

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

SEPTEMBER 23, 2014

Hawke called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Jackson Township Hall with all Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Lyon, Vaccaro, Brink, Hogue and Bissler present.

Troy Gardner, 3090 Wickford Avenue N.W., Canton, Ohio 44708, spoke about a Citizens Review Board. He said that a Citizens Review Board is one method of creating transparency with the Police Department. He said if the Trustees didn't feel a Review Board is a great idea he said he was open to suggestions from the Trustees to create transparency between the Police and the citizens. He said the Coffee with a Cop was great, it gave people a chance to go talk with the Police and Police Chief. He said maybe something like that would help if it was done more often. He said that in 2014 there are Citizens Advisory Committees for Highway/Traffic, Park, Community Celebration. He pointed out that a Citizens Review Board has no real authority that the only thing the Board would do is to agree or disagree with the findings of an internal investigation. He said the real decisions are still with the Trustees. He pointed out that at the last meeting the Trustees said they were the citizens' review but he said it was possible that the Trustees could be biased. He asked the Board if they were against it how many citizens' signatures would it take on a petition to raise the Board's interest.

Hawke said a lot is policy and process generated. He pointed out that the Trustees have been elected to do the job of an Advisory Committee. He also pointed out that any disciplinary issues, which is most of what Mr. Gardner is talking about, is heavily governed by the contract with the Police Union and those contracts do not authorize the use of a Citizens Review Committee. He pointed out that Jackson Township does not do their own internal investigations, outside companies or individuals are hired to do internal investigations and report to the Trustees the findings.

Pizzino reiterated that the Trustees depend on hired professionals to the investigations and that it is the Trustees job to make the decision. He pointed out that the Police Officers are in attendance at the Community Celebration, the Haunted Hayride, the Safety Center open house, and many other events.

Walters pointed out that none of the Township's current Citizens Advisory Committees review any disciplinary issues or procedures.

Gonzalez pointed out that the Coffee with a Cop wasn't a big success because only about five people showed up and two other people had a similar idea and are trying to do something else with the Police Department. He said the Police Department notifies entire neighborhoods to a meeting to find out what people want and what's going on with the Department. He said they have had community oriented police in Jackson Township for many years now. He said that most of the things Mr. Gardner wants to see regarding investigations the public isn't privy to. He said the Township has to protect the officers and in some cases protect the citizens and the

information contained in an investigative file isn't a public file in many cases. He said they aren't trying to hide anything, they just want to be sure not to hurt people that shouldn't be hurt. He said the Trustees pick the best people they can to do this type of investigation.

Mr. Gardner said he wasn't aware of the neighborhood meetings.

Vaccaro said that the law says that the substance of the investigation isn't released to anybody. He said there is a whole body of law about protecting personal information, confidentiality, and what has to be done to protect that.

Mr. Gardner said he was more concerned with police brutality type claims with citizens, not necessarily one cop complaining about another.

Gonzalez said he couldn't remember any cases like that, only cases questioning what officers were doing but it wasn't brutality. He said even in those cases someone was brought in to look at it. He said it isn't a bad idea but he didn't see how it could work legally.

Mr. Gardner asked how many resident signatures it would take to raise the Trustees interest.

Pizzino said he didn't see that Mr. Gardner was promoting a better system than what is already in place. He said the system in place was fair to the officer and fair to the citizens.

Major Bissler said that any time there is use of force or any time the police have to put their hands on somebody, whether it be a foot chase or a car chase, an administrative review is done on every single one, whether anyone complains of injury or not. He said the Sergeant goes down and interviews the arrestee and the officer and passes the report up through the chain of command.

Hawke moved and Walters 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**

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for Legal Department Personnel (Appointment/Employment/Compensation). **3-0 yes**

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for Fire Department Personnel (Appointment/Employment/Compensation). **3-0 yes**

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for Police Department Personnel (Appointment/Employment/Compensation). **3-0 yes**

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for Public Works Department Personnel (Appointment/Employment/Compensation). **3-0 yes**

Upon return from Executive Session at 5:34 p.m., Hawke called the General Session to order with all department heads present except Poindexter who was on vacation. He requested that all cell phones be turned off at this time.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Speaks – None

Fire Department

**RESOLUTION 14-076, ATTACHED
BATTALION CHIEF APPOINTMENT**

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion pursuant to ORC Section 505.38, we hereby appoint Michael L. Crable as Full Time Battalion Chief for the Jackson Township Fire Department, Stark County, Ohio, effective September 26, 2014 at 0800 hours, with compensation of \$71,763.00 per year and the benefits of a Class B employee as described in the Benefit Package for Management Personnel, except Michael L. Crable shall pay 2% of the employee's contribution to OPFPF, and will serve a one year probationary period.

