

March 1st, 2021 Jersey Township Trustees Monthly Meeting

Trustee Wetzel called the meeting to order at 7:30 o'clock P.M. and the Pledge of Allegiance was given. Trustees Wetzel, Bright, and Fry, Fiscal Officer Jesenko, and Zoning Inspector Witney were all present.

Minutes- Fiscal Officer Jesenko read aloud the minutes from the February Monthly Meeting. Trustee Bright moved to accept the minutes as read; Trustee Fry seconded the motion. Vote: Wetzel- yes, Bright- yes, Fry- yes.

Zoning Report- a new agricultural/ business site rental venture is considering moving to Jersey Township. The enterprise can be classified as "agricultural" if over fifty percent of revenue generated is derived from agriculture, such as produce sales. (Agricultural businesses are exempted from the township zoning code.) If, however, over fifty percent of revenue generated is from a "business" source, such as venue rental, township zoning can be enforced. Coughlin Ford plans to install an eight-thousand-gallon waste oil tank and will have to install fencing and barricading to protect and screen the tank. A permit for a new residence on Condit Road was issued, and the Board of Zoning Appeals granted a variance request and two conditional use permits. Also, the Licking County Planning Commission advised the township that use of a limited overlay is not permitted under the Ohio Revised Code.

Monroe Township Fire Department- Trustee Wetzel informed Chief Wright that the levy resolution for renewal of the fire levy was hand delivered to the election board prior to deadline; the levy should appear on the ballot for the May election.

West Licking Fire District- the district purchased a preowned scissor lift rather than continuously renting a lift for maintenance. A lift is necessary for some fire station upkeep projects.

Communications, Letters, Telephone Calls- American Electric Power (AEP) informed the township via U.S. Mail that that the Conesville Corridor Transmission Line right of way will be widened from 100 feet to 130 feet to better

protect the power line. A resident on Clover Valley Road called Trustee Bright to report a water drainage problem. Trustee Bright had to explain to the resident that as Clover Valley is a county road, the township does not perform maintenance on that road and directed the resident to contact the county to report the issue. New Albany Company representative Cindy Dotson picked up the requested records regarding TIFs on February 5th, 2021, closing out that public records request. New Albany City Manager Joe Stefanof met with Presiding Trustee Dan Wetzel on February 17th, 2021 to engage in general discussion with a township representative. Lastly, a request to rent the township was denied as rental is suspended for the duration of the COVID 19 pandemic.

Unfinished Business- the Licking County Planning Commission informed the Jersey Township trustees that the limited overlay the trustees enacted in January is illegal under provisions of the Ohio Revised Code. Accordingly, Trustee Wetzel moved that the legislation enacting the limited overlay be rescinded. Trustee Bright seconded the motion. Vote- Wetzel- yes, Bright- yes, Fry- yes. Next, new (preowned) chairs to replace the worn chairs in the township hall had been purchased, costing \$275, well under the \$500 approved in the previous meeting. Lastly, the AV (Audio- Visual) equipment is now installed; instruction will be provided shortly as to how to operate it.

New Business- the township is seeking to amend the zoning book to allow for a battery electric storage business to locate in the township via a text amendment process. Trustee Wetzel read aloud the proposed resolution book zoning text amendment and moved that it be accepted. Trustee Bright seconded the motion. Vote: Wetzel- yes, Bright- yes, Fry- yes. Next, as the township plans to repave Reussner Road, Trustee Bright moved that the township request the county engineer to provide an estimated cost for resurfacing Reussner Road. Trustee Fry seconded the motion. Vote: Wetzel- yes, Bright- yes, Fry- yes.

Announcements- the Northridge School District will resume all day classes starting Monday, March 15th, 2021.

Public Comment- a resident welcomed the arrival of warmer weather.

Warrants- Trustee Bright moved that the township trustees countersign warrants (checks) in order to pay bills on time. Trustee Wetzel seconded the motion. Vote:

Wetzel- yes, Bright- yes, Fry- yes. Fiscal Officer Jesenko read aloud the checks and gave them to the trustees for signature.

Adjournment- there being no further business, Trustee Bright moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Wetzel seconded the motion. Vote: Wetzel- yes, Bright- yes, Fry- yes. Meeting adjourned.

Trustees:

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Fiscal Officer:

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