

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

### MINUTES OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

**FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

Hawke called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. at the Jackson Township Hall with Trustees Todd Hawke, Justin Hardesty, and John Pizzino present. Fiscal Officer Gonzalez, Administrator/Law Director Vaccaro, Fire Chief Berczik, Police Chief Brink, and Public Works Director Rohn were also in attendance.

The first order of business was a work session to discuss the Township Logo and Welcome Packet; Furniture; and Vehicle Purchasing.

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for Fire Department Personnel (Appointment / Employment / Compensation) – Interview Ambulance Billing Specialist.

**Hawke – yes  
Hardesty - yes  
Pizzino – yes**

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for Public Works Department Personnel (Appointment / Employment / Compensation) – Interview Highway Specialist Candidates.

**Hawke – yes  
Hardesty - yes  
Pizzino – yes**

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for Fire Department Personnel (Appointment / Employment / Compensation) – Interview Firefighter/Paramedic Candidates.

**Hawke – yes  
Hardesty - yes  
Pizzino – yes**

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for Fire Department Personnel (Appointment / Employment / Compensation) – Battalion Chief and Deputy Chief Compensation.

**Hawke – yes  
Hardesty - yes  
Pizzino – yes**

Hawke called the General Session to order at 5:00 p.m. He requested that all cell phones be silenced at this time.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Speaks - None**

**Administration Department**

**RESOLUTION 24-019**

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ENTRANCE DOOR PURCHASE**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion that we hereby adopt and authorize the placement of the Board Chairman's signature upon the attached Quote from Smith Cee-B Glass, Inc. for the purchase of a one (1) pair of Tubelite Medium Stile Door & Frame with Transom and Sidelites and related equipment in the amount of \$10,518.92.

**3-0 yes**

**RESOLUTION 24-020**

**APPOINTMENT TO THE 9-1-1 PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE (A)(4)-SELECTION)**

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion whereas, the 135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly passed Amended House Bill 33, which made changes to the 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Number System, to include the establishment of a new 9-1-1 Program Review Committee, effective October 3, 2023; and,

Whereas, Ohio Revised Code 128.06 requires a member of the 9-1-1 Program Review Committee be a township trustee selected by the majority of boards of township trustees in the county pursuant to resolutions they adopt; and,

Whereas, the Stark County Township Association nominated/recommended Trustee John Sabo, of the Plain Township Board of Trustees.

Be it further resolved that, pursuant Ohio Revised Code 128.06(A)(4), we select Trustee John Sabo, of the Plain Township Board of Trustees as a trustee to the 9-1-1 Program Review Committee.

**3-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 02/13/24A**

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion to approve and authorize the placement of the Chairman's signature upon the Anniversary Information Acknowledgement from OTARMA for the Township's liability and property coverage for 2024.

**3-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 02/13/24B**

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion to approve the following appropriation transfer request for a total transfer of \$16,980.61.

FROM CODE	DESCRIPTION	TO CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
210.210.5385	Other Expenses-Fire	210.210.5460	Fleet Insurance - Fire	\$ 7,735.86
209.250.5385	Other Expenses-Police	209.250.5462	Buildings Ins. – Police	\$ 3,505.80
209.250.5385	Other Expenses-Police	209.250.5460	Fleet Insurance - Police	\$ 2,988.27
101.110.5387	Discretionary/Contingency	101.110.5462	Buildings Ins. – Admin	\$ 2,750.68
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,980.61</b>

**3-0 yes**

**RESOLUTION 24-021  
APPOINTMENTS TO CIC**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion that we hereby reappoint Richard Cosgrove to serve as a governmental member of the Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) for a two-year term from 2/1/24 to 2/1/26.

**3-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 02/13/24C**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to authorize Michael Vaccaro, or his/her designee, as the Board of Trustees’ representative to attend the annual Stark County Health District Advisory Council Meeting on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at the Stark County Health Department, 7235 Whipple Ave NW, Jackson Township, 44720.

