

# Jersey Township, Licking County

Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2024 - 7:30 p.m.

## Attendees:

Dan Wetzel, Chairman

Jeff Fry, Vice-Chairman

Ben Pieper, Trustee

Marko F. Jesenko, Fiscal Officer

## Staff Present:

Bud Witney, Zoning Inspector

Rob Platte, Administrator

## Visitors:

See Sign-In Sheet

Trustee Wetzel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Platte called the roll confirming that Trustees Wetzel, Fry, and Pieper were in attendance.

Trustee Wetzel moved to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Fry seconded the motion. The motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Wetzel introduced the minutes of the September 4, 2024, Regular Meeting and asked if there were any requested changes. With no changes being requested, Trustee Pieper moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Fry seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Wetzel asked for any Public Comments. Some of the Cole Estate residents have concerns with their water well dependability. Mr. Platte stated that the township will send a letter to the Cole Estates community to invite them to an open house discussion to determine interest in water and/or sewer service availability.

## **Fiscal Officer Report**

Fiscal Officer Jesenko provided the current fund balances and reviewed the checks that need signed. Trustee Pieper moved to approve the Finance Report as presented. Trustee Fry seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote. There was no cemetery business to consider.

## **Administrator's Report**

Mr. Platte shared that the county's aggregation issue would be on the November 5 ballot and that Commissioner Tim Bubb held an outreach meeting on October 3 at the township to share information with residents and answer questions. Mr. Platte stated that the joint hearing with the City of New Albany would be held October 15 and that all were invited to attend. Mr. Platte shared that the SWLCWSD member appointment would need to take place mid-November to mid-December. The Jersey Historic Preservation Committee will be meeting at the Jersey

Baptist Church on October 28, 2024, and Mr. Platte anticipates a draft plan will be coming to the Board soon. The second edition of the Jersey Journal has been emailed out and is also available in printed form at the township hall.

### **Zoning Report**

The violations and zoning permits issued in the township were discussed. The trailer at Mink Street and Morse Road is being removed. The township has received two demo permits for Beaver Road, a garage permit for Burnside Road, and the Coughlin building is completed.

### **Fire District Report**

Trustee Wetzel reported Monroe Township Fire Department's new Battalion Chief has started.

Trustee Wetzel introduced Unfinished Business.

### **Mixed Use Office District (MUOD) Text Amendment**

**Resolution 24-10-07-01:** Trustee Wetzel moved Resolution 24-10-07-01 to initiate a Zoning Resolution Text Amendment for the Mixed Use Overlay District (MUOD) pursuant to ORC §519.12 as presented. Trustee Pieper seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Wetzel introduced New Business.

### **JEDD Appointments**

**Resolution 24-10-07-02:** Trustee Wetzel moved Resolution 24-10-07-02 to appoint a Board Member to the Jersey-Union-Health JEDD No. 1, appointing Rob Platte, Township Administrator as presented. Trustee Pieper seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Wetzel asked for any Public Comments. There were no public comments.

Trustee Wetzel asked for Trustee Comments or Announcements. Trustee Pieper inquired about the need for a repeater to be installed in the township to boost communications. Mr. Platte said he would look into the possibility of using the water tower.

Trustee Wetzel moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(8) to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, and declare the information is directly related to a request for economic development assistance that is to be provided or administered under Chapter 715, and/or Sections 5709.73 – 5709.75, and/or Section 701.07 of the Ohio Revised Code, and declare that the project involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to an economic development project. Trustee Pieper seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote. The time going into Executive Session was 8:14 p.m. Trustees Wetzel, Fry, and Pieper along with Rob Platte and F/O Jesenko were in the executive session. Trustee Pieper moved to come out of Executive Session and return to regular session. Trustee Fry seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote. The time out of Executive Session was 9:05 p.m.

Trustee Wetzel moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Fry seconded the motion and the voice vote on the motion was 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marko F. Jesenko, Fiscal Officer

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Attest:

Dan Wetzel, Chairperson

Jeff Fry, Vice-Chairperson

Ben Pieper, Trustee

Dan Wetzel  
Jeff Fry  
Ben Pieper

