

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Jerome Township Board of Trustees

Minutes of

Meeting

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

Held

January 17, 2023

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The Jerome Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on January 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Board Chairman Wezlynn Davis 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), and members of the public.

Wezlynn Davis presented the agenda which was reviewed, modified as necessary and approved.

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 Wezlynn Davis and seconded by Barry Adler that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees approve warrants 43371 through 43406 and 93001 through 93003 for payment.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The motion carried.

Department Reports

Fire Division

Barry Adler reported that a candidate has been identified for the vacant position with the Fire Division which had been sent to members of the Board and asked for approve to proceed with a conditional offer. 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 authorize a conditional offer be made for the vacant fire fighter position with the Fire Division.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The motion carried.

Barry Adler provided the Board with a mutual aid agreement between the Township of Jerome and the Township of Washington, Franklin County, Ohio for mutual aid services. 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 mutual aid agreement between the Township of Jerome, Union County, Ohio and the Township of Washington, Franklin County, Ohio.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The resolution carried. (Res. 23-019)

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 authorize Trustee Wezlynn Davis to sign the mutual aid agreement between the Township of Jerome, Union County, Ohio and the Township of Washington, Franklin County, Ohio.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The motion carried.

Zoning Department

Megan Sloat indicated a date needed to be selected to hear presentations from the two groups seeking to provide services related to the comprehensive plan update. She also reported a joint meeting with the Zoning Commission was to be scheduled.

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Public Safety Officer

The Union County Public Safety Officer reported they have been working several accidents within the area primarily in the intersection of US Route 42 and Industrial Parkway.

Old Business

Megan Sloat asked the Board to review the inclement weather policy. The Board discussed aspects of the policy including who should be designated as essential personnel along with the various snow emergency levels both in Union County and counties where employees may reside. Ms. Sloat asked Mr. Caldwell to review paragraph seven as it relates to compensation procedures.

Megan Sloat asked if there was any additional information to discuss regarding a request by a renter to provide a food truck at their event. The Board had no additional concerns but suggested reaching out to the insurance agent for input and perhaps including language in the rental agreement.

The Board indicated the need to provide dates for a joint meeting with the Zoning Commission. The Board wished to propose February 1 and February 6 as possible meeting dates.

New Business

The Board presented a longevity policy to be reviewed. It was noted the Board wished to compensate those employees who have remained with the Township over a period of time. It was also noted that such a policy already exists under the collective bargaining agreement with the Firefighters. 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 adopt a longevity policy as follows:

"As compensation for years of service to the Township, employees shall be entitled to additional compensation based upon years of completed service. Compensation of \$500 shall begin after the completion of the fifth year and increase by \$100 for each additional completed year of service to a maximum of \$2,000 per year. This compensation shall be paid the second pay of the month after the employee's anniversary."

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The resolution carried. (Res. 23-020)

Barry Adler presented that in light of the pending baseball lottery he had reviewed ball field rental rates and found that while the Township was charging \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents, this was below neighboring areas that are charging \$20 to \$40 for two hours of rental. He stated he would like to have the rental fees increased to assist with maintenance costs but not to the degree of some of the neighboring areas due to the condition of the field. 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 an increase in baseball field rental fees from \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents to \$10 for residents and \$20 for non-residents.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The resolution carried. (Res. 23-021)

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

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees set the date and time for the baseball lottery as February 22, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Hall.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The motion carried.

Robert Caldwell reported he had provided the Board with copies of the annual inventory. He stated the purpose of the annual inventory is to be in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code in addition to the fact that it provides information for insurance purposes and serves to deter items from coming up missing. It was moved by Wezlynn Davis and seconded by Barry Adler that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

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The Jerome Township Board of Trustees accept the annual inventory for December 31, 2022.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The resolution carried. (Res. 23-022)

Executive Session

At 7:37 p.m. it was moved by Wezlynn Davis and seconded by Megan Sloat 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 employment of a public employee or official.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The motion carried.

At 8:01 p.m. it was moved by Wezlynn Davis and seconded by Megan Sloat 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.

As a result of discussion in executive session, it was moved by Wezlynn Davis and seconded by Megan Sloat that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees extend interviews to candidates A, B, C, D and E for the position of Township Administrator.

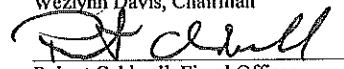
The vote resulted as follows:

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

The motion carried.

At 8:02 p.m. it was moved by Wezlynn Davis and seconded by Barry Adler that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adjourn. The motion carried.


Wezlynn Davis, Chairman


Robert Caldwell, Fiscal Officer