



Jerusalem Township Board of Trustees Meeting  
Held on December 22, 2020

The Board of Trustees of Jerusalem Township met in virtual session meeting on the above date at 7:00 p.m. through Zoom Meeting Online.

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, Dave Bench made a motion to accept the December 8, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Beau Miller with roll call as follows:

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

Motion carried.

City of Toledo – Water Commission Plan –

Mark Sattler referenced a November 16 Toledo Blade article regarding the Regional Water Commission and invited City of Toledo representatives to attend this meeting to discuss their plans and answer questions.

Jake Gates introduced the other members in attendance, Andy McClure treatment plant administrator along with consultant Mike Winegard to discuss the alternate water source project and proposed plans. Mike indicated that in 2013-2014 the Ohio EPA looked at the City water system and indicated that the City and Regional partners would need to develop a redundancy plan for an alternative water source and intake. This is part of a \$500 million capital improvement program. Mike shared 13 different plan options that were considered. After considerable evaluation the options were narrowed to the top 5. The highest scoring option is a one billion gallon upland reservoir on 200-300 acres of ground with no new pumping station. This would be structured as a shared water source for the City

of Toledo and Oregon and would be located Jerusalem Township with a 15 day supply if water quality in the lake is compromised. There is an eight -year schedule with the first 3 years of planning and development including an option on the land. There is a two year design period and a 2 year construction period.

Beau Miller asked if homes will need to be removed, if it was indicated there are no homes to remove with no displacement of anyone. Mark Sattler asked if the property has been acquired and if this proposal is final. It was indicated this is all conceptual and nothing firm has been decided.

Mark Sattler had asked if the City will pay property taxes on this land if acquired or if it will be exempt. No city representative could address that question however the feel that they would pay property taxes like they already do at the lower water pumping station.

Elvis Shepherd asked the City representatives what is the benefit for Jerusalem Township? It appears this plan would provide a major benefit for the Cities of Oregon and Toledo. As this reservoir is planned to be located in Jerusalem Township, what, if any benefit is there for the Township? Jake Gates responded that Jerusalem Township would need to decide their position on this matter. It is a valid question and should be considered in ongoing discussions.

Trustee David Bench expressed concerns about the construction traffic and weight of hauling the large quantity of stone for the reservoir with respect the the stress and possible damage to Township roads used to access the site. Jake agreed that was a valid concern.

Chief Tony Parasiliti asked if the city would include the Fire Department in any construction plans for emergency planning and response purposes. Jake responded that they are happy to work with the Fire Department for any planning purposes. Tony also asked if any city water lines would be extended for the pumping station? It was indicated that no change to the existing water lines are necessary. The existing water lines are adequate for their needs.

Elvis Shepherd also asked how long of a project is this, it was indicated eight years and he also welcomed representatives to attend the comprehensive planning committee in the future with Jerusalem Township if this project continues in Jerusalem Township. Jake indicated that they would be willing to participate in the comprehensive planning process.

Fiscal Officer:

Joel Moszkowicz reported a fund status of \$597,873.81 in pooled investments and \$248,051.69 in our checking account. We made payments with warrants 19221-19323 and electronic 191-2020 through 195-2020 totaling \$162,052.82 and deposits totaling \$70,967.04. 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

Safety Message – Wash hands, mask up and stay safe

Response with members is excellent and online training continues in lieu of physical training. Christmas parade starts at 4:00 p.m. on the shared parade route.

Recreation: Mike Skitowski

Siding on the Recreation garage is in process of being repaired costing \$1200.00 to replace the siding on the east side and install on the west side what was missing from prior wind damage.

Zoning: Linda Rossler

No report.

Maintenance: Kevin Chapman

No report.

Cemetery: Kevin Chapman

No report.

Trustee Reports:

Cemetery – no report

Hall Rental – suspending all hall rentals in January due to ongoing COVID-19 precautions.

Roads – Dave reported that the bill for the rear mount mower labor was sent to Bay Tractor and we should be expecting a payment for our time.

Old Business:

1. Ditch Petition – Dave reported that he discussed the next steps with the County Engineer. He explained the process and that it involved a refundable deposit for each Petition. As each petition is prepared for formal submission, Dave will bring them back to the Board for review.
2. Trash Pickup – Mark Sattler reported that we have reduced the pickup for the township dumpster from every week to every other week. Additional cost savings options will be discussed at future meetings.
3. Kennedy Park Development – tabled for next meeting.

New Business:

1. Township Owned Properties – Linda will be sending out interest letters without a price for the lot to adjacent property owners to see if any interest is gathered.
2. OTA Winter Conference – Mark Sattler made mention of the upcoming dates.

Public Participation:

Patricia Smithers – reported that there are many poles that are ready to fall down on Cedar Point and Cousino, they are leaning. Is there anything the Township can do, we have to determine who the owner is and they need to be contacted.

Mark Sattler will ask Kevin to review the condition of the poles and determine who should be contacted to address the issue. Mark Sattler will circle back with Patricia.

Jim Gray – wanted to know if we will be stopping the curb-side unlimited pick up. Mark indicated we are looking into options because of the reduced income received to pay for the trash pickup. Mr. Gray reported he feels that this would be a great disservice to our elder population if we were to change anything related to what we are currently doing.

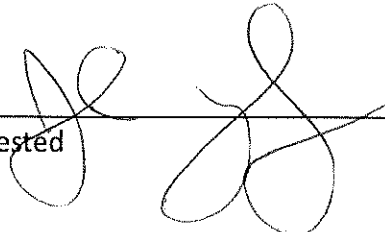
Joel Moszkowicz reminded everyone that the Hotel Tax pays for the trash collection and that nothing is being charged back to the community. As a result of COVID-19, our Hotel Tax revenues declined substantially. If we do not make changes now with respect to our trash collection costs, we will not be able to afford to continue. He also reminded everyone that many communities do not provide Township-paid trash service. As an example, our neighbor Allen Township does not provide paid trash service. Instead, each individual citizen must pay for their own service.

Adjournment:

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 8:37 p.m.

Attested 

Approved 