Jersey Township, Licking County

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes March 3, 2025 - 7:30 p.m.

Attendees: Jeff Fry, Vice-Chairman Ben Pieper, Trustee

Staff Present: Rob Platte, Administrator Bud Witney, Zoning Inspector

Visitors: See Sign-In Sheet

Trustee Fry called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Platte called the roll confirming that Trustees Fry and Pieper were in attendance. Trustee Wetzel was excused.

Trustee Fry moved to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Pieper seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Fry introduced the minutes from the February 3, 2025, Regular Meeting and asked if there were any requested changes. With no changes being requested, Trustee Fry moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Pieper seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Fry asked for Public Comments. No public comments were provided.

Trustee Fry asked for the Finance Report. Township Administrator Rob Platte provided the current fund balances, as requested previously by the Fiscal Officer. Trustee Fry moved to approve the Finance Report as presented. Trustee Pieper seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Fry asked for department reports.

Mr. Platte attended the Zoning Commission Meeting in February to provide updates on township items and answer any questions. Mr. Platte offered to attend one meeting quarterly in the future.

Mr. Witney provided updates on zoning matters in the township.

Mr. Platte reported that he had heard from Chief Wright and Monroe Township will be hiring two new paramedics at their meeting tonight.

No Unfinished Business to discuss.

Trustee Fry introduced New Business.

Mr. Platte discussed the stone bids, and the township received one bid. Mr. Platte stated that he had talked with the Road Department and there isn't a need to purchase large quantities in 2025, and they already have at least one existing account with a materials supplier. Mr. Platte recommended the trustees do not open or award bids, rather they simply continue purchasing materials through existing suppliers. Trustee Fry moved to rescind the publication of the notice seeking bids, and determine the township will not open or award a stone materials supplier contract for 2025, and that the township will re-evaluate the need at a future time. Trustee Pieper seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous to approve the motion.

Trustee Fry asked for any Public Comments. Trustee Platte provided clarification on the Township Road and Bridge Levy.

Trustee Fry asked for Trustee Comments. Trustee Pieper discussed a letter the township received from Flint Grid, LLC regarding the Battery Energy Storage Project on Jug Street.

Trustee Fry moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Pieper seconded the motion and the voice vote on the motion was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marko F. Jesenko, Fiscal Officer

Attest:

Dan Wetzel, Chairperson_

Jeff Fry, Vice-Chairperson

Ben Pieper, Trustee_