

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**MINUTES OF JACKSON/ NORTH CANTON JOINT PUBLIC MEETING**

**OCTOBER 17, 2023**

Hawke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Jackson Township Hall with Trustees Todd Hawke, Justin Hardesty, and John Pizzino present. Fiscal Officer Gonzalez, Administrator / Law Director Vaccaro, Assistant Law Director Fitzsimmons, Fire Chief Berczik, Police Chief Brink, Zoning Inspector Poindexter and Public Works Director Rohn were also in attendance.

See Court Recorder's Transcript of the meeting.

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion to adjourn.

**3-0 yes**

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**Todd Hawke**

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**Randy Gonzalez**

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Transcript of Proceedings held before Jackson Township Board of Trustees and North Canton City Council, taken by the undersigned, Shannon L. Newhall, a Registered Professional Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, at the offices of Jackson Township, 5735 Wales Avenue, Northwest, Massillon, Ohio, on Tuesday, the 17th day of October, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

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## 1 APPEARANCES:

## 2 On Behalf of Jackson Township:

3 Todd Hawke, Chairman

4 Justin Hardesty, Trustee

5 John E. Pizzino, Trustee

6 Randy Gonzalez, Fiscal Officer

7 Michael B. Vaccaro, Law Director

8 Thomas A. Fitzsimmons, Assistant Law Director

9 Joni Poindexter, Zoning Inspector

10 Rich Rohn, Public Works Director

11 Mark Brink, Police Chief

12 Tim Berciz, Fire Chief

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14 On Behalf of the City of North Canton:

15 Matthew Stroia, Council President

16 Stephanie Werren, City Council

17 Jamie McCleaster, City Council

18 David Metheney, City Council

19 John Orr, City Council

20 Daryl Revoldt, City Council

21 Christina Weyrick, City Council

22 Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor

23 Patrick DeOrio, Director of Administration

24 Jina Alaback, Director of Finance

25 Wayne Boyer, Director of Law

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APPEARANCES (Continued:)

On Behalf of the City of North Canton:  
Jennifer Cross, Administrative Specialist  
Benjamin R. Young, Council Clerk  
Liam Ott, Assistant Council Clerk

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1                   MR. HAWKE: It's 5:00. I'm going to go  
2 ahead and call this joint session to order  
3 between the Jackson Township Board of  
4 Trustees and North Canton City Council for  
5 October 17, 2023.

6                   President Stroia, I believe you have got  
7 your roll call to do.

8                   MR. STROIA: Yeah. Ben, would you call  
9 the roll for us, please?

10                  MR. YOUNG: Member McCleaster.

11                  MR. MCCLEASTER: Here.

12                  MR. YOUNG: Member Metheney.

13                  MR. METHENEY: Here.

14                  MR. YOUNG: Member Orr.

15                  MR. ORR: Here.

16                  MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.

17                  MR. REVOLDT: Here.

18                  MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.

19                  MS. WERREN: Here.

20                  MR. YOUNG: Member Weyrick.

21                  MS. WEYRICK: Here.

22                  MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia.

23                  MR. STROIA: Here.

24                  MR. YOUNG: Seven present.

25                  MR. HAWKE: All right. Perfect. And I

1 will ask, Mr. Gonzalez, will you call our  
2 roll, please?

3 MR. GONZALEZ: Mr. Hawke.

4 MR. HAWKE: Here.

5 MR. GONZALEZ: Mr. Hardesty.

6 MR. HARDESTY: Here.

7 MR. GONZALEZ: Mr. Pizzino.

8 MR. PIZZINO: Here.

9 MR. HAWKE: All right. If you would,  
10 silence all your cell phones and join us for  
11 the Pledge of Allegiance.

12 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance is  
13 recited.)

14 MR. HAWKE: As we open this hearing, I'm  
15 just going to remind everybody in the  
16 audience, for anyone who wishes to speak, we  
17 are going to follow our public speaks  
18 operational guidelines, meaning everybody  
19 will be limited to a maximum of five minutes  
20 to speak from the public side of that.

21 And with that, I'm actually going to turn  
22 this over to Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. DeOrio to  
23 give kind of a quick overview and briefing of  
24 what the agreement is.

25 MR. GONZALEZ: Go ahead, Pat.

1                   MR. DEORIO:  Sure.  All right.  Well,  
2                   thank you for the opportunity to speak before  
3                   the board, and for this historic and  
4                   momentous occasion.  I think this, you know,  
5                   journey between the two cities -- between the  
6                   City and the Township has been one that has  
7                   been ongoing for some time.

