

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING

AUGUST 3, 2022

Hawke called the special meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. at the Jackson Township Hall with Trustees Todd Hawke, John Pizzino and Jim Thomas present. Fiscal Officer Gonzalez, Administrator/Law Director Vaccaro, Police Chief Brink, and Public Works Director Rohn were also in attendance.

Hawke requested that all cell phones be silenced.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Administration Department

ATTACHMENT 08/03/22 A

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to authorize and place the Board Members' signatures on a letter of support for the City of Green's Mt. Pleasant/Arlington Road Intersection Project.

3-0 yes

Legal Department

RESOLUTION 22-190 ATTACHED

RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING 4 MILL ROAD LEVY

RESOLUTION ON SUBMISSION OF QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING TAX OF FOUR (4) MILLS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5705.19(G), 5705.191 AND 5705.25 FOR THE GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING, AND REPAIR OF STREETS, ROADS, AND BRIDGES IN JACKSON TOWNSHIP, STARK COUNTY, OHIO FOR FIVE (5) YEARS, TAX YEARS 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027, COMMENCING IN 2023, FIRST DUE IN CALENDAR YEAR 2024.

Hawke moved and Thomas seconded a motion whereas, upon due investigation and consideration, the Board of Trustees of Jackson Township has determined that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten (10) mill limitation in and for said Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio, for the next five (5) years will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements for said Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio for the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges in Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio; and

Whereas, by reason thereof, this board has determined that it will be necessary to renew an existing tax of four (4.0) mills, which is in excess of such limitation, for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges in Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio; and,

Whereas, pursuant to the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03(B), this Board as taxing authority for Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio, certified to the Stark County Auditor, on the 26th day of July, 2022, a resolution requesting that the Stark County Auditor certify to this Board as taxing authority for Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio, the total current tax valuation of Jackson Township as a subdivision, and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the renewal of an existing tax of four (4.0) mills for the benefit of Jackson Township, which resolution stated that the purpose of said tax was for the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges in Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio for five (5) years, tax years 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024. Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.19(G), 5705.191, and 5705.25 authorizes submission of the question of the tax.

Whereas, the Stark County Auditor based upon said certification request advised this Board, pursuant to the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03(B), on or about the 27th day of July, 2022 as provided for in said section, that the total current tax valuation of the subdivision was \$1,955,101,130.00, and that the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a specified number of mills, to wit, a renewal of four (4.0) mills would be \$2,969,073.00 for the proposed renewal for the above stated purposes; and,

Whereas, by reason of facts above set forth, this Board has determined that it should, and hereby does, declare itself to submit to the electors of Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio, at the general election to be held on November 8, 2022, the question of renewing an existing tax of four (4.0) mills, outside the ten (10) mill limitation for the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges in Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio for five (5) years, tax years 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024.

Be it resolved that there shall be submitted to the electors of Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio, at the general election to be held on November 8, 2022, the question of the renewal of an existing tax outside the ten (10) mill limitation in and for said subdivision for the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges in Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio for five (5) years, tax years 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024.

Be it further resolved that the submission of said proposal, the notice of election, the form of ballot, the certification of the levy as voted outside the ten (10) mill limitation, and the levying of such millage shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 5705.19, 5705.191 and 5705.25 and other related sections of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with the statutes in such cases made and provided; and that the levy is to be placed on the tax lists of tax years 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024.

Be it further resolved that the form of ballot cast at such election shall be:

**PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)
JACKSON TOWNSHIP**

A Majority Affirmative Vote is Necessary for Passage

“A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio, for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges, at a rate not exceeding four (4.0) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to forty cents (\$0.40) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024.

. . .
. . . FOR THE TAX LEVY

. . .
. . . AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

Be it further resolved that the Fiscal Officer of this Board be, and hereby is, directed and authorized to proceed forth with the certification hereof to the Board of Elections of Stark County, Ohio pursuant to the provisions of Sections 5705.19, 5705.191 and 5705.25 and other related statutes, and to proceed with all things necessary to be done in order to accomplish the purpose of this resolution.

Be it further resolved that it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Be it further resolved that it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board complied with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03(B) and that the attached certification was provided by the Stark County Auditor as required by law, which is hereby acknowledged and accepted by this Board.

Prior to the roll call, Thomas asked if the increased property valuation in the township would generate more tax income with this road levy. Gonzalez explained that this renewal road levy is an extension of the current levy and will not increase property taxes. A renewal will generate the same amount of revenue as the expiring levy. Gonzalez clarified that a replacement levy replaces an existing levy at exactly the same number of mils, but because it is collected on today’s higher property values, it costs the tax payers more money. Typically, as a Township grows and sees an increase in maintenance costs, they need more revenue to keep up. However, five years later, thanks to the hard work of the Elected Officials and the Public Works Director, the Township has enough revenue to continue with a renewal, which is impressive considering the increased number of road miles in the Township.

Rohn added that one of the biggest challenges has been the asphalt prices, which have increased by roughly 40% this year alone. In addition, we have hired several employees experienced in resurfacing, curbing and other road maintenance tasks. Therefore, we have saved a fair amount of

money by outsourcing less of that type of work. Our current staff is able to promptly handle more resident issues and concerns than in the past.

Gonzalez also spoke about how the economic development and JEDD agreements within the Township have helped keep taxes down. The JEDD income from the development of Keck Park is being repaid to the highway department for their expenses in building Keck Park Circle. Once built, the Costco economic development income will be directed back to the highway department to reimburse them for the expenses at Strip Ave.

3-0 yes

Police Department

RESOLUTION 22-191 ATTACHED

ACCEPTANCE OF PART-TIME POLICE PATROL OFFICER OATH OF OFFICE

Hawke moved and Thomas seconded a motion that we hereby accept the attached oath of office for Jason C. Greenfield as Part-Time Patrol Officer and Police Constable for the Jackson Township Police District, Stark County, Ohio.

3-0 yes

ATTACHMENT 08/03/22 B

Hawke moved and Thomas seconded a motion to accept the attached resignation from full-time Police Patrol Officer, Bradley J. Mercier, effective, August 10, 2022 at 22:00 hours.

3-0 yes

ATTACHMENT 08/03/22 C

Hawke moved and Thomas seconded a motion to accept the attached resignation from part-time Police School Safety Officer Jon Von Spiegel, effective, July 31, 2022 at 08:00 hours.

3-0 yes

RESOLUTION 22-192 ATTACHED

POLICE DEPARTMENT PART-TIME POLICE PATROL OFFICER CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT

Hawke moved and Thomas seconded a motion that pursuant to ORC Section 505.49 and 509.01, we hereby appoint William L. Adams, as a Part-Time Patrol Officer and Township Constable for the Jackson Township Police District, Stark County, Ohio, and assigned to the School Safety Division, 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.

3-0 yes

Hawke moved and Thomas seconded a motion to adjourn.

3-0 yes

Todd Hawke

Randy Gonzalez