

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

APRIL 14, 2015

Walters called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Jackson Township Hall with all Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Lyon, Vaccaro, Brink, Hogue, Boger, and Poindexter present. He requested that all cell phones be turned off at this time

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Speaks – None

Administration Department

ATTACHMENT 04/14/15 A

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to adopt and authorize the placement of the Board President's signature upon the attached Administrative Services Agreement with Mutual Health Services, a division of Medical Mutual Services, LLC. **3-0 yes**

Fire Department

ATTACHMENT 04/14/15 B

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to approve the appropriation transfer request from account code 210.210.5220, Hospitalization, to account code 210.210.5808, State Audit Fees, in the amount of \$190.29 and from account code 210.210.5220, Hospitalization, to account code 210.210.5502, Supplies/Materials, in the amount of \$70.10. **3-0 yes**

Legal Department

ATTACHMENT 04/14/15 C

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion not to request a hearing on the liquor permit notice to Savorgroup LLC, dba Savor, 4870 Frank Rd. N.W., North Canton, OH 44720. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 04/14/15 D

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to adopt and authorize the placement of the Board's signatures upon the attached Agreement with Belden Chen, LLC, dba Sakura Restaurant. **3-0 yes**

Vaccaro and Gonzalez explained that this is to allow the restaurant to acquire a liquor license that is available outside the Township to be used in Jackson Township. They said that Jackson Township has an anti-transfer policy to avoid having the area saturated with liquor licenses. They also pointed out that the agreement does not allow the license to be sold to another restaurant within the Township or transferred upon sale of the business.

ATTACHMENT 04/14/15 E

Walters moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to authorize the Law Director to join, as a signatory, with Perry and Plain Townships to request an advisory opinion from the Ohio Attorney General regarding Health District Funding. **3-0 yes**

Police Department

ATTACHMENT 04/14/15 F

Walters moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to approve the request for out-of-state travel to Moon Township, Pennsylvania, for Detectives Crookston and Haines to attend training on June 2 and 3, 2015 in accordance with the Travel Policy. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 04/14/15 G

Walters moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to approve the appropriation transfer request from account code 209.250.5702, Vehicle Purchase, to account code 209.250.5450, Dispatch, in the amount of \$1,700.00. **3-0 yes**

Walters moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to accept a \$500.00 donation to “Hooked on Fishing” from W. L. Logan Trucking Co. **3-0 yes**

Public Works Department

Highway Division

ATTACHMENT 04/14/15 H

Walters moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to approve Budget Module 2015-24-A for New Equipment – BWC Grant in the amount of \$20,050.00. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 04/14/15 I

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to approve the appropriation transfer request from account code 204.310.5387, Discretionary, to account code 204.310.5652, Equipment, in the amount of \$20,050.00. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 04/14/15 J

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to approve the purchase of Solar Flashing Stop Signs for the intersection of Mudbrook and Arlington. **3-0 yes**

Park Division

ATTACHMENT 04/14/15 K

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to adopt and authorize the placement of the Board President’s signature upon the attached Contract with American Fireworks Company. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 04/14/15 L

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to approve the attached request for temporary road closures for the Community Celebration 5K race and fireworks. **3-0 yes**

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to accept the following sponsorship donations to the 2015 Community Celebration:

1. \$100.00 from the Paul & Carol David YMCA
2. \$100.00 from GonzOil
3. \$100.00 from Sutphen Corporation
4. \$1,000.00 from Conrad's.

3-0 yes

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to accept a \$100.00 donation to Jackson Parks from Jackson Silverhawks.

3-0 yes

ATTACHMENT 04/14/15 M

Walters moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to approve the appropriation transfer request from account code 214.510.5387, Discretionary, to account code 214.510.5902, Refunds, in the amount of \$10,000.00.

3-0 yes

Fiscal Office

ATTACHMENT 04/14/15 N

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$1,924,952.59.

3-0 yes

ATTACHMENT 04/14/15 O

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2015 and April 7, 2015 Board of Trustees' meetings.

3-0 yes

ATTACHMENT 04/14/15 P

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to approve the March 2015 Financial Reports.

