

JACKSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING AGENDA

April 8, 2025

1. 3:00 P.M. Work Session:
 - A. Amphitheater Division:
 1. America By Design - Justin Gantz
 - B. Zoning Department:
 1. PUD-3 Recommendations
2. 4:00 P.M. Executive Session:
 - A. Police Department (Personnel Appointment/Employment/Compensation) – Interview Policer Officer Candidate
 - B. To consider the purchase of property for public purposes and the sale of property at competitive bidding.
3. 5:00 P.M. Call General Session to order
(Turn off cell phones)
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Public Speaks:
 - A. (Restricted to topics listed on the Agenda)
6. 5:00 P.M. – Annual Joint Economic Development District Board of Directors' Meeting:
 - A. District FP
 1. Approve Minutes
 2. Records Commission Hearing
 - a. Approve Records Commission Minutes
7. Fire Department:
 - A. Appoint Full-time Firefighter/Paramedics:

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1. *Jared E. Baer*
 2. *Joshua A. Bliss*
 3. *Ronald T. Milam*
 4. *Adam M. Wracher*
- B. *Appoint Full-time Firefighter/EMTs***
1. *Tanner P. Jones*
 2. *McCarthy J. Kistler*
 3. *Kevin W. Rieger*
- C. *Swearing in of Full-time Firefighter/Paramedics:***
1. *Jared E. Baer*
 2. *Joshua A. Bliss*
 3. *Ronald T. Milam*
 4. *Adam M. Wracher*
- D. *Swearing in of Full-time Firefighter/EMTs:***
1. *Tanner P. Jones*
 2. *McCarthy J. Kistler*
 3. *Kevin W. Rieger*
- E. *Accept Oaths of Full-time Firefighter/Paramedics:***
1. *Jared E. Baer*
 2. *Joshua A. Bliss*
 3. *Ronald T. Milam*
 4. *Adam M. Wracher*

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- F. *Accept Oaths of Full-time Firefighter/EMTs:*
 - 1. *Tanner P. Jones*
 - 2. *McCarthy J. Kistler*
 - 3. *Kevin W. Rieger*
- G. *Delinquent Debt Collection Agreement*
- H. *Request for Out-of-State Travel*
- 8. *Police Department:*
 - A. *Swearing in of Full-time Police Patrol Officer Trevor L. Boggess*
 - B. *Accept Oath of Full-time Police Patrol Officer Trevor L. Boggess*
 - C. *Substation Agreement Amendment*
- 9. *Legal Department*
 - A. *Settlement, Easement and Mutual Release Agreements*
- 10. *Public Works Department:*
 - A. *Park Division*
 - 1. *Accept sponsorship donations to the 2025 Community Celebration:*
 - a. *\$2,500.00 from Aqua Ohio, Inc.*
 - b. *\$1,000.00 from Vasco Asphalt Company*
 - c. *\$100.00 from Fedorko Chiropractic Health Center*
 - B. *Amphitheater Division:*
 - 1. *Band Booking Agreement*
- 11. *Zoning Department:*

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- A. Set public hearing for Zoning Amendments 20250111 on April 22, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. - Brian Kruszewski, agent for Always Stay Unlimited, LLC, property owner, 3673 Massillon Road, Uniontown, Ohio 44685 proposes to rezone R-2 Two-Family Residential District to B-2 Neighbor Business District Parcel No. 10017148 Portage consisting of 1.21 Ac located on the south side of Portage approx. 288 ft. west of Frank Ave. NW, Sect. 11SE Jackson Twp.