8                   And, you know, I think that -- you know,  
9                   for me, anyhow, and I think for the City of  
10                  North Canton, we can answer that -- that U2  
11                  song, "We found what we were looking for."  
12                  And that is a partner, a partner that will --  
13                  that we can work with together for the  
14                  betterment of both communities.

15                  We know that there are things that we  
16                  have had to discuss in here that weren't easy  
17                  and took a long time for both sides to go  
18                  back and forth to figure it out.  So it  
19                  wasn't something that was hastily entered  
20                  into.  It took six to seven months of  
21                  negotiations to get us to this point.

22                  But I think what we have is a fair  
23                  representation of each side's point of view  
24                  on this.  And so, you know, of the -- you  
25                  know, I think when Randy and I started, this

1           was maybe two pages long, and then we know  
2           what happens from there, and it turned into  
3           something much longer. But the guts of it is  
4           still essentially this, is that, you know, by  
5           partnering together, we think that each --  
6           each side can get from the other something of  
7           benefit.

8                        So for the Township, you know, to put  
9           them in a position where if we can develop  
10          property together, where the Township is not  
11          harmed, where the Township has the  
12          opportunity to enjoy, you know, higher  
13          property tax valuations from properties that  
14          we would develop.

15                       But it allows us to be -- allows the City  
16          to be in the lead role where we can direct  
17          the type of development that we want. We are  
18          interested in, of course, a particular type  
19          of thing. We were interested in something  
20          that creates income tax revenue for us.

21                       So I think from that point, we worked out  
22          all the different things that could come up  
23          along the way, and -- and we like that it's  
24          a -- you know, we call it a shared  
25          development agreement.



1           The Township for, you know, receiving and  
2           maintaining its property tax and future  
3           property taxes is taking on a portion of the  
4           services that are to be provided, similar to  
5           what they have today.

6           And the City, for -- for us and what we  
7           get out of it, we'll take over a portion of  
8           those services. And that's all spelled out  
9           in the agreement. And I think it works for  
10          both sides.

11          MR. GONZALEZ: I think from the  
12          Township's perspective, the easiest way is to  
13          take one and show you how it would work.  
14          North Canton has purchased -- North Canton  
15          CIC has purchased some land in Jackson  
16          Township. So from the Township's  
17          perspective, annexation was always a bad  
18          thing, because we lost our tax base.

19          The way that Pat and I have come up with  
20          this, and -- and I kind of kid about the  
21          attorneys. I think we all did. But they are  
22          the ones that are keeping us doing this  
23          correctly. And they were very helpful  
24          through the process. And we do want to  
25          welcome North Canton over here today. It's

1 really momentous that you guys would be here,  
2 and we appreciate that.

3 But if we took one, a piece of property  
4 that North Canton decided they wanted to  
5 develop, Pat and I discussed what's the  
6 importance. Of course, they need to expand  
7 their borders. They need to create jobs and  
8 keep their City growing. And this gives them  
9 the opportunity to do that.

10 And how does that affect Jackson? Well,  
11 they are annexing land in Jackson Township,  
12 but they are not taking it into another  
13 township. It will remain in Jackson  
14 Township. It will be like it's still there.  
15 It will still get all the property taxes.  
16 We'll still provide all the services. So it  
17 will be patrolled by the police. It will be  
18 handled by our fire department. And all  
19 those taxes that were voted on will still  
20 come into the Township to help pay for all  
21 those.

22 And Canton -- North Canton has the  
23 opportunity then to create those jobs and  
24 pick up the income tax from that.

25 It's a great -- and the other thing

1           that's kind of an off-chute of this, is there  
2           have been water problems over the years. You  
3           know, whether it was used as annexation, not  
4           used as annexation, this kind of sets all of  
5           that aside, and it gives us the chance to  
6           actually get water to people -- more people  
7           at a better rate and not get into the -- the  
8           wars of the water. That kind of sets that  
9           aside.

10           I believe it's -- I got a joke with  
11           Daryl. I said we are sitting here today and  
12           taking a picture with us. Maybe we should  
13           send this to the Middle East.

14           But I think you are going to see tonight,  
15           and I think it's important that both parties,  
16           with everything that we are watching, this  
17           has really not become a political event at  
18           all. It has been something that is the best  
19           for our residents and the residents of North  
20           Canton.