Be it further resolved that we hereby accept the attached oath of office. **3-0 yes**

Chief Hogue administered the oath of office. Hawke called a short recess to allow time for photos.

Administration Department

ATTACHMENT 09/23/14 A

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to appoint the attached listed individuals to serve as members of the 2015 Jackson Township Community Celebration Advisory Committee.

3-0 yes

Police Department

ATTACHMENT 09/23/14 B

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to adopt and authorize the placement of the Board President's signature upon the attached Ohio Traffic Safety Office OVI Countywide Task Force Memorandum of Understanding for the Public Works Department, Highway Division, and the Jackson Township Police Department. **3-0 yes**

Public Works Department

Highway Division

ATTACHMENT 09/23/14 C

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to approve Budget Module 2014-27-A for Rolling Green Pipe Replacement in the amount of \$17,750.00. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 09/23/14 D

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to approve the appropriation transfer request from account code 204.310.5299, Discretionary, to account code 204.310.5114, Temporary Service, in the amount of \$13,000.00. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 09/23/14 E

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to extend the time of completion for the 2014 Curbing Project until October 17, 2014. **3-0 yes**

Park Division

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to accept a \$59.19 donation to the Parks from Jared A. Crum. **3-0 yes**

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to accept the donation of a Maple Autumn Blaze tree for the parks from the Craven Family in memory of their father, Patrick Craven. **3-0 yes**

Zoning and Planning Department

ATTACHMENT 09/23/14 F

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to set a public hearing on October 28, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. for nuisance violations of Parcels 16-21952 and 16-21962, Dromoland NW, property owner Timberidge Enterprises. **3-0 yes**

Fiscal Office

ATTACHMENT 09/23/14 G

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$646,693.25. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 09/23/14 H

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to approve the minutes of September 9, 2014 Board of Trustees' meeting. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 09/23/14 I

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to approve the August 2014 financial reports. **3-0 yes**

Routine Business

Announcements

- Board of Trustees next regular meeting, October 14, 2014, 4:00 p.m., Executive Session and/or Work Session; 5:00 p.m., General Session, Township Hall.

- LOGIC
 - Special meeting, September 25, 2014, 9:00 a.m., Jackson Safety Center, Chiefs' Conference Room.
 - Regular Meeting followed by RED Center Open House, October 2, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Township Hall.
- CIC, October 16, 2014, 8:00 a.m., Township Hall.
- Board of Zoning Appeals:
 - October 9, 2014, 5:30 p.m., Township Hall.
 - October 15, 2014, 5:30 p.m., Township Hall.
- Jackson Township Recycling Station Board, September 24, 2014, 11:00 a.m., Buehler's Community Room.
- Citizens Advisory Committees:
 - Community Celebration, October 8, 2014, 5:30 p.m., Township Hall.
 - Park, October 8, 2014, 6:30 p.m., Township Hall.
 - Highway/Traffic, November 19, 2014, 6:30 p.m., Township Hall.
- Friends of the Park, October 8, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Township Hall.
- National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, September 27, 2014, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Jackson Police Department, Safety Center.
- Farmers Market, Thursdays through October 2, from 3:00 – 6:30 p.m., North Park.
- Fire & Police Open House, Sunday, October 5, 2014, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Safety Center.
- Bicentennial Committee, October 14, 2014, 6:30 p.m., Jackson Old School House on Fulton Road.
- Unity in our Community Pancake Breakfast & Health Fair, Saturday, October 18, 2014, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Jackson High School Commons.
- Jackson Haunted Hayride, Saturday, October 18, 2014, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m., Jackson South Park.

- Jackson Township Halloween Trick or Treat, Sunday, October 26, 2014, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- Jackson Township Facebook Page, Jackson Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio.

Old Business – None

New Business

ATTACHMENT 09/23/14 J

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to authorize the Law Director, under the direction of the Jackson Township Board of Trustees, to negotiate a JEDD Agreement with Stolle Machinery. **3-0 yes**

Gonzalez complemented Trustee Hawke for working on this project with the City of Canton and also Steve Meeks from the Chamber of Commerce. He said it would be a good thing for Jackson Township.

ATTACHMENT 09/23/14 K

Walters moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to support the appointment of Jackson Township Trustee Todd Hawke to serve as a member of the Stark County Access Management Advisory Committee. **3-0 yes**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to appoint Gary Harrison to Captain in the Fire Department at the next regular Trustee meeting. **3-0 yes**

Public Speaks – Open Forum

No one came forward.

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

Upon return from Executive Session at 8:00 p.m., Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to adjourn. **3-0 yes**

Todd Hawke

Randy Gonzalez