

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Jerome Township Board of Trustees

Minutes of

Meeting

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

Held

October 5, 2023

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The Jerome Township Board of Trustees met in special session on October 5, 2023, at 5:39 p.m. at Fire Station 210 for the purpose of discussing and taking questions from the public regarding limited home rule. 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), Peter Griggs (Brosius, Johnson & Griggs), and members of the public.

- Wezlynn Davis provided a history of actions taken by the Board of Trustees including the following:
- Implementation of TIFs (Tax Increment Financing arrangements)
 - Implementation of a JEDD (Joint Economic Development District)

The Board members discussed the topics indicated below.

What is limited home rule, an overview and background?

- Provided for by the Ohio Revised Code
- Provides townships with additional powers
- Adopted by thirty-three townships in Ohio
- Allows the Board of Trustees to improve roads, water and sewer, and public infrastructure

What limited home rule allows.

- Approval of Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) tax abatements
- Improve public roads by authorizing the Township to engage an engineer
- Increase debt limitation for expanded financing options to help pay for public improvements
- Create small business incentive programs
- Create low or no interest programs for the less fortunate
- Expand authority to address nuisance situations
- Create rental property registration requirements
- Create property maintenance code
- Adopt regulations for mobile food units, construction site safety, etc.

What limited home rule does not allow.



- Impose an income tax on Township residents
- Increase property taxes on residents without voter approval

Frequently asked questions.

- Will police protection change? No, the Township will continue to contract with the Union County Sheriff's Office to provide police protection.
- Can the Township afford a law director? Yes, the Township has requested the Union County Prosecutor to serve as the Township's law director. If not current legal costs for outside legal counsel are enough to support contracting a law director.
- Can the Township afford an engineer? The Township does not intend on hiring an engineer. The Township may engage an engineer to work on a specific infrastructure project in conjunction with the Union County Engineer and would be paid from money received by the Township as part of a Tax Incentive Financing (TIF) agreement.
- Will Township government change? No, the Township will continue to be governed by three Trustees

The Trustees, Fiscal Officer and Peter Griggs responded to various questions and comments raised by those in attendance.

At 7:13 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