12. *Fiscal Office:*

- A. *Pay Bills*
- B. *Approve minutes for the March 25, 2025 Board of Trustees' meeting*
- C. *Monthly Reports*

13. *Routine Business:*

A. *Announcements:*

- *Next Regular **Board of Trustees'** meeting, April 22, 2025, 4:00 P.M., Executive Session and/or Work Session: 5:00 P.M., General Session, Jackson Township Hall*
- ***CIC Meeting** – April 17, 2025, 2:00 P.M., Jackson Township Hall*
- ***LOGIC Meeting** – May 1, 2025, 9:00 A.M., Safety Center*
- ***Zoning Meetings:** - Jackson Township Hall:*
 - ***Zoning Commission** – none*
 - ***Board of Zoning Appeals** – April 10, 2025, 5:00 P.M.*
- ***Easter Egg Hunt** – April 12, 2025 11:00 A.M., North Park*

14. *Old Business:*

15. *New Business:*

16. *Public Speaks – Open Forum:*

17. *Adjourn*

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

APRIL 08, 2025

Hawke called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. at the Jackson Township Hall with Trustees Todd Hawke, Justin Hardesty, and John Pizzino present. Fiscal Officer Gonzalez, Administrator / Law Director Vaccaro, Police Chief Brink, Fire Chief Berczik, Zoning Inspector Poindexter, and Public Works Director Rohn were also in attendance.

The first order of business was a work session to discuss the America By Design with Justin Gantz. Also, they discussed PUD-3 recommendations for Zoning Text Amendments.

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for Police Department (Personnel Appointment / Employment / Compensation) – Interview Police Officer Candidate

Hawke – yes
Hardesty - yes
Pizzino – yes

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion to go into Executive Session to consider the purchase of property for public purposes and the sale of property at competitive bidding.

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

Following the TIRC meeting, the Jackson/Canton Joint Economic Development District meeting was held, as well as the Record Commission meeting for the following:

- Fitzpatrick

Hawke explained to the residents what the Jackson/Canton Joint Economic Development District consists of. Property owners and business's in those districts, located within Jackson Township although they pay Canton City income tax. The tax monies is then split between Canton City and

Jackson Township for Economic Development. Those dollars Jackson Township receives are then split between our police and fire departments.

Police Department

Trustee Hawke administered the Oath of Office. There was a brief recess for photos.

RESOLUTION 25-077

ACCEPTANCE OF FULL TIME POLICE PATROL OFFICER OATH OF OFFICE

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion that we hereby accept the attached oath of office for Trevor L. Boggess as Full-time Patrol Officer and Police Constable for the Jackson Township Police District, Stark County, Ohio.

3-0 yes

RESOLUTION 25-078

POLICE DEPARTMENT SUBSTATION AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion that the Jackson Police Department and The Strip Delaware, LLC., entered into a letter agreement dated October 15, 1997 (the “Original Agreement”), wherein they agreed that the Department would operate a Substation at the Property; and,

Whereas, the Jackson Police Department and The Strip Delaware, LLC., wish to amend the Original Agreement for the continued operation of the Substation by the Police Department.

Be it resolved that we hereby adopt and authorize the Chief of Police, Mark Brink to sign the First Amendment to Substation Agreement, as attached.

3-0 yes

Fire Department

RESOLUTION 25-079

APPOINT FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion that whereas, Resolution No. 25-066 is incorporated herein, and Jared E. Baer has successfully completed a medical evaluation as to the condition of the individual as it relates to the performance of the duties of a Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic, background check, negative drug screen and other testing requirements.

Be it resolved that, pursuant to the Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic hiring policy, the Township’s Personnel Hiring Policy and pursuant to ORC Section 505.38, we hereby appoint Jared E. Baer to the position of Full-time Firefighter/ Paramedic, effective April 14, 2025 at 0754 hours, at the FF/P2 annual rate of \$70,682.56 as set forth in the Negotiated Agreement with Jackson Township and the Jackson Township Professional Firefighters Local 2280, IAFF.

Be it further resolved that Jared E. Baer shall serve a one year probationary period and shall continue to maintain all required certifications.

3-0 yes

RESOLUTION 25-080

APPOINT FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion that whereas, Resolution No. 25-066 is incorporated herein, and Joshua A. Bliss has successfully completed a medical evaluation as to the condition of the individual as it relates to the performance of the duties of a Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic, background check, negative drug screen and other testing requirements.

