



City of Kent
Wednesday, May 1, 2024
Special City Council Meeting
320 S. Depeyster Street, Kent, OH 44240

MINUTES

Joint Meeting with Franklin Township Trustees

At 07:00 PM, Mayor Jerry T. Fiala called the Joint Meeting with Franklin Township Trustees Meeting to order.

Present: Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Kapusta, Mr. Russell, Mr. Swan

Also Present: Mr. Jerry T. Fiala, Mayor, and President of Council; Mr. Dave Ruller, City Manager; Ms. Hope Jones, Law Director; Ms. Bridget Susel, Community Development Director; Ms. Melanie Baker, Service Director; Mr. Jim Bowling, City Engineer; Ms. Rhonda Hall, Budget and Finance Director; Mr. Nick Shearer, Chief of Police; Mr. Jamie Samels, Fire Chief; Ms. Dominique Bollenbacher, Community Engagement Coordinator; Ms. Angela Manley, Parks and Recreation Director; Ms. Karen Magiavy, Parks and Recreation; Mr. Oliver Wuensch, Marketing and Special Events; Ms. Megan Johns, Recreation Supervisor; Ms. Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council

Standing Rock Cemetery Board Applicant Interviews

Mayor Fiala addressed the need to appoint someone to the at-large position at the cemetery and fill the unexpired term left by Mr. Lux's retirement. He clarifies that applicants can be from either the township or the city. Three applicants are present, and he reads out the terms and conditions for the position. He encourages unsuccessful applicants to consider other opportunities on boards and committees. The applicants are asked to wait outside, and their order of presentation will be determined by a draw.

Mr. James Strobel is the first candidate to be interviewed for the cemetery board position. He expresses his interest in serving and outlines his extensive volunteer experience, including work with Ronald McDonald House and the Boy Scouts. Strobel emphasizes his commitment to serving the community and his interest in the historical significance of cemeteries. He answers questions about his knowledge of the cemetery board's responsibilities and fiscal management. Strobel demonstrates a willingness to assist with interments and expresses his conservative fiscal approach. He also discusses his experience with fundraising and fiscal management during his time with the Ronald McDonald House. Overall, Strobel presents himself as a dedicated and knowledgeable candidate for the position.

Ms. Judith Shaw expressed her interest in serving on the Cemetery Board due to her personal connection with loved ones buried there and her desire to ensure its upkeep. She praises the current caretaker and volunteers at the cemetery. Shaw admits her limited knowledge of the board's functions but believes they provide advice and make decisions regarding management. She indicates her willingness to attend meetings and assist with interments if needed. When asked about relevant

experience, Shaw mentions her involvement with the Edith Chase Symposium board and the advisory committee for East Main Street. Overall, Shaw presents herself as a dedicated individual with a personal stake in the cemetery's well-being.

Mr. Paul Tucic expresses his interest in serving on the Cemetery Board due to his appreciation for its maintenance and presentation. He believes the board reviews cemetery plans, manages ongoing operations, makes decisions about maintenance efforts, and oversees the budget. When asked about his background, Tucic admits to having no specific cemetery administration experience but highlights his experience maintaining his own home and working as a computer programmer and systems analyst, where he deals with operational concerns. He expresses willingness to assist with interments on Saturdays if needed.

MOTION TO APPOINT JAMES STROBLE TO THE STANDING ROCK CEMETERY

BOARD MADE BY Mr. Russell, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone and CARRIED by a voice vote of 12-0-0.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE DRAFT NUMBERS 2024-037 , 2024-038 AND 2024-039 MADE BY Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Jeff Clapper and CARRIED by a voice vote of 12-0-0.

Legislation

DRAFT JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2024-037 A JOINT RESOLUTION APPOINTING JAMES STROBLE AN AT LARGE TRUSTEE, TO THE STANDING ROCK CEMETERY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 759.36, EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2027, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF DRAFT JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 037 MADE by Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Jeff Clapper. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Kapusta, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Swan. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 12-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 037 MADE by Mr. Jeff Clapper, SECONDED by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Kapusta, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Swan. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 12-0-0.

Joint Resolution 2024-037 has passed.

DRAFT JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 038 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP AND THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO, PURSUANT TO OHIO RE-VISED CODE SECTION 759.34 DETERMINING THAT THE RATE OF TAXES TO BE LEVIED UPON ALL THE TAXABLE PROPERTY OF SAID MUNICIPALITY AND SAID TOWNSHIP FOR CEMETERY PURPOSES FOR THE TAX YEAR OF 2024 SHALL BE AND HEREBY IS FIXED IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO .60 MILLS FOR THE CITY OF KENT AND .60 MILLS FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft Joint Resolution No. 2024- 038 MADE by Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. Chris Hook. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Kapusta, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Swan. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 12-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft Joint Resolution No. 2024- 038 MADE by Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Kapusta, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Swan. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 12-0-0.

Joint Resolution 2024-038 has passed.

DRAFT JOINT RESOLUTION NO.2024- 039 A JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING SALARY AND HOURLY PAY RAISES TO THE PERSONNEL OF THE STANDING ROCK CEMETERY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF DRAFT JOINT RESOLUTION NO.2024- 039 MADE by Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Ms. Melissa Celko. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Kapusta, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Swan. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 12-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT JOINT RESOLUTION NO.2024- 039 MADE by Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Ms. Melissa Celko, Mr. Jeff Clapper, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Chris Hook, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Kapusta, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Swan. The motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 12-0-0.

Joint Resolution 2024-039 has passed.

Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



Amy Wilkens , CMC
Clerk of Council



Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor & President of Council

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