



Jerusalem Township Board of Trustees Meeting
Held on October 12, 2021

The Board of Trustees of Jerusalem Township met in-person in the Township Meeting Room at 9501 Jerusalem Road and by virtual session through Zoom Meeting Online on the above date at 7:00 p.m.

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 September 28, 2021 Regular meeting minutes. Beau Miller seconded with roll call as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer: Joel Moszkowicz

The Fiscal Officer indicated a fund status of \$598,309.76 in pooled investments and \$608,135.86 in our checking account. We made payments with warrants 20079-20145 and electronic payments 125-2021 through 130-2021 totaling \$44,353.53 Deposits made since last meeting made totaling \$34,486.74.

Mark Sattler made a motion to accept the fiscal officer report by Beau Miller with roll call as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Fire Department: Tony Parasiliti

Safety Message: No message

Tony reported the title might be transferred soon for the ODNR boat donation with a winter storage location already determined. Radiation event training is coming up soon. Tony is looking to replace one of the Fire Department exterior doors that has corroded through due to rust from salt exposure.

Tony Parasiliti asked the board of trustees to approve hiring Andrew Reichert pending background and physical. The candidate is a 21-year veteran from Oregon Fire and Rescue and is already trained.

Beau Miller made a motion to accept pending background check and physical exam. Seconded by Dave Bench with roll call as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Recreation: Mike Skitowski

Mike is going to now winterize the fields, remove the bases, and call to have the portable toilet picked up.

The Basketball meeting is tonight with assignments to follow.

Mike was pleased to report that the Wynn gym will be open and available to us to be utilized.

Mike had a conversation with the Principal at Jerusalem Elementary who asked if the Recreation Department could help address the field on school property. The Board will ask Mike to determine the cost of updating the field on the School property to make a third baseball diamond available for recreation use.

The recreation department is still looking at installing a batting cage but the cost is too high currently. The bleachers are here and need to be put together.

Mike shared a draft job description for his replacement with the board to review.

Zoning: Linda Rossler

Linda not in attendance.

Maintenance: Kevin Chapman

Kevin reported that Eric will be attending the County meeting next Tuesday because Kevin will be off work Monday and Tuesday. Road studies are being completed as part of the Road Stimulus plan through the State of Ohio.

Cemetery: Kevin Chapman

No report.

Trustee Reports:

Cemetery – no report

Hall Rental – many new reservations reported by Beau Miller.

Roads – no report.

Old Business:

1. American Rescue Plan - Mark Sattler asked the Fiscal Officer to develop a one page sheet that the board can send out to department heads in order to compile recommended uses for the ARP funds. The Fiscal Officer indicated that the Board of Trustees should compile the list of these proposed expenditures and then consult legal counsel to ensure these items meet the ARP funding criteria.
2. Comprehensive Plan - Elvis Shepherd explained that two issues were of great importance in the survey responses: Law Enforcement and Zoning. Elvis recommended that an additional focused survey be developed and administered to obtain detailed input from Township Residents. Chief Tony Parasiliti, our Chief Safety Officer and Tim Titgemeyer agreed to help develop the questions. Mark Sattler will assist and put the survey out on the Township Website and FaceBook.
3. County Engineer - the County Chief Engineer made visits around the Township to view specific areas of focus for water movement and drainage brought to his attention by the Trustees. These areas include East & Rachel, Seaman & Teachout, Route 2 & Elliston Road, and Temple & Corduroy.
4. Wards Canal Dedication - Beau and Dave attended the event with a very nice marker installed highlighting our Township history and the importance of Ward's Canal.
5. Republic Trash Bid - Mark Sattler reviewed the Republic responses to questions from last meeting. Dave Bench reviewed the proposed contract drafted by the Lucas County Solid Waste Division but it does not properly reflect the understanding between Jerusalem Township and Republic. The Trustees will work to revise the contract before moving it forward.

Mark Sattler reported that Republic will honor the old per household rate but use the updated household count of 1,267. All agreed that the new service should begin on or about December 1, 2021. The 96 gallon carts can be staged at the Township Complex for future distribution.

6. COVID Update - Mark Sattler reported from the Lucas County Health Department meeting he attended that the case counts in Lucas County are declining both in schools and throughout the community except when large events take place. Booster clinics are taking place but volumes are less than expected. Mark Sattler reported that hospital Emergency Rooms are still on bypass throughout the County.

