



Jerusalem Township Board of Trustees Meeting
Held on February 23, 2021

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.

Dave Bench opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. 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, Mark Sattler made a motion to accept the February 9, 2021 Regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Beau Miller with roll call as follows:

Dave Bench, Yes
Beau Miller, Yes
Mark Sattler, Yes

Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer:

The Fiscal Officer reported a fund status of \$597,993.08 in pooled investments and \$106,078.31 in our checking account. We made payments with warrants 19469-19518 totaling \$40,059.36. Beau Miller made a motion to accept the payment and fund status report, seconded by Mark Sattler with roll call as follows:

Dave Bench, Yes
Beau Miller, Yes
Mark Sattler, Yes

Motion carried.

Fire Department: Tony Parasiliti

Storm coverage staffed this past week with no issues. Had an interesting call this past week on a medical ice rescue with an air ambulance called. Furnace on the roof is out of commission with some repairs being made to get it back running again. Grants have been submitted with an unknown time frame to find out if any awards are issued.

Recreation: Mike Skitowski

No report, not in attendance.

Zoning: Linda Rossler

Nothing to report, items are covered under new business.

Maintenance: Kevin Chapman

No report, not in attendance.

Cemetery: Kevin Chapman

No report, not in attendance.

Mark Sattler reported expansion on hold with water and weather conditions.

Trustee Reports:

Cemetery – no report.

Hall Rental – Beau would like to hold off on March rentals until we see further trends with COVID figures.

Roads – Dave Bench thanked Kevin and Eric for the hard work at the last storm event. The board is not happy with the County Engineers handling the County maintained roads. We did a wonderful job on our Township maintained roads. Beau Miller received numerous complaints from residents who live on County roads.

Old Business:

1. Trash pickup savings options for 2021 – Mark Sattler reported no updates. He has is waiting for any feedback from Republic Services contact Scott.
2. Ditch petitions – Dave reported that he is working with an Amanda from the storm water side with efforts continuing. There are some additional efforts with more petitions over in the Arquette and Cedar Point areas. Dave will have an update in the future.
3. Review of Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Membership and Term Dates (Special

Meeting?) – Dave Bench working on getting information together so in the future we can have a special meeting.

4. Salt Shed Cleanup/Tree planting – Dave Bench let it go right now but will leave it on the agenda for future work. Too much time is being spent with the Sheriff concern.

5. Sheriff Navarre – Beau Miller shared a ruling with board from the County that was worked up with the Sheriff. Beau Miller spoke with the County Prosecutor and in plain English the Sheriff is responsible for keeping the peace, required by law in the County and if he chooses can patrol the County but that is not required by law. Beau Miller reached out to an Ottawa County Commissioner about permission to speak with the Ottawa County Sheriff. Beau is waiting for some options from that Sheriff with possibility of going into an agreement for service if that is a direction we need to go. It was recommended that we look at what Allen Township has setup with the Ottawa County Sheriff for a 40-hour patrol car a week similar to Allen Township costing that Township \$67,000.00 a year.

Mark Sattler reported that LGF (Local Government Funds) are a shared property tax fund and asked the Fiscal Officer to check into what that looks like for Jerusalem Township and can that be negotiated differently?

6. Pavement Preservation and Rehabilitation, March 3 2021 – Dave reported that the meeting was changed and that both road employees are attending.

7. Ohio EPA Storm water Pollution Prevention Plan Report – no report.

8. Eastern Maumee Bay Chamber of Commerce Report – Mark Sattler provided a report to the Chamber of the Township including general information sharing. This included what is going on in communities and also included School Districts.

9. Curtice / Williston Community Sewers, February 25, 2021 1:30 -? – Dave Bench reported he will be in attendance along with Beau Miller.

New Business:

1. County Engineer & Staff, Virtual Meeting March 8 at 9am – reminder of meeting from David Bench.

2. Dollar General Store proposal (Bono location / Water St.) - Mark Sattler, Dave Bench and Beau Miller reported they will submit the document to our attorney Ernest Cottrell for the sale to review.

3. Lucas County Township Association, Virtual Meeting - reminder to board members to attend.

4. TMACOG, Water Quality Council - Mark Sattler reported that they had asked if we could identify an alternate for the Township besides Mark. Dave Benched volunteered to be the alternate.

5. Lucas County Land Bank, 32 Parcels - Beau Miller had reviewed listing already with Linda Rossler. She would like the have the board consider accepting the 32 parcels as discussed prior to the meeting between Linda and Beau. The Fiscal Offer Joel Moszkowicz asked if the board could consider holding off on these properties until it is determined what the cost of property taxes would be to the

Township. He indicated the Township has owned properties in the past that have property taxes being charged against the Township. He also noted that in the past Linda has worked to get these taxes removed so Joel asks why would we accept these properties knowing we would be paying taxes. Linda indicated the purpose of accepting the properties is to consolidate and sell them, Joel is unsure how long that would take and the cost of the properties to the Township. The Fiscal Officer is concerned why we are incurring additional liabilities when we are working to reduce them. Linda indicates the purpose of the landbank is to help the Township get properties into tax paying hands. Joel believes it should not be the Township. Beau Miller agreed to determine what our tax liability would be for the 32 properties before the board makes a decision, remaining board members agree.

6. Watercraft Officer Call - James asked about the Lucas County Boat ramp and its status. Beau reported the ODNR would like consider acquiring the property to house their boats and also to build a classroom facility for boater education. Beau discussed prior discussion with the Township and the County. Beau wanted the boar to know about the call and maybe some future happenings with the spot.

Public Participation:


James Boothsby - asking if the Sheriff is joining us tonight, Mark indicated it is March 23rd at the regular meeting of the Township board.

Adjournment:


With no further business before the Board Mark Sattler made a motion to adjourn today's meeting. Seconded by Mark Sattler with roll call as follows:

Beau Miller, Yes
Dave Bench, Yes
Mark Sattler, Yes

Motion carried at 7:52 p.m.



Attested



Approved