve another extension of the existing contract. It was moved by Barry Adler and seconded by Megan Sloat that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees extend the contract with eGreen Computers through July 2022.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The motion carried.

Dustin of eGreen Computers addressed the Board regarding IT equipment. He reported the installation of the microphones from the ceiling which are picking up voices clearly. He noted that there is some echo, but it is unavoidable due to the room itself. He also discussed upgrades in cameras, sound equipment and looking into options related to cyber security.

Due to the absence of Eric Snowden, there was no update on the noise resolution.

The Board noted that they had received job descriptions that had been reformatted to look similar. The Board agreed that there was just not enough time to review these as part of a regular meeting and therefore proposed having a special meeting for this purpose. 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 conduct a special meeting on July 2, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. at the Township Hall located at 9777 Industrial Parkway, Plain City, Ohio for the purpose of reviewing job descriptions.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The motion carried.

Ms. Sloat provided an update on the website project indicating that a version for review has been presented to the committee that provides for a more user-friendly format. She noted that a training phase is anticipated in late July or early August with an estimated launch date of August 9.

Executive Session

At 8:06 p.m. 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 adjourn into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) to consider the complaints against a public employee.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The motion carried.

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At 8:35 p.m. 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 adjourn from executive session.

The vote resulted as follows:

Megan Sloat, yes

Barry Adler, yes

Wezlynn Davis, yes

The motion carried.

No action was taken as a result of executive session.

At 8:37 p.m. it was moved by Megan Sloat and seconded by Barry Adler that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adjourn. The motion carried.

Megan Sloat
Megan Sloat, Chairman

Robert Caldwell
Robert Caldwell, Fiscal Officer