

# Jerusalem Township Board of Trustees Meeting Held on January 28, 2020

The Board of Trustees of Jerusalem Township met in regular session meeting on the above date at 7:00 p.m. in the Office of the Trustees, 9501 Jerusalem Road, Curtice, Ohio 43412.

Mark Sattler opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance with the members as listed during roll call:

Beau Miller, present Dave Bench, present Mark Sattler, present

# **Approval of Previous Minutes:**

After review by the board, Beau Miller made a motion to accept the January 14, 2019 regular meeting minutes as presented to the board. Seconded by Dave Bench with roll call as follows:

Dave Bench, yes Beau Miller, yes Mark Sattler, abstain

Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer: Joel Moszkowicz

Joel reported a fund status of \$593,694.56 in pooled investments and \$124,071.40 in our checking account. Also reporting of warrants 18347-18380 and electronic payment 5-2020 totaling \$23,814.30. We had deposits totaling \$1,512.69.00 since last meeting. Beau Miller made a motion to accept the payment and fund status report, seconded by Dave bench with roll call as follows:

Dave Bench, yes Beau Miller, yes Mark Sattler, yes

Motion carried.

Fire Department: Tony Parasiliti

No report not present

Recreation: Mike Skitowski

No report, not present

**Zoning:** Linda Rossler

Linda shared evidence regarding a nuisance junk vehicle at 11044 Jerusalem Road she would like the board to declare. She has spoken to the property owner and if declared a junk vehicle, she will follow the newly established process and contact the owner. Linda also learned from the property owner the truck was on the property since 2014 and has not moved.

Beau Miller made a motion to declare the truck parked at 11044 Jerusalem Road a junk vehicle allowing the township to move forward with the process of removing it. Seconded by Mark Sattler with roll call as follows:

Dave Bench, yes Beau Miller, yes Mark Sattler, yes

Motion carried.

Blighted Lots: 302, 268 East, Parcel # 3376377, 3376324, dumping area,

\$3,000 back taxes total (\$25,000), approved dumpster to clean up 11/12

Junk Vehicles: 11044 Jerusalem Road Parcel #: 3350277 Chevy truck

Violations: 12403 LaFontaine Blight, noise

Land Bank: Agreement for 8859 Cedar Point Road Parcel#: 3309901

Court Cases: 10530 Corduroy, RAM Hotel, Jan. 27, 2pm, next date Feb. 20 1:30

Maintenance: Kevin Chapman

Kevin reported that he had to replace three mailboxes after the last snow event. Wallace road ditches have been cut and cleaned by Lake Erie Tree costing the township around \$4500.00. That bill once received and paid will need to be sent to the County for storm water reimbursement.

Pumping continues back in the marsh over the weekend. The meeting room furnace will need to be repaired further and they are waiting on better weather to address.

**Cemetery:** Kevin Chapman

Kevin reported that there was a burial this past Friday and one coming up.

# Trustee Reports:

Cemetery – no report

Hall Rental – 3 new rentals since last meeting

Roads – Dave Bench reported that he will reengage Mike Pniewski at the Lucas County Engineers office regarding the road and ditch on Seaman road.

#### Old Business:

- 1. Permanent Appropriations Joel Moszkowicz reported he is just waiting on final numbers from the board of trustees for the various funds. Mark Sattler has already met with various department heads.
- 2. Fiscal Officer Resignation the board of trustees have received a letter of resignation from Anna Buschmann, Fiscal officer elected at the last general election. Joel Moszkowicz contacted the board of elections; they stated the board needs to appoint someone and then notify the board of elections. It was also noted by the board of elections, the position will be on the general election ballot November 2021.

Dave Bench made a motion to appoint Joel Moszkowicz as the fiscal officer starting April 1, 2020 until March 31, 2022. Seconded by Beau Miller with roll call as follows:

Dave Bench, yes Beau Miller, yes Mark Sattler, yes

Motion carried.

- 3. Property Tax Removal Joel Moszkowicz asked to leave on the agenda as a reminder that Township owned properties are being charged general tax and delinquent amounts. Linda acknowledged that the County has been notified and that we will not be responsible.
- 4. Sandbags Dave Bench reported the Toledo Alfalfa Mill is ready and waiting to fill and sew bags. Mark Sattler reported that Jason Doktor from the Army Corp of Engineers states we have free use of the bags for the purpose of prepping with sand. Maybe 1000 bags should be filled as a trial run to better determine weight, pallet capacity etc.
- 5. Dike Update Mark Sattler reported that Jason Doktor states the report will now be available on March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 6. Brown Road Dave Bench will ensure he follows up with Mike Pniewski at the County Engineers office regarding the remaining work that needs to be completed.

- 7. Ditch Petition Dave reported that same as with work with Brown road, he will follow up with the County Engineers office.
- 8. Cemetery Survey Mark Sattler states the County will have our survey completed by the end of February.
- 9. State Capital Budget Mark Sattler is continuing to work on seeking monies from the State budget for our dike issues
- 10. Strategic Plan Mark Sattler reported that we started a discussion a month or so ago and invited input on ways to continue and broaden the discussion. Mark further asked Linda Rossler how the land use plan is coming along, she reported that a few beginning chapters are completed and that a series of meetings with the public need to be held. We will continue to revisit strategic planning. This is a long-term project to assemble the future state vision for Jerusalem Township.
- 11. Chamber of Commerce Dave Bench attended on behalf of the Township. The event offered good information on the accomplishments and plans of the school system and other communities.
- 12. OTA Winter Conference Mark Sattler mentioned several board members and the zoning inspector will be attending this excellent conference in Columbus.
- 13. TMACOG Assembly Dave Bench attended and shared findings from his experience.
- 14. TMACOG Storm Water Dave Bench attended for the Township and shared his findings from the meeting.

#### **New Business:**

- 1. Civil Lawsuit Mark Sattler shared a summons of a notice of appeal. The plaintiff is Luce Trucking. The notice of appeal names the Jerusalem Township Board of Trustees and the Jerusalem Township Board of Zoning Appeals as defendants. The township has contacted the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) through which our Township is insured. As part of our insurance coverage, OTARMA will provide us with legal representation. There is no cost to our Township for this representation.
- 2. LCTA Meeting Mark Sattler plans on attending along with possibly Beau Miller.
- 3. Snow Plowing Mark Sattler asked Kevin how he tackles snow events and the strategy behind timing of getting on the roads and when we start to provide the service to our citizens. Kevin described a typical response from the road department and how effective they have been in the past. The board overall is happy with service provided to the citizens in keeping our roads open.
- 4. Annual Engineer Meeting Mark Sattler made mention to the board and public of the

upcoming annual meeting with the County Engineer.

5. Republic Waste Pickups – Beau Miller received multiple calls of missed garbage collection as well as scheduling bulk pickup. Beau will watch and if necessary, contact Republic about some customer service issues.

# Public Participation:

James Boothby – wanted clarification on the civil suit brought against the Township. Mark Sattler and the board stated the suit was brought against the Township Board of Trustees and the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) to appeal their decision on the Luce Trucking property. There is incorrect information being circulated on social media. The Township did not hire an attorney for the Luce Trucking case prior to the civil suit brought against the Township dated January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. Our insuring body (OTARMA) will provide us with legal representation (at no cost to the Township) for the court appeal by Luce Trucking.

# Adjournment:

Attested

With no further business before the Board, Beau Miller made a motion to adjourn today's meeting. Seconded by Dave Bench with roll call as follows:

Beau Miller, yes Dave Bench, yes Mark Sattler, yes

Motion carried at 8:04 p.m.

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