

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
11452 JACKSON ROAD, DEXTER
Monday, May 22, 2023 5 PM**

Call to Order

The meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Supervisor D. Luick

Public Comment

No comment

Facilities Discussion

Discussion of options for improving existing town hall vs building new town hall on vacant land. Summary below.

Do Nothing

Pros – Least costly; easiest option; No criticism for spending money; Continued split locations for public and elections

Cons – Does not resolve issues either at the existing hall or offices; Township will not own township offices and will continue to pay rent; Risk of lawsuit (for access, barrier-free parking, and potential for accidents on Jackson Rd.); Improper storage and security of documents and election equipment and documents; Present town hall continues to deteriorate.

Utilize the Existing Hall and Add All Spaces, Offices, and Parking Needed

Pros – Saves existing hall and resolves space and use issues with full addition; Combines all services and uses at one location; Allows sale of new site on N. Lima Center Road

Cons – Uses existing hall; Limits future use due to site size; does not resolve hazards of parking along Jackson Rd; requires temporary space for meetings, elections, etc. during construction; Approximate same cost as new building; Mortgage from normal budget

Remove the Existing Hall and build a new one on the Existing Site

Pros – Resolves current space and use issues; Combines all services and uses at one location; Allows sale of new site; Cost most likely slightly less than build on new site.

Cons – Removes existing hall; Limits future use due to site size; Doesn't resolve street parking issue; Mortgage from normal budget; Needs temporary space for meetings, elections, etc.

New Build on New Site

Pros- No service/budget reductions or taxes; Resolves all current needs for space, parking, barrier-free, security, etc.; Allows for future expansion needs, uses a public space; Utilizes new site and sunk costs for land, road, and design; Allows for current hall move and use if desired; Allows for sale of the existing site/ Have normal use of existing hall during construction; Possibility of incorporating existing hall building with new; Long term uses such as WAVE, future park, etc.

Upgrade Existing Hall and Site with Minimal Addition

Pros – Less costly than new build; Resolves Barrier-free access and possible lawsuit issues; Adds storage and workroom space; Saves existing hall (to some level) depending on restoration upgrades site, utilities, parking, hazardous materials removal, etc.

Cons – Uses existing hall; Sunk costs if not used for long-term expansion; Continue paying rent; Does not resolve existing office issues; Split locations; Does not resolve street parking; Needs temporary space during construction

Final Public Comment

Opinions for the options were offered by those present.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by N Havens, seconded by Da Luick. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Teresa Reynhout
Lima Township Clerk