7. CARES Act Audit - no update from Fiscal Officer.
8. Food Pantry – Kevin Chapman reported that a new compressor is being delivered this week to be installed for the freezer.
9. Ohio Ethics Law Training - Dave Bench made mention of the upcoming training at Owens College.
10. Zoning Enforcement - tabled, Zoning inspector not in attendance.
11. WENS (Wireless Emergency Notification System) - Mark Sattler reinforced that the program through the County EMA allows two types of notifications, one through the County only for emergencies and one through the participating jurisdiction for nonemergency messaging. Mark Sattler reported this is a subscription program with an estimated cost of \$1,700.00 a year. Mark explained that if we subscribe, we can use our nonemergency civic notification for things like road closures, trash collection issues, fire and EMS events, etc. This expenditure would likely qualify as eligible for ARP funds.

Mark Sattler made a motion to approve funds not to exceed \$2,500.00 to sign up for WENS annually. Seconded by Dave Bench with roll call as follows:

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

Motion carried.

12. GETS / WPS (Government Emergency Telecommunications Service / Wireless Priority Service) - Mark Sattler shared about the Government Emergency Telecommunications Services / Wireless Priority Service program that integrates cell phone or land line prioritization for key Local Government representatives and staff when those infrastructures become overburdened. Mark indicated that this program is through the Department of Homeland Security and is no cost to the Township.

Mark Sattler reported he has signed up as the point of contact for the Township along with Tony Parasiliti so numbers can start being entered into this system.

13. John T. Kennedy Wetlands Reimbursement Pass Through - Beau Miller reported that Ducks Unlimited cannot pay the vendor directly but that the Township must first receive the funds and then issue payment to the contractor. The State of Ohio will pay their portion directly to the contractor. The Fiscal Officer indicated that because of this pass-through, once the funds are received, the Trustees will need to approve the change in appropriation before payment can be issued. He also stated the County Budget Commission will also need to be notified of the change in revenue for 2021.

14. Zoning Board Members Interviews - Mark Sattler stated that at the next meeting the board should go into executive session to interview the candidates. The board is in agreement.

New Business:

1. Tree Proposal - \$1,069.20 for eight big 3.5" diameter trees trees from North Branch Nursery for around the piles of grindings. The savings by purchasing them through Bench Farms is 20% below the Township pricing.

Mark Sattler made motion to approve reimbursement to Bench Farms for those trees. Seconded Beau Miller with roll call as follows:

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

Motion carried.

2. Ethics in Ohio Training - Dave Bench made mention of the upcoming virtual training on November 16th, 2021 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

3. 2022 Health Insurance - Mark Sattler reviewed the current proposal from Sprouse Insurance. Our rate increase is only 5% over 2021, keeping our high deductible plan the same. Beau Miller supports this increase.

4. Township Complex - Beau Miller wants to see some changes to the maintenance and upkeep of the training center complex, including along the fence and around the hydrants. In addition, the sign should be removed since it is not a training center anymore for the fire department. Further, the cellar mound needs to be trimmed or maybe removed completely. The concrete debris by the salt shed should be hauled out.

5. 2021 Halloween - Mark Sattler proposed to declare Sunday, October 31, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.as the official Halloween "trick-or-treating" hours for Jerusalem Township.

Mark Sattler made motion, Seconded by Beau Miller

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

Motion carried.

Public Participation:

Elvis Shepherd – In response to Bill Tank's concern about drivers receiving WENS Civic text messages while driving, Elvis stated that the individual gets to make the decision whether they look at their text alerts while driving or otherwise. He stated that he believes that the push communication methodology through the WENS program is a helpful program.

Cindy Getzinger - asked who controls the WENS system. The emergency messages will come from the County but the Township will need to appoint someone to handle the nonemergency civic messages. It will become a normal job responsibility such as hall rental or roads and bridges. She agrees it's a good idea.

Sandy Nissen – Sandy reminded everyone that the second reading on the Wilhelm and Niles Ditch petitions is scheduled for December 7 at 11:00 a.m. She feels the County is neglecting the ditch maintenance just as they have forced other issues such as 911 dispatching or sheriff road patrols. Sandy Nissen asked the board of trustees to withdraw the petition. She asked that the Township privately contract for ditch maintenance.