21           MAYOR WILDER: Yes, sir.

22           MR. HAWKE: Well, with that, I mean,  
23           we'll reserve our discussion and topics until  
24           the end. We'll go ahead and open the hearing  
25           for anybody from the public who would like to

1 speak in support of the agreement, if anybody  
2 has anything to say from that side.

3 (No response.)

4 MR. HAWKE: Nothing? This was published.  
5 I know North Canton had it on their website.  
6 So this was out there for folks to read and  
7 see, available from that perspective from a  
8 public review.

9 So with that, we'll close that segment of  
10 the hearing for support. And we'll go to  
11 anyone from the public who has opposition for  
12 the agreement.

13 Go ahead. You have five minutes. State  
14 your name and address for the record, just so  
15 we know where you are at.

16 MR. OSBORNE: Chuck Osborne, 307 Fairview  
17 Street, Southeast, North Canton, Ohio. I  
18 don't know how many years it has been --  
19 nine, ten years. It has been quite a  
20 while -- I spoke up here on this same topic,  
21 probably this very same spot.

22 I am very much alarmed and disappointed  
23 with this seemingly rushed-through,  
24 steamrolled idea. North Canton is just  
25 trying to survive. We are built out. And

1 all cities or villages grow with annexations.

2 There is no legal reason why this can't  
3 be a clean, total annexation. I don't think  
4 we have to worry about Jackson Township  
5 surviving. I haven't looked at the stats,  
6 but how many square miles is in Jackson  
7 Township? You are continuing to grow. You  
8 are not going to be harmed irretrievably with  
9 a clean, total annexation.

10 It's my understanding you will continue  
11 to collect property taxes as state law allows  
12 under expedited annexations, whatever you  
13 want to call this, that will continue things  
14 for about 12 years.

15 Fifty years, your children, your  
16 grandchildren will never see the end of this  
17 50-year agreement. It doesn't make sense. I  
18 guess we'll have to start calling that area  
19 of North Canton East Jackson.

20 North Canton can't survive. And this  
21 sets a precedence. Any future annexations by  
22 either Plain -- from Plain or Jack -- or Lake  
23 are going to have the same expectations.

24 I don't know why a community that has  
25 slowly eat out of existence with annexations

1           would contemplate this step at all. In my 22  
2           years of activism -- the first two years as a  
3           Council member -- over that time span, I have  
4           heard on occasion Council members speak out  
5           of the missteps by North Canton City  
6           government.

7                     Why didn't we annexation -- annex Belden  
8           Village years and years ago? I guess people  
9           thought they'd put all of our eggs in one  
10          basket -- how much time do I've got? I don't  
11          have a clock.

12                    MR. HAWKE: You are about two minutes.  
13           I'll give you the one-minute warning.

14                    MR. OSBORNE: Why we didn't annex Belden  
15           Village. I guess they were fat, dumb, and  
16           happy thinking we've got a big Fortune 500  
17           company in North Canton, and that will  
18           continue until the end of time. Well, we  
19           have seen that didn't last.

20                    So Jackson Township will not be harmed at  
21           all. You're -- you're growing by leaps and  
22           bounds. You just got the -- the latest  
23           development. I can't think of the name at  
24           the moment. Costco. And many others. You  
25           have got vast acreage to grow. And why you

1           would hold over North Canton City officials  
2           that we are going to quibble over this small  
3           expansion to the west, I don't understand  
4           that.

5                     This sets a precedent and North Canton  
6           will not exist if this kind of agreement  
7           exists and continues. Thank you very much.

8                     MR. HAWKE: Thank you. Anyone else  
9           wishing to speak in opposition of the  
10          agreement?

11                    (No response.)

12                    MR. HAWKE: Okay. Then I will close  
13          the -- close that section of the hearing.  
14          And I will open it for discussion from the  
15          bodies from both North Canton City Council,  
16          as well as the Board of Trustees from Jackson  
17          Township. And the Mayor. Sorry. I guess  
18          you are technically not on the Council.

19                    MAYOR WILDER: Does anybody from  
20          Council like to go first?

21                    MR. REVOLDT: Mayor, we'll defer to you  
22          first.

23                    MAYOR WILDER: Okay. Thank you for the  
24          honor. I do have shared comments. First of  
25          all, thank you again for the invitation to be

1 here and for the opportunity to work for the  
2 benefit of our communities.