Be it resolved that, pursuant to the Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic hiring policy, the Township's Personnel Hiring Policy and pursuant to ORC Section 505.38, we hereby appoint Joshua A. Bliss to the position of Full-time Firefighter/ Paramedic, effective April 14, 2025 at 0755 hours, at the FF/P2 annual rate of \$70,682.56 as set forth in the Negotiated Agreement with Jackson Township and the Jackson Township Professional Firefighters Local 2280, IAFF.

Be it further resolved that Joshua A. Bliss shall serve a one year probationary period and shall continue to maintain all required certifications.

3-0 yes

RESOLUTION 25-081

APPOINT FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion that whereas, Resolution No. 25-066 is incorporated herein, and Ronald T. Milam has successfully completed a medical evaluation as to the condition of the individual as it relates to the performance of the duties of a Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic, background check, negative drug screen and other testing requirements.

Be it resolved that, pursuant to the Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic hiring policy, the Township's Personnel Hiring Policy and pursuant to ORC Section 505.38, we hereby appoint Ronald T. Milam to the position of Full-time Firefighter/ Paramedic, effective April 14, 2025 at 0756 hours, at the FF/P2 annual rate of \$70,682.56 as set forth in the Negotiated Agreement with Jackson Township and the Jackson Township Professional Firefighters Local 2280, IAFF.

Be it further resolved that Ronald T. Milam shall serve a one year probationary period and shall continue to maintain all required certifications.

3-0 yes

RESOLUTION 25-082

APPOINT FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion that whereas, Resolution No. 25-066 is incorporated herein, and Adam M. Wracher has successfully completed a medical evaluation as to the condition of the individual as it relates to the performance of the duties of a Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic, background check, negative drug screen and other testing requirements.

Be it resolved that, pursuant to the Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic hiring policy, the Township's Personnel Hiring Policy and pursuant to ORC Section 505.38, we hereby appoint Adam M. Wracher to the position of Full-time Firefighter/ Paramedic, effective April 14, 2025 at 0757 hours, at the FF/P2 annual rate of \$70,682.56 as set forth in the Negotiated Agreement with Jackson Township and the Jackson Township Professional Firefighters Local 2280, IAFF.

Be it further resolved that Adam M. Wracher shall serve a one year probationary period and shall continue to maintain all required certifications.

3-0 yes

RESOLUTION 25-083

APPOINT FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER/EMT

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion that whereas, Resolution No. 25-066 is incorporated herein, and Tanner P. Jones has successfully completed a medical evaluation as to the condition of the individual as it relates to the performance of the duties of a Full-time Firefighter/EMT, background check, negative drug screen and other testing requirements.

Be it resolved that, pursuant to the Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic hiring policy, the Township's Personnel Hiring Policy and pursuant to ORC Section 505.38, we hereby appoint Tanner P. Jones to the position of Full-time Firefighter/EMT, effective April 14, 2025 at 0758 hours, at the FF/P3 annual rate of \$62,786.88 as set forth in the Negotiated Agreement with Jackson Township and the Jackson Township Professional Firefighters Local 2280, IAFF.

Be it further resolved that Tanner P. Jones shall serve a one year probationary period and shall continue to maintain all required certifications.

3-0 yes

RESOLUTION 25-084

APPOINT FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER/EMT

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion that whereas, Resolution No. 25-066 is incorporated herein, and McCarthy J. Kistler has successfully completed a medical evaluation as to the condition of the individual as it relates to the performance of the duties of a Full-time Firefighter/EMT, background check, negative drug screen and other testing requirements.

Be it resolved that, pursuant to the Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic hiring policy, the Township's Personnel Hiring Policy and pursuant to ORC Section 505.38, we hereby appoint McCarthy P. Kistler to the position of Full-time Firefighter/EMT, effective April 14, 2025 at 0759 hours, at the FF/P3 annual rate of \$62,786.88 as set forth in the Negotiated Agreement with Jackson Township and the Jackson Township Professional Firefighters Local 2280, IAFF.

Be it further resolved that McCarthy P. Kistler shall serve a one year probationary period and shall continue to maintain all required certifications.

