

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

### MINUTES OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

**MARCH 28, 2017**

Hawke called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. at the Jackson Township Hall with Trustees Hawke and Pizzino, Fiscal Officer, Vaccaro, Brink, Poindexter and Boger present. Trustee Walters was on vacation.

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for Public Works – Park Division Personnel (Appointment/Employment/Compensation) – Interview Park Advisory Committee Applicant. **2-0 yes**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for Police Department Personnel (Appointment/Employment/Personnel) – Interview Full-time Police Patrol Officer Applicant. **2-0 yes**

Upon return from Executive Session at 5:00 p.m., Hawke called the General Session to order with all department heads present. He requested that all cell phones be turned off at this time.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### **Public Speaks**

Sheriff George Maier spoke about the Stark County Criminal Justice Sales Tax renewal. He said the Stark County Justice System supports the Prosecutor's office, the Clerk of Courts office, the Coroner, the Sheriff and the jail, the 5<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals, Court of Common Pleas General Division, Court of Common Pleas Family Division, and the Court of Common Pleas Probate Division, the Public Defender's office, Multi-county juvenile detention center, and court expenses for judges, law directors and bailiffs and court transport. He said they are asking the voters to support the renewal. He pointed out that it is not a new tax and that it will not overlap the current tax. He said that on December 31, 2018, Motorola will no longer support the current Countywide radio system. He said it has antiquated technology. He said the current system is failing and needs to be updated. He said it will cost ten to twelve million dollars to upgrade and be part of the Statewide system. He said it will take sixteen to eighteen months to build the new system. He gave a demonstration of the new radio and the distance and clarity that the system provides.

Gonzalez reiterated that this isn't about dispatching, it's about the radio system. He said it was a major decision to go with this system. He said the governance board, which the Sheriff chairs and which he previously chaired, put a lot of thought into choosing which system to upgrade to. He pointed out that this is a Statewide radio system. He said he is glad that they made the decision they did and that it is time for that.

Pizzino thanked the Sheriff and the Commissioners. He said that it is good to see that the County sees the importance of this. He said he has been on the board for seventeen years and that they

don't usually endorse this type of commitment but it is important that the voters hear from the Police and Fire Chiefs about this.

Brink said this is important to them and that the radios have been purchased. He said they were purchased last year with half the cost coming from forfeited money. He said when he became Chief four years ago, at every roll call he was asked when the radios would be fixed and that the system didn't work for them. He said that after the initial outlay to pay for the radios, they are now saving money each month. He thanked the Sheriff for his leadership.

Hogue thanked the Sheriff and Commissioners. He said that with these radios the firefighters are better able to respond and are safer while on mutual aid calls.

Sheriff Maier said that the City of Massillon, the City of Canton, Perry Township and the County have worked together to prepare a local government capital improvement grant and that they have been awarded a half million dollar grant to be used on this project.

#### **RESOLUTION 17-039, ATTACHED**

#### **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RENEWAL OF THE STARK COUNTY 0.50% CRIMINAL JUSTICE SALES TAX FOR AN ADDITIONAL EIGHT (8) YEAR TERM TO ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF THE ADEQUATE FUNDING OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES IN STARK COUNTY, OHIO.**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion whereas, the voters of Stark County authorized a 0.50% Sales Tax dedicated solely to help fund the Stark County Criminal Justice System on November 8, 2011 for an eight (8) year term and since that time, thanks to the voters of Stark County and the Criminal Justice Sales tax they authorized, the Stark County jail is reopened to full capacity of more than 500 beds and laid off Sheriff's deputies and Prosecutor's are back on the job protecting the citizens of Stark County.

Whereas, of Stark County Government's 2017 operational budget in excess of \$65,000,000, the costs of Criminal Justice related expenses are nearly \$46,000,000.00, which totals 70% of all County expenses.

Whereas, there is a clear need to continue the Criminal Justice Sales tax since the approximately \$29,000,000.00 which the 0.50% Criminal Justice Sales Tax is projected to generate in 2017, still only covers 64% of the County's Criminal Justice expenses.

Whereas, as of April 2017, no other County in Ohio has a lower sales tax rate than Stark County; only two other Ohio Counties have the same rate as Stark County; and 85 other Ohio Counties having a higher sales tax rate than Stark County.

Whereas the Board of Stark County Commissioners and County elected officials have worked hard to keep expenditures in line, and to expend sales tax dollars entrusted to them wisely and frugally to best serve the citizens of Stark County.

