

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Jerome Township Board of Trustees

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 644-224-3338 FORM NO. 19148

Held

July 5, 2023

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The Jerome Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on July 5, 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 Peter Griggs (Brosius, Johnson & Griggs).

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

Robert Caldwell presented minutes for approval. 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 waive the reading and approve the following minutes:

- Special meeting of May 30, 2023
- Regular meeting of June 20, 2023

Being no opposition, the motion carried.

Robert Caldwell asked the Board to approve the following amendment to the 2023 Appropriations Resolution. It was moved by Wezlynn Davis and seconded by Megan Sloat that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees amend the 2023 Appropriations Resolution to appropriate \$10,000 from previously un-appropriated funds to appropriation 03-B-03 "Maintenance - Contracts" Gasoline Tax Fund.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The resolution carried. (Res. 23-070)

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 43786 through 43831 and 93050 through 93055 for payment.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The motion carried.

Robert Caldwell informed the Board that a full audit was being conducted for years 2021 and 2022 due to the number of expenditures in those two years. He provided the Board members with a related party questionnaire to be completed and returned.

Executive Session

At 7:07 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)(3) for a conference with attorneys concerning disputes involving the Township that are the subject of pending or imminent court action; and 121.22(G)(8) for the purpose of considering confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, and trade secrets of an applicant for economic development assistance, or negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance, that is to be provided or administered pursuant to Sections 3735.65-70, and Section 5709.73 of the Ohio Revised Code, and involves public infrastructure improvements directly related to an economic development project. The executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the proposed economic development project.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The motion carried.

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At 8:22 p.m. 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 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.

Old Business

Wezlynn Davis presented to the Board a resolution on commercial vehicle parking. She stated the resolution restricts parking in an area of the Township where the Township has received several public complaints. The Board agreed this action was a good way to resolve the situation. 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 approve the resolution enacting regulations regarding parking along the entirety of the following:

- Estates Parkway, Township Road 542-A
- Rausch Drive, Township Road 542-B
- Estates Court, Township Road 542 C

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The motion carried. (Res. 23-071)

Wezlynn Davis informed the Board of the requirement to provide notice regarding the Board's action to seek voter approval for limited home rule. She stated there are various advantages for the Township in seeking this change including the ability to make grants to small businesses. Peter Griggs added it is a quality-of-life issue and a useful tool especially for growing townships. Wezlynn Davis indicated it is a way for the Township to address tax abatement properties. Megan Sloat emphasized, and the Board agreed, the need for education and information to be provided to residents most notably the misconception that it will increase taxes as it does not impact taxes. 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 adopt A Resolution Approving Notice of Election and Description of the Proposed Limited Home Rule Government and Authorizing the Publication and Posting of the Same.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The motion carried. (Res. 23-073)

Wezlynn Davis indicated to the Board the need to pass a resolution for amendments to the JEDD (Joint Economic Development District) contract for the inclusion of two additional properties. 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 adopt A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Amendment to the Joint Economic Development District Contract by and Between the City of Marysville, Ohio and Jerome Township (Union County), Ohio.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The motion carried. (Res. 23-072)

ZoningApplication for a Zoning Amendment

Wezlynn Davis presented the need to set a public hearing. It was moved by Wezlynn Davis and seconded by Megan Sloat that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

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The Jerome Township Board of Trustees set a public hearing for Case #ZT23-001 Text Amendment for July 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall and for notice to be given.

The vote resulted as follows:

Megan Sloat, yes

Barry Adler, yes

Wezlynn Davis, yes

The motion carried.

Department Reports

Fire Division

The Board reviewed a medic unit proposal received from Doug Stewart, Fire Chief. The proposal is to purchase a new medic unit with a power cot and load system. This unit became available after another department backed out of the purchase. The purpose of the new medic unit is to run as a primary unit from Station 211 allowing the Fire Division to place the 2015 medic unit into reserve status and used when the other medics are down for service. It was noted that a medic unit was proposed in the EMS Fund capital improvements budget to be purchased in 2024. The cost of the proposed unit is \$305,000 with the cost of the power cot of \$64,435 for a total of \$369,435 and will be delivered in April 2024. This is compared to the estimated cost of a new unit being ordered of \$375,000 to \$400,00 with an estimated delivery time of twenty-four to thirty-six months. The Board agreed this was a proposal that needed to be approved. It was moved by Barry Adler and seconded by Megan Sloat that the Jerome Township Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees approve the purchase of a medic unit per the proposal from Penn Care, Inc. at a cost of \$310,000 for the medic unit and the purchase of a power cot system from Stryker at a cost of \$65,000 for a total of \$375,000 and to amend the 2023 Appropriations Resolution to appropriate \$310,000 from previously un-appropriated funds to appropriation 28-A-05 "Tools and Equipment" Ambulance and EMS Fund and to appropriate \$65,000 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. 23-074)

At 8:50 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