

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Jerome Township Board of Trustees

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 244-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held

September 5, 2023

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The Jerome Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on September 5, 2023, at 7:15 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), Brandon Standley (Township Administrator), Eric Snowden (Zoning Inspector / Coordinator), Peter Griggs (Brosius, Johnson & Griggs), 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 43944 through 43983 and 93067 through 93071 for payment.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The motion carried.

Mr. Caldwell indicated to the Board the need to encumber additional moneys for legal expenses and as a result the need 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 \$25,000 from previously un-appropriated funds to appropriation 13-A-04 "Contracts" Zoning Fund.

The Jerome Township Board of Trustees approve the encumbrance of \$25,000 to Brosius, Johnson & Griggs for legal expenses.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The resolution carried. (Res. 23-089)

Public Participation

Regina Mitchell asked to Board to provide additional information about the request to be voted a limited home rule township. Wezlynn Davis stated that there are approximately 1,300 townships in Ohio and that a township must have a population of at least 5,000 and therefore most do not qualify for limited home rule. She noted that limited home rule would allow the Trustees the ability to be involved in tax abatements currently being offered by the County. Peter Griggs outlined some of the options available to limited home rule townships. Megan Sloat added that limited home rule is not something new.

Executive Session

At 8:24 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) with legal counsel to discuss 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 to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance, that is to be provided or administered pursuant to Sections 3735.65 to 3735.70, 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 9:18 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.

Department ReportsTownship Administrator

Brandon Standley and Wezlynn Davis reported that they have meet with the Union County Engineer to discuss the Route 42 and Industrial Parkway interchange and the Industrial Parkway and Mitchell-Dewitt interchange. They stated that according to the information they received they believe that is no funding gap for these projects.

Fire Division

Brandon Standley reported the Millcreek Board of Trustees have approved the specification of the tanker truck and asked the Board to approve the Fire Chief to enter a contract for the purchase. 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 approve the purchase of a tanker truck for the Fire Division from Vogelpohl Fire Equipment in the amount of \$575,209 in accordance with the amended fire services contract with Millcreek Township.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The resolution carried. (Res. 23-090)

Zoning Department

It was reported that the steering committed for the comprehensive plan had conducted one meeting.

Brandon Standley indicated a recommendation has been made for the position of assistant zoning inspector. 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 appoint Peyton Kaman as the assistant zoning inspector.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The motion carried.

Wezlynn Davis indicated the need to set a public hearing. 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 set a public hearing for Case #PD23-003 for October 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall located at 9777 Industrial Parkway, Plain City, Ohio.

The vote resulted as follows:

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

The motion carried.

New Business

Wezlynn Davis indicated the need for the Board to establish when trick-or-treat would take place. She noted that all the surrounding areas were conducting it on October 31. 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 set trick-or-treat night in Jerome Township as October 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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The vote resulted as follows:

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Barry Adler, yes

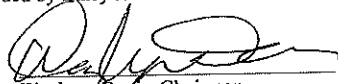
Wezlynn Davis, yes

The motion carried.

Old Business

The Board noted there would be a special meeting on September 18 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall to discuss limited home rule and respond to questions.

At 9:48 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