**3-0 yes**

**RESOLUTION 24-022  
RENEWABLE ENERGY WITHIN JACKSON TOWNSHIP – SB 52**

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion whereas, the Ohio Revised Code §303.58(A)(1), (2), and (3) authorizes the board of county commissioners to adopt a resolution designating all or part of the unincorporated area of the county as a restricted area, prohibiting the construction of any or all of the following: an economically significant wind farm, large wind farm or large, solar facility and;

Whereas, the Ohio Revised Code §303.57(A) and 4906.13(A) define an economically significant wind farm for purposes of Ohio Revised Code §303.58 as follows: "wind turbines and associated facilities with a single interconnection to the electrical grid and designed for, or capable of, operation at an aggregate capacity of five or more megawatts but less than fifty megawatts". The term excludes one or more turbines/solar panels as associated facilities that are primarily dedicated to providing electricity to a single customer at a single location and that are designed for, or capable of, operation at an aggregate capacity of less than twenty megawatts, as measured at the customers point of interconnection to the electrical grid, and;

Whereas, the Ohio Revised Code §303.57(B) and 4906.01(H) define a large wind farm for purposes of Ohio Revised Code §303.58 as follows: “an electric generating plant that consists of wind turbines and associated facilities with a single interconnection to the electrical grid that is a major utility facility”, and;

Whereas, the Ohio Revised Code §303.57(B) and 4906.01(G) define a large solar facility for purposes of Ohio Revised Code §303.58 as follows: "an electric generating plant that consists of solar panels and associated facilities with single interconnection to the electrical grid that is a major utility facility", and;

Whereas, the Ohio Revised Code §4906.01(B)(1)( a) defines a major utility facility as use in Chapter 4906 in relevant part as an: "electric generating plant and associated facilities designed for, or capable of, operation at a capacity of fifty megawatts or more" and;

Whereas, The Board of County Commissioners of Stark County has requested a written resolution documenting the position of the trustees of each township in Stark County; and

Whereas, Jackson Township, wishes to document its position via resolution in order to aid and provide guidance to the Board of County Commissioners in making decisions pursuant to the authority granted to them in SB 52.

Be it resolved that, the Board of Trustees of Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio, do hereby find that it is in the best interest of Jackson Township to request that the Stark County Board of Commissioners prohibit any Economically Significant Wind Farms, Large Wind Farms, and Large Solar Facilities as defined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4906 and any subsequent amendment thereof, within the unincorporated boundaries of Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio.

**3-0 yes**

## **Police Department**

### **RESOLUTION 24-023**

#### **GRAYKEY LICENSE RENEWAL**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion that we hereby authorize the placement of the Chairman’s signature on the attached Quotation with Magnet Forensics, LLC, for a GrayKey License Renewal in the amount of \$33,105.00, commencing March 11, 2024 through March 10, 2025.

**3-0 yes**

### **ATTACHMENT 02/13/24D**

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion to accept the attached resignation from full-time Police Patrol Officer, Nathan J. Henry, effective January 26, 2024 at 1330 hours.

**3-0 yes**

## **Public Works Department**

### **Highway Division**

5:00 P.M. – Materials Bid Openings 5 bids received.

1. Massillon Asphalt Co.
2. Oster Sand & Gravel
3. Highway LLC
4. Shelly Materials Inc.
5. Northstar Asphalt

Hawke and Rohn explained to the public that these bids are not for a specific project. They are for materials used throughout the year. It enables us to lock in pricing to budget for materials.

#### **RESOLUTION 24-024**

#### **COMMUNITY UNIVERSITY EDUCATION PURCHASING COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion whereas, the Public Works Director has presented this board with a request for membership in the Community University Education Purchasing Council of Governments (CUE COG) which is a Regional Council of Governments established pursuant to Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

Whereas, the CUE COG bylaws authorize political subdivision members from Stark County; and

Whereas, membership of Jackson Township in the CUE COG will allow for joint purchasing of road salt, fuel, and vehicles or other goods as determined by the CUE COG board.

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Jackson Township has determined that they shall join CUE COG as a Member and hereby designates the Public Works Director or his designee as the Member Representative to serve on the Governing Board of CUE.

**3-0 yes**

#### **RESOLUTION 24-025**

#### **HIGHWAY WASH BAY TRENCH DRAIN PROJECT**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to hereby adopt and authorize the placement of the Board Chairman's signature upon the attached quote with B & K Concrete Construction & Contracting Inc., for the installation of a trench drain in the Highway Wash Bay in the amount of \$12,000.00.