3-0 yes

Routine Business

Announcements

- Next regular Board of Trustees meeting, April 28, 2015, 4:00 p.m., Executive Session and/or Work Session; 5:00 p.m., General Session, Township Hall.
- CIC Meeting, April 16, 2015, 8:00 a.m., Township Hall.
- CIC Work Session, July 27, 2015, 3:30 p.m., Township Hall.
- LOGIC, May 7, 2015, 9:00 a.m., Safety Center, Chiefs' Conference Room.
- Zoning Commission, April 16, 2015, 5:00 p.m., Township Hall.
- Board of Zoning Appeals, April 23, 2015, 5:30 p.m., Township Hall.

- Citizens Advisory Committees:
 - Community Celebration, May 13, 2015, 5:30 p.m., Township Hall.
 - Highway/Traffic, May 20, 2015, 6:30 p.m., Township Hall.
 - Park, July 8, 2015, 6:30 p.m., Township Hall.
- Friends of the Park, July 8, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Township Hall.
- Jackson Township Recycling Station Board, April 22, 2015, 11:00 a.m., Buehler's Community Room.
- Bicentennial Committee, May 12, 2015, 6:30 p.m., Jackson Old School House on Fulton Road.
- Hooked on Fishing Day, Saturday, May 9, 2015, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m., Jackson North Park. Register by May 8; no cost.

Old Business – None

New Business

Gonzalez told the Board that the Township Auditors are here and that he and Marilyn attended the pre-audit meeting. He said President Walters filled out and gave them the questionnaire that they requested. He said they would be here for a few weeks.

Public Speaks – Open Forum

Troy Gardner, 3090 Wickford Ave., N.W., Canton, Ohio, said he had a concern about a motion made on February 24. He said a new Police Department Rules and Regulations, ORC Section 505.409, then the minutes read:

‘That be it further resolved that the Police Chief may approve any amendments to the General Orders as needed.’

He said after reading further, possibly in the Repository or Suburbanite, it read a little different. He said ‘Trustees gave Police Chief Mark Brink the authority to amend the Police Department’s Rules, Regulations and General Orders without the Trustees approval.’ He said his concern is that although Chief Brink might be a great guy and very trustworthy, he is not held accountable to the same degree that the Trustees are. He said he would like to suggest that the Trustees stay in the driver’s seat regarding approval of Rules and Regulations and General Orders. He asked who initiated that motion.

Walters said he didn’t remember but the question would be looked into.

Pizzino pointed out that a lot of that had to do with the day to day operation of the police and fire departments. He said the Trustees didn't want to micro-manage anyone. He said if it had something to do with the hiring or firing policy, then they did want to keep control of that and they have.

Hawke said the General Orders have to do with the ability to run the department on a daily basis but it doesn't include major policy changes. He said to keep in mind that the Trustees do still have the final word but the chiefs need to be able to run the department and assign officers as needed.

Chief Brink pointed out that the General Orders include how their paperwork is to be done, as far as who it's turned in to, who approves it and that type of thing. He said if he finds a problem there, he needs the ability to make changes immediately.

Gonzalez said if he read through the Rules and Regulations, he would probably find that most of it refers to administrative duties. He suggested that if Mr. Gardner had an issue with any of them he bring them back before the Board.

Someone asked how long each of them have been Trustees. Walters said (indecipherable). Pizzino said fifteen years. Hawke said he's been a Trustee since April 2012.

Someone asked what qualifications were needed. Walters said there were not a lot of qualifications, some of which are being a qualified elector in the Township meaning being a registered voter; you must be 18 years old and a resident of the Township.

Someone asked about restaurants going in near Buehler's (indistinguishable). Gonzalez said if she finds out to let them know. Walters said Taco Bell is there.

Someone asked if they have other jobs besides being Trustee. Walters said yes, he works for a marketing company in Akron, (indistinguishable).

Someone asked if any of the Trustees have held any other political positions. Hawke said he hadn't, he's been a resident of Ohio all his life but not a resident of Jackson Township all his life and this is his first elected position. Pizzino said he's lived in Jackson all his life.

Someone asked how much time each day is spent on Township business. Walters said it varies on a weekly basis but all the Trustees are pretty active. He said Mr. Pizzino is here more days than not and the same for Mr. Hawke. Mr. Pizzino pointed out that Mr. Gonzalez was a Trustee for eight years and has a lot of knowledge and helps them a lot.