3 I'd like to preface something from our  
4 master plan, if I may. Purpose and scope.  
5 For the last year or so, we have been  
6 developing a master plan for the City. It  
7 has been adopted by our City Council. But I  
8 just want to give you a short paragraph, and  
9 then I'll go into my final comments.

10 This master plan details recommendations  
11 for actions of the local North Canton  
12 government to help strengthen the community  
13 and continually improve into the future.  
14 Although the actions of the school district,  
15 private developers, and ordinary citizens  
16 will play a major role in continuing to make  
17 North Canton a great place to live, work, and  
18 play, this plan focuses only on activities  
19 within the power of the North Canton City  
20 government or its agents.

21 The City should always work  
22 collaboratively with other stakeholders for  
23 the benefit of the North Canton residents.

24 The opportunity we have here today  
25 really, I -- I think focuses on land use.



1           And land use is a major element that is  
2           involved under comprehensive planning. Our  
3           City administration understands the critical  
4           role when it comes to land use, because each  
5           level of government has a role to play  
6           towards proper land use.

7                     And working together, this City  
8           administration, the Jackson Township  
9           Trustees, our North Canton City Council, our  
10          Jackson Township Economic Development  
11          Director and Fiscal Officer, their Directors  
12          of Law, the Directors of our finance  
13          departments have all formulated policies with  
14          the aim of ensuring proper use of land which  
15          has resulted in a shared development  
16          agreement -- I continue -- benefiting our  
17          respective localities and promoting  
18          communication, cooperation, and  
19          collaboration, stimulating, which I'm hopeful  
20          will be innovative possibilities.

21                     The shared development agreement offers a  
22          structure of dialogue, collaboration, shared  
23          decision-making, enabling all parties to work  
24          towards a common goal of strengthening the  
25          North Canton and Jackson Township community

1 identities, cultivating businesses, and  
2 positioning our communities for future  
3 opportunities.

4 I want to thank everyone who has worked  
5 diligently on this over the last several  
6 months. That this wasn't hastily put  
7 together to be presented tonight. I want to  
8 thank all that are attending the hearing this  
9 evening.

10 And most of all, I want to thank our  
11 teams for their time, energy, and willingness  
12 to work together for the betterment of our  
13 communities. I greatly appreciate this  
14 moment in time as we work together on this  
15 major concern.

16 I think this is a historic event for our  
17 county, let alone our two municipalities --  
18 or I should say our two communities, in  
19 working together, again, to better not only  
20 ourselves, but the people that we serve.

21 Thank you very much.

22 MR. STROIA: Thank you.

23 MR. HAWKE: Thank you.

24 MR. DEORIO: Council?

25 MR. STROIA: I'll go. I just want to

1           thank everybody that was involved in  
2           developing this. To me, this shows teamwork  
3           and collaboration.

4                     Four years ago, Jackson and North Canton  
5           didn't have this relationship. I can't  
6           imagine being here during rivalry week for --  
7           my head would be on the table. I would  
8           wonder, who's going to throw a water balloon  
9           at me or something.

10                    But this shows you, you know, you can do  
11           things without having a court battle over  
12           annexation, and that seems to become more and  
13           more inevitable with the laws that are being  
14           passed. So I view this as a steppingstone to  
15           maybe more future development. And I thank  
16           everybody for the opportunity.

17                    MAYOR WILDER: Thank you.

18                    MS. WERREN: I think what I like best  
19           about this agreement, too, is we always put  
20           people in the middle. We put our  
21           constituents in the middle, and they don't  
22           know which way to go, they don't know who to  
23           call, they don't know whether -- what  
24           department to reach out to. And then we just  
25           all hear that both localities are really

1           difficult to work with. And so this takes  
2           that away.

3           They are going to know where they stand  
4           right from the beginning. It makes it clear  
5           cut, and hopefully reduces lawyer fees,  
6           reduces time to maybe start a new business  
7           and creates job in a quicker fashion.

8           So I really think it's excellent for both  
9           sides of our communities.

10          MR. METHENEY: I think opportunities for  
11          expansion and growth are very challenging for  
12          townships, for cities, for anywhere, just  
13          even in the State of Ohio. And finding that  
14          opportunity for growth can be a challenge.

15          We have found through cooperation that we  
16          can benefit both. And I think we need to  
17          stand on that as growth.

18          The land that we are talking about, most  
19          of it being vacant, has been vacant forever.  
20          It's not a redevelopment, tear down and build  
21          something new. This is development of vacant  
22          land.