**3-0 yes**

#### **RESOLUTION 24-026**

#### **JULIAN STREET NW NO PARKING**

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion that pursuant to ORC Sections 505.17 and 4521.02 (A) and ORC Chapter 4521, the Board of Trustees of Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio hereby amends, effective March 14, 2024, the non-criminal parking infraction violations

legislation previously adopted and amended to include the following described area of Julian Street NW to read as follows:

1. No parking at any time on both sides of Julian Street NW.

**3-0 yes**

**RESOLUTION 24-027**

**VILLAGE OF HILLS AND DALES AGREEMENT**

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion that we hereby adopt and authorize the placement of our signatures upon the attached Agreement with the Village of Hills and Dales.

**3-0 yes**

**Park Division**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to accept the following sponsorship donations for the 2024 Community Celebration:

1. \$5,000.00 from MCTV
2. \$1,750.00 from BellStores
3. \$250.00 from Staley Technologies Inc.

**3-0 yes**

**RESOLUTION 24-028**

**PARK DIVISION MOWER PURCHASE – SCHURING PARK**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion that pursuant to ORC Section 9.48, we hereby adopt and authorize the placement of the Board Chairman’s signature upon the attached Quotation with Ag-Pro Companies for the purchase of a new Steiner 450-25 Mower with cab, heater, light kit, and three point hitch as described in the Quotation in the total amount of \$38,704.04, as the price is lower than the price listed in the Sourcewell Purchasing Contract for similar equipment.

**3-0 yes**

**RESOLUTION 24-029**

**YOUTH SPORTS BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion that we hereby adopt and authorize the placement of the Board Chairman’s signature upon the attached quote with Skyline Roofing and Exteriors, Ltd. in the amount of \$10,225.01 for the roof replacement of the Youth Sports Building.

**3-0 yes**

**Central Maintenance Division**

**ATTACHMENT 02/13/24E**

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion to accept the attached resignation from full-time Maintenance Worker, Joseph S. Futrell, effective March 29, 2024 at 1430 hours.

**3-0 yes**

## **Fire Department**

### **ATTACHMENT 02/13/24F**

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion to accept the attached resignation from full-time Secretary 2, Rachel E. Gue, effective March 1, 2023 at 0800 hours.

**3-0 yes**

## **Fiscal Office**

### **ATTACHMENT 02/13/24G**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$2,731,753.67.

**3-0 yes**

### **ATTACHMENT 02/13/24H**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2024 Board of Trustees' Meeting.

**3-0 yes**

### **ATTACHMENT 02/13/24I**

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion to approve the monthly reports for January 2024.

**3-0 yes**

## **Routine Business**

### **Announcements**

- Next regular **Board of Trustees'** meeting, February 27, 2024, 4:00 p.m., Executive Session and/or Work Session; 5:00 p.m., General Session, Jackson Township Hall.
- **Celebration Committee Meeting** – February 27, 2024, 2:00 p.m., Jackson Township Hall
- **CIC Meeting** – February 15, 2024, 8:00 a.m., Jackson Township Hall
- **LOGIC**, March 7, 2024, 9:00 a.m., Jackson Safety Center – Training Room
- **Zoning Meetings:** (Jackson Township Hall)
  - **Board of Zoning Appeals:**
    - February 22, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
  - **Zoning Commission :**
    - February 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

**Old Business - None**

**New Business**

**RESOLUTION 24-030**

**HIGHWAY AND PARK VEHICLE PURCHASE**

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion that, we hereby authorize the Administrator/Law Director, Michael B. Vaccaro to purchase two (2) vehicles, not to exceed \$60,000.00 per vehicle as may come available, which meets Highway (Budget Module 2024-20) and Park (2024-14) Divisional needs as identified by the Public Works Director.

Be it further resolved that, contemporaneously, purchases orders are approved.

**3-0 yes**

**RESOLUTION 24-031**

**FULL TIME HIGHWAY LABOR SPECIALIST - CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT**

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion that we hereby appoint Gary L. Burton to the full-time position of Highway Labor Specialist for the Jackson Township Public Works Department (Highway Division), Stark County, Ohio, conditioned upon successful completion of the background check, negative drug screen, and any other testing requirements.

**3-0 yes**

**RESOLUTION 24-032**

**FULL TIME HIGHWAY LABOR SPECIALIST - CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT**

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion that we hereby appoint Brooke M. Christie to the full-time position of Highway Labor Specialist for the Jackson Township Public Works Department (Highway Division), Stark County, Ohio, conditioned upon successful completion of the background check, negative drug screen, and any other testing requirements.