3-0 yes

RESOLUTION 25-085

APPOINT FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER/EMT

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion that whereas, Resolution No. 25-066 is incorporated herein, and Kevin W. Rieger has successfully completed a medical evaluation as to the condition of the individual as it relates to the performance of the duties of a Full-time Firefighter/EMT, background check, negative drug screen and other testing requirements.

Be it resolved that, pursuant to the Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic hiring policy, the Township's Personnel Hiring Policy and pursuant to ORC Section 505.38, we hereby appoint Kevin W. Rieger to the position of Full-time Firefighter/EMT, effective April 14, 2025 at 0800 hours, at the FF/P3 annual rate of \$62,786.88 as set forth in the Negotiated Agreement with Jackson Township and the Jackson Township Professional Firefighters Local 2280, IAFF.

Be it further resolved that Kevin W. Rieger shall serve a one year probationary period and shall continue to maintain all required certifications.

3-0 yes

Trustee Hawke administered the Oath of Office. There was a brief recess for photos.

RESOLUTION 25-086

ACCEPTANCE OF OATH FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion that we hereby accept the attached oath of office for Jared E. Baer, Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic for the Jackson Township Fire Department, Stark County, Ohio, effective April 14, 2025 at 0754 hours.

3-0 yes

RESOLUTION 25-087

ACCEPTANCE OF OATH FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion that we hereby accept the attached oath of office for Joshua A. Bliss, Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic for the Jackson Township Fire Department, Stark County, Ohio, effective April 14, 2025 at 0755 hours.

3-0 yes

RESOLUTION 25-088

ACCEPTANCE OF OATH FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion that we hereby accept the attached oath of office for Ronald T. Milam, Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic for the Jackson Township Fire Department, Stark County, Ohio, effective April 14, 2025 at 0756 hours.

3-0 yes

RESOLUTION 25-089

ACCEPTANCE OF OATH FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion that we hereby accept the attached oath of office for Adam M. Wracher, Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic for the Jackson Township Fire Department, Stark County, Ohio, effective April 14, 2025 at 0757 hours.

3-0 yes

RESOLUTION 25-090

ACCEPTANCE OF OATH FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER/EMT

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion that we hereby accept the attached oath of office for Tanner P. Jones, Full-time Firefighter/EMT for the Jackson Township Fire Department, Stark County, Ohio, effective April 14, 2025 at 0758 hours.

3-0 yes

RESOLUTION 25-091

ACCEPTANCE OF OATH FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER/EMT

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion that we hereby accept the attached oath of office for McCarthy J. Kistler, Full-time Firefighter/EMT for the Jackson Township Fire Department, Stark County, Ohio, effective April 14, 2025 at 0759 hours.

3-0 yes

RESOLUTION 25-092

ACCEPTANCE OF OATH FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER/EMT

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion that we hereby accept the attached oath of office for Kevin W. Rieger, Full-time Firefighter/EMT for the Jackson Township Fire Department, Stark County, Ohio, effective April 14, 2025 at 0800 hours.

3-0 yes

RESOLUTION 25-093

FIRE DEPARTMENT DELINQUENT DEBT COLLECTION AGREEMENT

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion whereas, the Jackson Township Fire Department desires to engage the Ohio Attorney General for specific debt collection services.

Be it resolved that we hereby approve and authorize the Fire Chief, Timothy Berczik to sign the attached Delinquent Debt Collection Agreement with the Ohio Attorney General.

3-0 yes

ATTACHMENT 04/08/25A

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to authorize out-of-state travel for Battalion Chief Luke Ediger or Captain Shawn Parsell, to be determined by Fire Chief Berczik, to attend the Blue Card Train-the-Trainer in Phoenix, AZ on June 8, 2025 through June 14, 2025, at a total cost of \$6,325.00 of which \$4,500.00 will be paid through a grant. Said travel shall be in accordance with the Jackson Township Travel Policy.

3-0 yes

Legal Department

RESOLUTION 25-094

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE - SCHURING PARK

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion that we hereby adopt and authorize the placement of the Board member's signatures on the attached Settlement Agreement, Mutual Release and Easement Agreement with ABC Gardens LLC.

