

Jersey Township, Licking County

Board of Trustees

Organizational Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2023 - 6:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Dan Wetzel, Chairman
Jeff Fry, Vice-Chairman
Ben Pieper, Trustee (joined at 6:46p.m.)
Marko Jesenko, Fiscal Officer

Staff Present:

Bud Witney, Zoning Inspector
Rob Platte, Administrator

Visitors:

See Sign-In Sheet On File

Trustee Wetzel called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., and then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Platte called the roll and it was confirmed that Trustees Wetzel and Fry were in attendance.

Trustee Wetzel moved to approve the agenda without any changes. Trustee Fry seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Fiscal Officer Jesenko opened the nominations for President of the Board. Trustee Fry nominated Trustee Wetzel to serve as President of the Board. Hearing no other nominations, Fiscal Officer Jesenko closed the nominations and called for the vote on the nomination. The vote was unanimous in favor of Trustee Wetzel serving as the President of the Board.

Trustee Wetzel opened the nominations for Vice-President of the Board. Trustee Wetzel nominated Trustee Fry to serve as Vice-President of the Board. Hearing no other nominations, Trustee Wetzel closed the nominations and called for the vote on the nomination. The vote was unanimous in favor of Trustee Fry serving as the Vice-President of the Board.

Trustee Wetzel opened the nominations for representative to the West Licking Fire Board. Trustee Fry nominated Trustee Wetzel to serve as the representative. Hearing no other nominations, Trustee Wetzel closed the nominations and called for the vote on the nomination. The vote was unanimous in favor of Trustee Wetzel serving as the representative.

Trustee Wetzel stated that appointments to the Gateway CIC were open for one resident representative and one business representative. Trustee Wetzel moved to appoint Neal Wengatz as the resident representative. Trustee Fry seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote. Mr. Platte stated that he is discussing the business representative position with someone and will be getting back to the board in the near future.

After reviewing the applications, Trustee Wetzel moved to appoint Ross McClain as a regular member of the Zoning Commission with a term ending December 31, 2025, and to appoint Scott Davis as a regular member of the Zoning Commission with a term ending December 31, 2027.

Trustee Fry seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Wetzel moved to appoint Kilian Crankfield as an alternate to the Zoning Commission with a term ending December 31, 2024. Trustee Fry seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Wetzel moved to appoint Brian Hasson as a regular member to the Board of Zoning Appeals with a term ending December 31, 2027. Trustee Fry seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Wetzel moved to appoint Matt Martin and Gus Smithhisler as alternates to the Board of Zoning Appeals with a term ending December 31, 2024. Trustee Fry seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Pieper arrived at 6:46p.m.

Trustee Wetzel asked Mr. Platte to review the prepared resolutions. Mr. Platte shared that he had combined a number of the organizational actions into resolutions for the Board to consider. This would hopefully help to both streamline the organizational meeting and keep the topics more organized. The resolutions would be kept on file with the other township records.

Trustee Wetzel moved to approve Resolution #23-01-04-01 a Resolution to Set Meeting Schedules and Notice Procedures. Trustee Pieper seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Wetzel moved to approve Resolution #23-01-04-02 a Resolution to Set Spending Allowances and Fiscal Officer Approvals, with the addition of notice to at least one trustee for emergency spending by the Road Department. Trustee Fry seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Wetzel moved to approve Resolution #23-01-04-03 a Resolution to Adopt a Zoning Compliance Fee Schedule. Trustee Pieper seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Wetzel moved to approve Resolution #23-01-04-04 a Resolution to Adopt a Public Records Policy. Trustee Fry seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Wetzel moved to approve Resolution #23-01-04-05 a Resolution to Set Rates of Compensation. Trustee Fry seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Wetzel moved to approve Resolution #23-01-04-06 a Resolution to Advertise for Materials Supplier, with the addition of #57 gravel to the list of materials. Trustee Pieper seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Wetzel moved to approve Resolution #23-01-04-07 a Resolution to Continue the Current Cemetery Fee Schedule. Trustee Fry seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Wetzel moved to approve Resolution #23-01-04-08 a Resolution Employing Attorneys on an Annual Basis for the Year 2023. Trustee Fry seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Wetzel moved to approve Resolution #23-01-04-09 a Resolution to Amend Contracts for Technical Assistance and Comprehensive Planning Services. Trustee Pieper seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Wetzel stated that the township was fortunate this year in that there were a number of applications received for zoning board appointments and he thanked all of the applicants for their interest. He shared that with all of the development activity coming to the township, alternates should be appointed for each board for two-year terms. The township should also be asking the alternates to attend all of their respective board meetings so that they can stay up-to-date on recent activity. He feels that the alternates should be compensated whether they are seated for the meeting or not. Trustee Pieper moved to request the alternates to attend their respective board meetings and receive compensation whether they are seated or not. Trustee Fry seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion was approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Wetzel moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Pieper seconded the motion and the voice vote on the motion was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Marko Jesenko, Fiscal Officer

Attest:

Dan Wetzel, Chairperson

Jeff Fry, Vice-Chairperson

Ben Pieper, Trustee