**3-0 yes**

**RESOLUTION 24-033**

**FULL-TIME AMBULANCE BILLING SPECIALIST**

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion that pursuant to ORC Section 511.10, we hereby appoint Stacie M. Rhodes, as a Full-Time Ambulance Billing Specialist for the Jackson Township Fire Department, conditioned upon successful completion of the background check, negative drug screen, and any other testing requirements.

**3-0 yes**

**RESOLUTION 24-034**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT FULL TIME FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT**

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion that, pursuant to the Fulltime Firefighter/Paramedic hiring policy, the Township's Personnel Hiring Policy and pursuant to authority granted in ORC Section 505.38 "to provide for the employment of firefighters as it considers best", we hereby appoint the attached listed person(s) to the position of Fulltime Firefighter/Paramedic, conditioned on successful completion of a medical evaluation as to the



condition of the individual as it relates to the performance of the duties of a Fulltime Firefighter/Paramedic, background check, negative drug screen and other testing requirements.

1. Brandon C. Bryan
2. Jack W. Keim II
3. Brandon D. Lucas
4. Jacob A. Ricketts
5. Joseph W. Turnbo

**3-0 yes**

**Public Speaks** –Merry Rini, 5064 High Mill Ave. NW, is concerned about the traffic, accidents, motorcycles and trucks near the intersection of High Mill and Lafayette (SR 236). She said lowering the road years ago has not helped the situation. The semi-truck traffic starts before 6 am and goes until 4 pm traveling to and from the gravel pit, approximately twelve trucks each hour. She said there have been eleven accidents in the past four years, five of them involving entrapments or injuries. She asked about large trucks traveling on the streets of a residential neighborhood. When the weather breaks, the motorcycle traffic begins. After leaving the Towpath Inn on Erie St., the motorcycles sit at the stop sign on High Mill in front of her home and rev their engines.

Pizzino asked Ms. Rini to clarify the routes the trucks are taking to and from the gravel pit on Forty Corners Street. He will talk to the Public Works Director to get additional information.

Donna Buddenburg, 9170 Lafayette Dr. NW, asked about ways to redirect traffic near Lafayette Dr. and Revere Ave. She suggested that redesigning the traffic pattern might help drivers that are unfamiliar with the intersection navigate it safely. She also asked about the basin in the front of her property. It needs cleaned out multiple times a year. Rohn said he would contact ODOT about getting it fixed. Pizzino told her to stay in contact with Rohn so he can update her about ODOT's response to the request.

Robert Dupree, 9307 Lafayette Dr., said there are four blind hills and intersections in the half-mile stretch near High Mill Ave., Lafayette Dr., and Revere Ave. People do not stop at the stop signs. He added that you must be very cautious in this area to avoid an accident. Mr. Dupree suggested that a "Cross traffic does not stop" sign might help at these troublesome intersections. Vaccaro explained that flashing signs were placed on High Mill Ave. and Revere Ave. a few years ago and ODOT made the Township remove them because they control the intersection. Mr. Dupree asked the Trustees to call the county and they agreed to. He asked how we could get people to observe the posted speed limits in these areas.

Jayne Sterner, 9215 Lafayette Dr., expressed the same concerns as the other residents about the large commercial truck and motorcycle traffic. She suggested that trucks use alternate routes that are not in residential areas. She proposed using State Route 21 to Lake Ave., then to Forty Corners.

Jeremy Burdick, 9259 Lafayette Dr. also spoke about the dangerous intersections and very loud motorcycle traffic on his street.

Chief Brink said that he travels through these intersections daily and understands the resident's concerns. He will write an article for the township newsletter about traffic laws.

Susan Everett, 5000 Suzette Rd. said that her back yard is on Lafayette. She asked why the state did not cut the road elevation lower. They have cut it down twice and it is still not low enough to increase visibility. Her other concern is the posted speed limit and asked if the speed limit can be lowered on Lafayette.

Gonzalez added that there is a long history of trying to resolve roadway and jurisdictional issues between Jackson Township, Stark County, and the State of Ohio. He added that the elected officials share the resident's frustrations with the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:05 p.m.

**3-0 yes**

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**Todd Hawke**

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**Randy Gonzalez**