23          So I think that for both of us, the City  
24          and the Township, moving forward in this  
25          agreement is going to be a positive step.

1           MR. MCCLEASTER: I think I'll just echo  
2           what my colleagues have already said. I  
3           mean, this is vacant land that has had no use  
4           as long as I have been alive. And I think  
5           this model is something that I would like  
6           to -- hopefully more comes from it.

7           Again, to echo what Mr. Stroia said, us  
8           collaborating and getting together, things  
9           that I wouldn't have imagined years ago. And  
10          I'm very excited to see it happen today.

11          So thank you all for the opportunity to  
12          have us here today and thank you everybody  
13          who was in the creation of this.

14          MR. ORR: Well, it's a great idea. It's  
15          a win-win situation on vacant land that has  
16          been there for years and years and years. So  
17          I'm really excited about this. And I want to  
18          thank you guys for having us over and all the  
19          hard work that we put into this agreement.

20          MS. WEYRICK: Like everyone else, I can  
21          just say same. Same. But thank you for  
22          inviting us here and it's really -- I'm proud  
23          of our economic development team and our  
24          administration for making this happen. I  
25          support it fully. And I will let Daryl go.

1 MR. REVOLDT: Go last.

2 MS. WEYRICK: Yeah.

3 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you. I'm frequently  
4 reminded by our team that I am one of the  
5 more senior members of the City. Old. John,  
6 don't laugh. We have -- we are just replete  
7 with all sorts of Title IX violations. Okay?

8 But I come to this table tonight with  
9 probably close to 20 years of economic  
10 development experience; State of Ohio,  
11 private sector, and in the City.

12 And a couple of things that I have  
13 learned is that projects want certainty,  
14 particularly big projects, worthwhile  
15 projects. They want to get in, they want to  
16 pull the trigger, they want to get it built.  
17 They want to operate. And anything that  
18 municipalities can do to remove that  
19 uncertainty makes your site a better  
20 location.

21 Second is that projects can benefit from  
22 new municipal economic development programs.

23 John and Randy and I have been on  
24 opposite sides historically. We are the  
25 older guys here.

1 MR. DEORIO: No.

2 MR. REVOLDT: Oh, sorry, John.

3 MR. PIZZINO: Randy is the older guy.

4 MR. REVOLDT: I know. But having --  
5 having experienced it both ways, I can tell  
6 you from experience, this is the better way  
7 to go.

8 I believe that Jackson and North Canton  
9 face the same common challenge, development  
10 and redevelopment. How do you maximize  
11 development on the real estate under your  
12 jurisdiction? How do we do it with us? I  
13 think we do it by collaborating. It just  
14 makes sense.

15 For example, when we do a project,  
16 Mr. DeOrio has a list of -- a checklist, ten  
17 cri -- development criteria. And at the very  
18 top of the list are capital investment and  
19 job count. We are not interested in strip  
20 malls. We want things that really drive  
21 municipal finance.

22 If we are working together, part of the  
23 economic development process is prospecting.  
24 Wouldn't it be better if we were teamed up  
25 together to prospect for opportunities than

1 butting heads? Of course we would be.

2 And, again, people who have big projects  
3 prospect. They look. We want -- we want to  
4 have everybody's radar up. And when that  
5 happens, Jackson Township benefits, North  
6 Canton benefits.

7 I think we have the likelihood of  
8 stronger success when we are partnered. And  
9 that's just looking back over the many years  
10 when we weren't. I think this gets both of  
11 us to a much better place. And I think we  
12 have got the makings of a great relationship.

13 I'm not troubled by the duration of the  
14 contract. I think the terms are terrific.  
15 If you read them, they are good, subject to  
16 tough negotiation. But I think we got  
17 something that's workable.

18 And my challenge to Mr. DeOrio is let's  
19 get a project going, you know. Let's --  
20 let's get -- we got good proof of concept up  
21 there in North Canton already. And I think  
22 we can -- I think we can deliver to both our  
23 respective jurisdictions in the future.

24 And the beauty of it is we don't have to  
25 rush. That's the other thing. Because we



1 control the dirt. We control the project.  
2 That's kind of our mantra. And I think we'll  
3 have at the end of the day something we both  
4 can be proud of.

