

Minutes Trustee Special Meeting for JEDD Amendment II Meetings  
 Held March 22, Year 2017

The Fairfield Township Trustees held a Special Meeting for JEDD Amendment II Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at the Administration Building, 6032 Morris Road, Hamilton, OH 45011. Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Berding, President of Board, at 6:30 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Berding	Present
Mr. McAbee	Present
Mrs. Hartkemeyer	Present

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Frederick McQueen, Sanctuary Covenant Christian Fellowship Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was honored.

**Motion** made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mr. McAbee to open the Fairfield Township JEDD Amendment II Public Hearing. All in favor.

**Mr. Ken Geis** – Stated that Fairfield Township is a Limited Home Rule Township. They have the increased ability to govern (more of a municipal form of government without income taxing authority). They can create non-criminal offenses, leverage revenue accounts and have a Law Director. They cannot impact the Hunting Laws.

The Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) operates under RC 715 General Authority, for facilitating economic development to create or preserve jobs and employment opportunities and to improve the economic welfare of the people in this state and in the contracting parties.

The Hamilton-Indian Springs Joint Economic Development District Contract was first created in 1996. It was amended in 2004 when property was added. This is not a creation of a new JEDD but the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment to the JEDD. The proposed action is addition of 184 +/- acres (Graceworks/Kettering Hospital). The City of Hamilton approved amendment on March 8, 2017 by ordinance.

This action was spurred by a zoning action. The StoryPoint development zoning was approved.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

**Mr. McAbee**– There was a recent change, Hamilton sent over a change in the last couple days? Are they still paying the 2 million for the road improvement?

**Mr. Geis** – Yes, we had requested some changes to the JEDD agreement. Yes, Hamilton committed 2 million and then Butler County said they will contribute \$250,000.00 which will come out of the 2 million.

**Mr. McAbee** – What is the total cost to the Township?

**Mr. Geis** – The total cost to the Township should be \$600,000.00 or less.

**Mr. McAbee** – Are we going to have a say in how the road is improved since it is our road? Will we have say in what it looks like?

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**Mr. Geis** – The overall intent is that the Township will have direct involvement in the project.

**Mr. McAbee** – The map shows Fairfield North Baptist Church has a parcel in that area. The Church is not in the JEDD but it was shown on the map that the entire area was in it.

**Mr. Geis** – Fairfield North Baptist Church could be in the JEDD if they wanted, but currently the land that is occupied by the church will not be in the JEDD.

**Mr. McAbee** – Is there any type of guarantee that if the revenue isn't realized as anticipated it would cover our cost?

**Mr. Geis** – If you're asking me if I believe these efforts are in the best interest of Fairfield Township then the answer is yes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Tim Abbott** – Regional Manager of Duke Energy, 1199 Nilles Road, Fairfield. I am here because we have always had a good relationship with the schools and the Township and the Communities in the area. We are opposed to the City of Hamilton being the exclusive provider of the gas and electric facilities. We want to defend our right to service that area.

**Mr. McAbee** – Mr. Abbott I want to apologize on behalf of the Board of Trustees that you were not notified as this process developed. I am opposed to this also but when you negotiate sometimes you don't get everyone you want.

**Motion** made by Mrs. Berding, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to close the meeting at 6:55 PM. All in favor.

**Motion** made by Mrs. Berding, second by Mr. McAbee to adjourn at 6:55 PM. All in favor.

Minutes submitted by:

Nancy A. Bock  
Nancy A. Bock, Fiscal Officer

Susan Berding  
Susan Berding, President

Joe McAbee  
Joe McAbee, Trustee

Shannon Hartkemeyer  
Shannon Hartkemeyer, Trustee