Someone asked what they do in their full time jobs. Walters said he works for a marketing company. Pizzino said he's been self-employed most of his life. Hawke said he is a financial advisor working with individuals and businesses in all areas of finance.

Walters called a short recess. At 6:00 p.m., Walters called the meeting back to order.

Walters called the Public Hearing for Street Lighting District for Greenwich Place to order. Gonzalez told the Board the lights are up in this district and everything is in place. He said there aren't very many land owners involved since it's a new development

He asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the lighting district. No one came forward.

He asked if anyone would like to speak against the lighting district. No one came forward.

He pointed out that this lighting district complies with the new changes made because the lights that have been put in are not standard poles.

**RESOLUTION 15-025, ATTACHED
GREENWICH PLACE STEET LIGHTING DISTRICT**

Walters moved and Pizzino seconded a motion that a hearing having been had upon the attached petition requesting that the Board of Jackson Township Trustees take all lawful and proper proceedings to light artificially the streets and public ways in an unincorporated district in this Township, following notice and actual view taken, and the Board of Township Trustees finding:

- (1) That the petition was filed with the Township Fiscal Officer on December 12, 2014 and that the Board of Township Trustees was duly notified by him of such filing and a copy of the petition was delivered to it on March 20, 2015.
- (2) That the petition was signed by owners of more than one-half of the front feet of the lots and lands abutting on the streets and public ways of the aforesaid district, and that the petition complied with the law in specifying the metes and bounds of the district but included no lands more than 660 feet from, nor any lands not abutting on, the streets and public ways in such districts; and
- (3) That due notice of a hearing before the Board of Township Trustees on the petition for Greenwich Place was duly and timely served on all lot owners and corporation affected by the proposed improvement, and was duly and timely published as against nonresidents pursuant to ORC 515.04, and return of due service and publication was made according to law.

Be it further resolved by the Board of Trustees of Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio, that the proposed improvement to light artificially the streets and public ways in the district is necessary, and the petition is granted accordingly; that the number of lights necessary to light properly the streets and public ways is 4, that the lights shall be standard street light lumens; that they shall be located at the places described in the attached print; and that the kind of supports therefore shall be as described on the attached information Agreement Form.

Be it further resolved that, pursuant to ORC Sections 9.30 and 515.08 and in accordance with the Tariff for Ohio Edison, we hereby contract with Ohio Edison for not less than one (1) year and shall continue thereafter until terminated sixty (60) days after either party has given written notice to the other of the intention to terminate, for the operating costs of the lights described in the attached plan in the amount of approximately \$3.94 per light per month for a total of \$188.88 per year.

Be it further resolved that the costs and expenses of furnishing and maintaining such lights shall be paid from a fund made by special assessment against the lots and lands in the district semiannually equally per lot and the Fiscal Officer shall certify the assessment to the Stark County Auditor's Office. **3-0 yes**

Rob Peirson, Deputy Director of Child Support, Stark County Job and Family Services, came to speak about the renewal levy on the ballot on May 5th. He said it represents 40% of the funding for Children's Services. He pointed out that it is a renewal levy of 1.4 mills and it is the same amount that has existed since 1990. He said it allows the agency to investigate over 3,000 reports of abuse and neglect in any given year. He said if the child must be removed from the home this levy also helps fund the care of the child whether it be in foster care, a group home or residential treatment. He said the levy also helps pay for counseling and support services to keep the child in the home and the family intact whenever possible. He said there is also a 24 hour hot-line to report a child in danger. He said for a \$100,000.00 home the cost of the levy is \$42.75 per year.

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for Public Works Department, Park Division, Personnel (Appointment/Employment/Compensation) – Interview seasonal leased park maintenance worker applicant. **3-0 yes**

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to go into Executive Session to consider confidential information related to economic development assistance as described in Ohio Revised Code §121.22(G)(8)(1) and (2). **3-0 yes**

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to go into Executive Session to prepare for and review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 04/14/15Q

Upon return from Executive Session, Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to authorize the hiring of Nolan Kelly as a seasonal leased park maintenance worker (first year), through a temporary service, subject to a negative drug screen, at the rate of \$8.10 per hour, effective April 20, 2015, in accordance with the attached memorandum from David Ruwadi. **3-0 yes**

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to adjourn. **3-0 yes**

James Walters

Randy Gonzalez