5 So I support this without reservation.

6 MR. GONZALEZ: If I could just add a  
7 little bit to that, because I think you're  
8 making the same point that I'm thinking. You  
9 talked about us both benefiting. North  
10 Canton has bought some substantial land in  
11 Jackson Township. And under what Daryl was  
12 saying, that -- and they tried to annex, that  
13 would have ended up in a court battle.

14 The taxpayers would have been footing the  
15 deal, the attorneys would have made some  
16 money off of it, and we would have hung this  
17 thing up and gone through the appeals process  
18 and probably the Supreme Court. And you know  
19 who pays for that? The taxpayers.

20 Under this agreement, what it does is it  
21 gives not only North Canton a chance to  
22 annex, it gives us a chance to support that  
23 annexation. Because we might going to the  
24 table with North Canton, and if they are  
25 trying to bring this company in that's going

1 to create some living jobs that are going to  
2 pay for living wages, everybody benefits from  
3 that.

4 And we may even help with the economic  
5 development tools. We may do an abatement,  
6 and sit down with Pat and say, hey, if we can  
7 do something to help you guys sell this to  
8 bring this company in, Jackson Township is  
9 going to benefit, because our property taxes  
10 are going to go up, and they are going to  
11 benefit because they are going to bring in  
12 all these jobs. And that's a heck of a  
13 result versus them -- versus going to court.  
14 Right? And hanging it up for years.

15 So we have tried to hammer those things  
16 out upfront.

17 MR. REVOLDT: Well, Randy, I think that  
18 speaks of this whole notion of certainty on a  
19 project. If we are -- if we are in the  
20 prospect stage, we can -- we can say we can  
21 deliver by date certain. It makes the  
22 likelihood of that deal that much better.

23 MR. HAWKE: John.

24 MR. PIZZINO: Well, I would like to thank  
25 everybody for coming. It is great to see two

1 government entities can get together and  
2 accomplish what we are -- hopefully  
3 accomplishing, what we are doing this  
4 evening.

5 And what happened years ago, you know, it  
6 wasn't Daryl was right or I was right --  
7 well, I was right and Daryl was wrong.  
8 But --

9 MR. REVOLDT: I think Daryl was wrong.

10 MR. PIZZINO: You can ask Terry Moore.  
11 He just walked in. I always want to win.

12 MR. MOORE: And John is always right.

13 MR. REVOLDT: That's my problem, too.

14 MR. PIZZINO: But, anyway, we were both  
15 doing what we had to do for our communities.  
16 We were -- we were protecting our  
17 communities. We were protecting our tax  
18 base.

19 What I heard tonight here and what  
20 everybody says, I'm in agreement. This is a  
21 great, great opportunity for both of us for  
22 getting together, with shared services,  
23 working together, supporting each other, and  
24 not -- maybe -- maybe in something else down  
25 the road also.

1           But I just want to thank everybody for  
2           coming this evening and being a part of this.  
3           And I'll turn it over to our Chairman here.

4           MR. HAWKE:   Mr. Hardesty, anything?

5           MR. HARDESTY:   Sure.  I echo what  
6           everybody else has said.  I love the removal  
7           of the uncertainty, and then partnership  
8           versus alternatives that are -- nothing  
9           happens or something bad happens and you are  
10          in court.

11          To me, it's no -- it's an easy decision.  
12          So I'm very -- very pleased about what I'm  
13          hearing.

14          MAYOR WILDER:   Thank you.

15          MR. HAWKE:   And I would expand a little  
16          bit on the win-win side of that, too.  I  
17          mean, it's truly kind of four wins.  You  
18          know, we each as entities, as governments,  
19          win in this process, and I think all the  
20          residents across Stark County win.

21          Because let's -- let's be honest, too, as  
22          you build businesses out, people working in  
23          that location may be from North Canton, may  
24          be from Jackson, may be from Perry.  They may  
25          be from Canton.  They may be -- wherever.

1           And they are going to get a -- potentially  
2           can have a better paying job than jobs that  
3           are there.

4           And then I think, you know, when we look  
5           at it, too, to Daryl's point, the businesses  
6           win. Because this is -- this is seen as a  
7           good thing. This is people coming in. We  
8           are bringing them here, that we maybe would  
9           not have been able to do otherwise. So being  
10          able to do that prospecting together and  
11          being able to go out and talk to those folks  
12          and do it is a good thing.