Whereas, Stark County has a county-wide first responder radio system that will be obsolete and unsupported by the manufacturer, Motorola, as of 12/31/2018, causing an unacceptable risk to public safety.

Whereas, a renewal of the 0.50% Criminal Justice Sales tax now (rather than in 2019) will allow County Commissioners to borrow the \$10-20 Million Dollars needed to fund the upgrade (before 12/31/2018) to a new county-wide radio system that will accommodate any and all Stark County first-responders that wish to join the County-wide radio system. The Commissioners will then use Criminal Justice sales tax dollars, over the term of the sales tax, to pay back that money borrowed to fund the upgrade of the County-wide radio system for first responders.

Whereas, the Jackson Township Safety Forces have purchased radios with General Fund grant monies, forfeiture funds and FEMA grants in anticipation of their current radio system becoming obsolete in 2018.

Whereas, the Jackson Township Safety Forces' new radio platform is interdependent on a new county-wide radio system that will accommodate any and all Stark County first-responders.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio, does hereby support and endorse the renewal of the Stark County 0.50% Criminal Justice Sales Tax (Stark County Issue #1) for another term of eight (8) years at the Primary Election to be held on May 2, 2017. **2-0 yes**

## **Police Department**

### **RESOLUTION 17-040, ATTACHED**

#### **APPOINTMENT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion whereas, Resolution No. 17-003 is incorporated herein, and Nicholas F. Marich has successfully completed the background check, negative drug screen, and other testing requirements.

Be it resolved that, pursuant to ORC Section 505.49 and 509.01, Nicholas F. Marich is hereby employed and appointed as a Part-time Patrol Officer and Township Constable for the Jackson Township Police District, Stark County, Ohio, effective April 2, 2017 at 0001 hours at the Part-time Patrol Officer rate of \$17.0000 per hour. **2-0 yes**

Hawke administered the oath of office.

### **RESOLUTION 17-041, ATTACHED**

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF OATH FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion that we hereby accept the attached oath of office for Nicholas F. Marich, Part-time Patrol Officer and Police Constable for the Jackson Township Police District, Stark County, Ohio, effective April 2, 2017 at 0001 hours. **2-0 yes**

**RESOLUTION 17-042, ATTACHED**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion pursuant to ORC Section 505.49 and 509.01, we hereby appoint Nicholas C. Hesse, as a Full-Time Patrol Officer and Township Constable for the Jackson Township Police District, Stark County, Ohio, conditioned upon providing proof of Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy certification, successful completion of the background check, negative drug screen and any other testing requirements. **2-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 03/28/17 A**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to approve the appropriation transfer request from account code 209.250.5299, Discretionary PS, to account code 209.250.5120, Operations – OT, in the amount of \$5,000.00 and from account code 209.250.5299, Discretionary, to account code 209.258.5120, DB – OT, in the amount of \$30,000.00. **2-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 03/28/17 B**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to authorize out-of-state travel for Officer Tim Rice and K9 Ruger to attend training in Indiantown, Pennsylvania, May 16-17, 2017, in accordance with the Jackson Township Travel Policy. **2-0 yes**

**Administration Department**

**ATTACHMENT 03/28/17 C**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to accept a donation from MCTV in the amount of \$28,200.00 for the Community Celebration and for supplies, flags, Christmas decorations and promotional items. **2-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 03/28/17 D**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to approve and authorize the Board members to sign the attached Community Celebration Agreement with the Jackson Township Rotary Club, Jackson Township Lions, and Belden Village Kiwanis Club. **2-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 03/28/17 E**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to approve the attached Amended Jackson Township Drug and Alcohol Policy, effective April 1, 2017. **2-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 03/28/17 F**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion not to request a hearing on the advisability of issuing a liquor permit to Clark Towpath Cabin LLC, 4462 Erie Ave NW RR3, Massillon, Ohio 44647. **2-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 03/28/17 G**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion not to request a hearing on the advisability of issuing a liquor permit to Lakes Venture LLC dba Fresh Thyme Farmers Market, 5509 Dressler Rd NW, North Canton, Ohio 44720. **2-0 yes**

**RESOLUTION 17-043, ATTACHED  
WENS SERVICE AGREEMENT**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion that we hereby adopt and authorize the placement of the Board President’s signature upon the attached Agreement for WENS Services with Inspiron Logistics. **2-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 03/28/17 H**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to approve the Jackson Township EPA Phase II NPDES Storm Water Management Annual Report for year ending December 31, 2016, and to authorize the Board President to sign the certification and letter. **2-0 yes**

**Public Works Department**

**Highway Division**

Boger opened the bids received for the 2017 Resurfacing Project.