In response, Mark Sattler explained that there are two types of ditches. The first type are those along the roadway, with a primary purpose of draining the water away from the road. These ditches are maintained using the fees collected through gas tax, road and bridge levy, etc. and are NEVER petitioned. The second type are large drainage ditches with a primary purpose of draining and transporting water from a large watershed area. Mark reported that if these ditches are not petitioned, the maintenance is actually the responsibility of the adjacent private property owners. Many of these property owners do not have the equipment and knowledge to perform this work and some may not even know that they are responsible for the cleaning and maintenance. The most equitable and reliable solution is to petition the ditches so that all property owners in the watershed area who benefit from the drainage share in the cost and the County takes responsibility for professionally maintaining the ditches. Mark reported that the Township is able to use storm water monies to reduce or eliminate the petition assessment costs. Mark Sattler also stated that in regards to the withdrawal of the Township Petition, the petition cannot be withdrawn after the first reading because the County has already begun to expend time and money on the effort. Mark Sattler reported that the Township cannot contract to clean ditches on private property. The Township does not have access rights or responsibility for ditches on private property. The Ditch Petition is the instrument that gives the County (or their contractor) the responsibility for the ditches and rights of access.

Bill Tank - reported on a drainage area on Seaman road and wants to know when the County is going to address that area.

The Trustees indicated that that area was one of these visited this morning by the Chief County Engineer.

Mike Larson - lives at one of the parcels impacted by this petition. Has owned the parcel since 2005, and has reported the water has been backed up on his lawn and has personally experienced some positive benefit after work has been completed that made improvements to his property and quality of life.

Diane Holt - shared that the petition is the best option under Ohio Drainage law due to the fact that the Township works with the County through the Petition process because the properties are privately owned.

Beau Miller made a comment that he does not want to see the resident taxed but wishes to do this in sections, using storm water monies. Dave Bench explained that all of the Trustees are working to accomplish this.

Elvis Shepherd - shared that of all the Townships in Lucas County, Jerusalem Township has the second lowest property tax cost index. This means that our proportional property taxes are one of the lowest in the county. This is an indicator that our local township government is operating efficiently and keeping taxes low for our residents.

Bill Tank - asked how we can get the ball rolling with ditch work but cannot get the County to address the roadwork. The board all reported that the County Engineer and the board has had good movement with County agreement to replace over 20 catch basins. In addition, the Chief County Engineer visited four problem areas this morning and agreed to address them. The cooperation we are getting from the County Engineering department are positive and beneficial for our community.

Sandy Nissen - she stated she understands the ditches need to be cleaned but feels the County presented a bad option for the Board of Trustees.

Karen Wilhelm - asked the board of trustees about the zoning inspectors' property and the violations she presents. She provided a list of questions and asked that they be answered by the Board of Trustees. She stated they are questions that are yes and no answers. Copies are handed to all board members to review and address at a future meeting under the Freedom Of Information Act.

Cindy Getzinger - asked why there are two contracts, one from Lucas County Solid Waste District and one from Republic. Beau Miller explained that the County Solid Waste District helped the Township with securing bids and developing the contract on behalf of the Township compared to the Township drafting their own. The assistance from the County Solid Waste Division was at no cost to the Township.

Adjournment:

With no further business before the Board, Beau Miller made a motion to adjourn today's meeting at 8:45 p.m. Seconded by Mark Sattler with roll call as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Attested



Approved



Fund Status
As Of 10/12/2021

Fund Number	Fund Name	% of Total Pooled	Fund Balance	Investments (Non-Pooled)	Checking & Pooled Investments (Pooled)
1000	General	8.059%	\$97,230.19	\$0.00	\$97,230.19
2011	Motor Vehicle License Tax	1.929%	\$23,271.32	\$0.00	\$23,271.32
2021	Gasoline Tax	20.336%	\$245,336.97	\$0.00	\$245,336.97
2031	Road and Bridge	11.019%	\$132,939.21	\$0.00	\$132,939.21
2041	Cemetery	1.650%	\$19,904.19	\$0.00	\$19,904.19
2181	Zoning	0.239%	\$2,878.48	\$0.00	\$2,878.48
2191	Fire Levy	28.651%	\$345,667.90	\$0.00	\$345,667.90
2192	Recreation Levy	7.379%	\$89,020.89	\$0.00	\$89,020.89
2231	Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	6.981%	\$84,223.28	\$0.00	\$84,223.28
2272	Coronavirus Relief Fund	0.000%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2273	Coronavirus Relief Fund	13.601%	\$164,092.54	\$0.00	\$164,092.54
2401	Curtice Lighting Assessment	0.123%	\$1,487.28	\$0.00	\$1,487.28
2402	Bono Lighting Assessment	0.033%	\$393.37	\$0.00	\$393.37
4901	Miscellaneous Capital Projects	0.000%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9001	Agency - Hall Deposit Refund	0.000%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
All Funds Total			\$1,206,445.62	\$0.00	\$1,206,445.62
Pooled Investments					\$598,309.76
Secondary Checking Accounts					\$0.00
Available Primary Checking Balance					\$608,135.86

Last reconciled to bank: 09/30/2021 – Total other adjusting factors: \$0.01