13          I've been -- spent the last five-plus  
14          years working on just this across the county  
15          with other groups and volunteer work that I  
16          have done. How would collaborate better?  
17          How do we sit next to each other and work  
18          through this? We can have rivalry weeks all  
19          we want. From a football standpoint, that's  
20          fantastic. And I love that side. And I  
21          won't throw any water balloons. We'll see  
22          you later. But that's what the water was  
23          for.

24          I think a lot of that comes back to the  
25          communities see that as an opportunity to

1           have something to believe in. But at the  
2           same time, that doesn't translate to how I  
3           live, where I work, what I do, and how those  
4           things should happen. It should be what's  
5           good for all of us.

6                     And I always look at it, whatever happens  
7           in North Canton, if it's great happening --  
8           things happening there, it benefits Jackson  
9           Township. I think things that happen in  
10          Jackson Township can benefit North Canton.

11                    And all across the county, as we look at  
12          it, all the great things; you know, things  
13          that are being done in Alliance, things that  
14          are being done in Massillon, Canton. Look  
15          at -- you pick it. There are a lot of good  
16          things going on. And a lot of it is because  
17          people are working together and having that  
18          cooperation.

19                    So, again, supporting these agreements,  
20          being able to cooperate, sit at a table  
21          together and -- and go through these things I  
22          think is just a fantastic thing. So I'm glad  
23          we were able to get there. And I commend  
24          Randy and Pat for their time putting this  
25          together and getting us to the point where we

1           have something -- although the attorneys do  
2           make it a little longer than the pages we  
3           would want --

4           MR. VACCARO:   Safer.

5           MR. HAWKE:   -- to work -- safer.   Okay.  
6           Keep me in line, right?  Terry can keep me in  
7           line, because he knows me.  But I think  
8           that's a fantastic piece for us to be at.  
9           You know, and it just benefits everybody.

10          I can't -- I look through it -- I would  
11          always look through something and come back,  
12          kind of like an attorney, even though I'm not  
13          one, what's the downside, what's the bad  
14          part.  I really can't find one.  You know, I  
15          mean, I can't find that issue here.

16          So, again, I thank you.  I thank  
17          everybody for coming, for the comments we  
18          had; good, bad, you raise -- even opposition  
19          to points.  There are things for us to think  
20          about as we go through that.

21          And I don't -- I don't see anything with  
22          the term.  And, actually, our growth in the  
23          Township is only internal.  We are 36 square  
24          miles, and that is it.  So we are not growing  
25          by land mass.  It's just what we are doing

1                   internally with what we have. So if we can  
2                   do things to cooperate on that border and  
3                   make it better, I think it's a good thing.

4                   Anything else?

5                   MR. VACCARO: So do a separate  
6                   adjournment.

7                   MR. HAWKE: You want us to end  
8                   separately?

9                   MR. VACCARO: Yeah.

10                  MR. HAWKE: Okay. So we'll do that.  
11                  We'll -- we'll do separate adjournments.  
12                  There wasn't a process tonight for us to  
13                  vote. This wasn't any final process. We all  
14                  will go back to our separate processes and  
15                  meetings to go through the voting process and  
16                  finalize those things.

17                  It was more a public time for us to  
18                  answer questions, talk through it together  
19                  and actually sit together, so that we do know  
20                  each other and we are good to go from there.  
21                  So --

22                  MAYOR WILDER: Thank you.

23                  MR. HAWKE: Absolutely. Thank you.

24                  MAYOR WILDER: Appreciate your time.

25                  MR. HAWKE: Thanks for all coming. Who



1 do you want to go first?

2 MR. VACCARO: You guys.

3 MR. STROIA: I'll adjourn. I will make a  
4 motion to adjourn.

5 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

6 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

7 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

8 MR. STROIA: Aye.

9 MR. ORR: Aye.

10 MS. WERREN: Aye.

11 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

12 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

13 MS. WEYRICK: Aye.

14 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. STROIA: North Canton is adjourned.

17 MR. HAWKE: I'll make a motion to  
18 adjourn.

19 MR. HARDESTY: Second.

20 MR. GONZALEZ: All in favor?

21 MR. HARDESTY: Aye.

22 MR. HAWKE: Aye.

23 MR. GONZALEZ: Aye.

24 MR. PIZZINO: Aye.

25 MR. HAWKE: Jackson Township is

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(This proceeding adjourned at 5:32 p.m.)

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Council President

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Benjamin R. Young,  
Council Clerk

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Todd Hawke,  
Chairman

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Michael Vaccaro,  
Law Director



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