3-0 yes

Public Works Department

Park Division

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion to accept the following sponsorship donation for the 2025 Community Celebration:

1. \$2,500.00 from Aqua Ohio, Inc.
2. \$1,000.00 from Vasco Asphalt Company
3. \$100.00 from Fedorko Chiropractic Health Center

3-0 yes

Amphitheater Division

RESOLUTION 25-095

AMPHITHEATER BAND BOOKING AGREEMENT

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion whereas, the Board of Trustees owns the Jackson Amphitheater in Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio.

Whereas, the Board of Trustees has determined that, as part of its programming for the Jackson Amphitheater, the act identified in the attached contract are to be engaged for a performance during the 2025 season.

Be it resolved that we hereby adopt and authorize the placement of the Board Chairman's signature upon the attached Booking Agreement for the following band:

1. Canton Concert Band –Bryan Harris.

3-0 yes

Zoning Department

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion to set a public hearing for a Zoning Amendments 20250111 on April 22, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. – Brian Kruszewski, agent for Always Stay Unlimited, LLC, property owner, 3673 Massillon Road, Uniontown, Ohio 44685 proposes to rezone R-2 Two-Family Residential District to B-2 Neighbor Business District Parcel No. 10017148 Portage consisting of 1.21 Ac located on the south side of Portage approx. 288 ft. west of Frank Ave. NW, Sect. 11SE Jackson Twp.

3-0 yes

Fiscal Office

ATTACHMENT 04/08/25B

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$1,749,786.83.

3-0 yes

ATTACHMENT 04/08/25C

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2025 Board of Trustees' Meeting.

3-0 yes

ATTACHMENT 04/08/25D

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion to approve the monthly reports for March 2025.

3-0 yes

Routine Business

Announcements

- Next regular **Board of Trustees'** meeting, April 22, 2025, 4:00 p.m., Executive Session and/or Work Session; 5:00 p.m., General Session, Jackson Township Hall.
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- **LOGIC**, May 1, 2025, 9:00 a.m., Jackson Safety Center
- **Zoning Meetings:** (Jackson Township Hall)
 - **Board of Zoning Appeals** –April 10, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
 - **Zoning Commission** – None
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** April 12, 2025 11:00 a.m., North Park

Old Business - None

New Business –

Based on today’s Work Session, Vaccaro asked the Board to give him verbal authorization to make arrangements for America by Design at the Amphitheater with Sol Harris Day. Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded the motion.

3-0 yes

Poindexter explained what some of the text amendments changes mean. R-3 is a planned unit residential development. Requirements for open spaces and density around said spaces. This Zoning amendment will go from 2.2 to 4 units per acre and cleaning up some other issues that need addressed.

RESOLUTION 25-096

INITIATION OF ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion whereas, the Jackson Township Board of Trustees from time-to-time receive recommendations for text amendments to the Jackson Township Zoning Resolution.

Whereas, the Jackson Township Board of Trustees having reviewed the attached text changes on April 8, 2025, and believe the recommendations deserve consideration by the Jackson Township Zoning Commission.

Be it resolved that, pursuant to ORC 519.12(A)(1), we authorize the Zoning Inspector, as the Board of Trustees’ designee, to file an application with the Jackson Township Zoning Commission initiating a text amendment to the Jackson Township Zoning Resolution. Associated fees are hereby waived.

3-0 yes

RESOLUTION 25-097

CIC CRAFT AND MERCHANDISE MARKET AGREEMENT – COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion that we hereby adopt and authorize the placement of the Board Chairman’s signature on the attached Agreement with the Jackson Township Community Improvement Corporation.

3-0 yes

RESOLUTION 25-098

POLICE DEPARTMENT FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion that, pursuant to ORC Section 505.49 and 509.01, we hereby appoint Antonio C. Ady 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.

3-0 yes

Public Speaks – None

Hawke moved and Hardesty seconded a motion to adjourn.

3-0 yes

Todd Hawke

Kody Gonzalez