Northstar Asphalt	\$1,274,055.33
Superior Paving	\$1,287,820.77

Boger opened the bids received for the 2017 Curbing Project.

Tri War	\$130,020.00
Spano Brothers	\$ 94,560.00
T R. Snyder	\$ 68,272.32
Lockhart Concrete	\$ 99,997.20

Boger will review the bids and return to the Board with the lowest and best bid.

**Park Division**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to accept the following sponsorship donations to the 2017 Community Celebration:

1. \$500.00 Fallsway Equipment Company
2. \$500.00 Friends of Jackson Community Park
3. \$500.00 Standard Plumbing & Heating Co. **2-0 yes**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to accept the donation of a Crimson King Maple tree from Jan Gwin in memory of Jean and Jack Friedman. **2-0 yes**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to accept the donation of \$142.50 from the Jackson Local Schools Foundation (Jackson Polar Bear Plunge event) to the benefit of the Jackson Township Parks Amphitheater Project. **2-0 yes**

Gonzalez said an account is being opened for the amphitheater project and this is the first deposit to that account.

**ATTACHMENT 03/28/17 I**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to adopt and authorize the placement of the Board President's signature upon the attached Community Celebration Contract with American Fireworks Company. **2-0 yes**

**RESOLUTION 17-044, ATTACHED  
NORTH PARK PARKING LOT REPAIR**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to adopt and authorize the placement of the Board President's signature upon the attached proposal from Vasco Asphalt Company for the repair, sealing, and striping of the North Park Parking Lots. **2-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 03/28/17 J**

The Survey Authorization was tabled.

**Central Maintenance Division**

**RESOLUTION 17-045, ATTACHED  
DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion whereas, Ohio Revised Code Section 505.101 (A) permits the Jackson Township Board of Trustees to adopt by resolution a list of personal property that is not needed for public use, or is obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was acquired, and to discard the personal property that has no value and;

Be it resolved, and pursuant to, Ohio Revised Code Section 505.10(A)(7), the Board of Jackson Township Trustees hereby finds the attached list of televisions and computer monitors are no longer needed for the use it was originally acquired, said equipment has no value and is unfit for use, and authorizes the discarding of the items listed. **2-0 yes**

**Fire Department**

**ATTACHMENT 03/28/17 K**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to authorize out-of-state travel for Deputy Chief Michael Crable and Battalion Chief Kai Rieger to attend training in Indianapolis, April 24 – 29, 2017, in accordance with the Jackson Township Travel Policy. **2-0 yes**

**Fiscal Office**

**ATTACHMENT 03/28/17 L**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$695,670.78. **2-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 03/28/17 M**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the March 14, 2017 Board of Trustees' meeting. **2-0 yes**

Gonzalez said he has been here thirty years and they have never endorsed a school levy, a police levy or a fire levy. He said for the Board to step up on this important topic, that it's the first time Stark County has taken on a county wide project that big and expensive, shows great leadership on the part of the Board.

## **Routine Business**

### **Announcements**

- Next regular Board of Trustees' meeting, April 11, 2017, 4:00 p.m., Executive Session and/or Work Session; 5:00 p.m., General Session, Township Hall.
- CIC, April 20, 2017, 8:00 a.m., Township Hall.
- LOGIC, April 6, 2017, 9:00 a.m., Safety Center Chiefs' Conference Room.
- Citizens Advisory Committees:
  - Community Celebration, April 12, 2017, 5:30 p.m., Township Hall.
  - Park Citizens Advisory Committee and Friends of the Jackson Parks, April 19, 2017, 5:30 p.m., Township Hall.
  - Highway/Traffic, May 17, 2017, 6:30 p.m., Township Hall.
- Jackson Recycling Board, April 20, 2017, 11:00 a.m., Buehler's Community Room.
- Zoning Meetings:
  - Board of Zoning Appeals, April 13, 2017, 5:30 p.m., Township Hall.
  - Zoning Commission – None scheduled.
- Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 8, 2017, 11:00 a.m., Jackson North Park, for children from Crawlers through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade.

**Old Business** - None

### **New Business**

Vaccaro said there was an interview earlier and he requested a motion be made regarding that interview.

**ATTACHMENT 03/28/17 N**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to appoint Jared Phillips to serve as a volunteer member of the 2017 Park Citizens Advisory Committee. **2-0 yes**

Public Speaks – Open Forum

No one came forward.

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to adjourn. **2-0 yes**

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**Todd Hawke**

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**Randy Gonzalez**