

in a 2-1 vote Tuesday morning, passed a resolution to obtain, redact, and release notes from an investigation conducted in 2016, per an order by the Ohio Court of Claims.

Judge Patrick McGrath ordered the township officials on Oct. 26 to release the notes before or on Friday, Nov 3.

last year to investigate the conduct of the township's former Fire Chief Tim Jensen. Duckett compiled the notes to complete his final report to trustees.

"I'm of the opinion, we all know this, that it is time we release these records, we redact them and comply with what was court ordered most recent-

ly," said Trustee Tom Mitchell. "I've made it very clear from the very beginning that I thought it was important for us to take this matter and fight this matter because of the employees," said Trustee Shyra Eichhorn. "They were promised something that they should not have been prom-

privilege. However, during the investigation, Duckett acted in not as an attorney.

"However, I can look at those employees in the eye and say I fought as hard as I could," she said. "I think at this point

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# Orange Township just says no

## Trustees ban medical marijuana facilities

By **D. Anthony Botkin**  
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Trustees voted unanimously Monday to prohibit medical marijuana cultivators, processors, and retail dispensaries from locating in Orange Township.

Genoa and Liberty townships approved resolutions earlier this year that will prevent cultivators, processors, and retail dispensaries of medical marijuana from operating within the unincorporated territory of the townships. The City of Powell

also passed a measure to prohibit establishments related to medical marijuana.

Ohio's Medical Marijuana Control Program and the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy will start accepting applications for dispensaries online from Nov. 3-17, according to the program website.

"On Nov. 3 they'll be able to apply for a license for the zone," said Trustee Rob Quigley. "What this entails is the fact that there are certain zones within Ohio that the legislation is allowing the licensing of dispensaries. There are three per zone and Delaware County is in one of those zones."

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Incumbents with a combined 20 years of experience are seeking reelection in the race for the Concord Township board of trustees on Nov. 7.



Dick



Garrett



Johnson

**Ron Dick** According to Dick's Facebook campaign page, he has 20 years experience in government and private business project development as well as teaching and coaching experience.

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## me for parole

A man who has served  
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sted full responsibility

way to achieve this is  
through the best use of  
tax dollars to support  
infrastructure, zoning  
and community facilities.

"I want to listen and  
act upon your concerns  
about what impacts your  
family," he said.

"I am always attentive  
to current events in sup-  
port of this great democ-  
racy we live in," he states  
on the page. "My experi-  
ence and a continued  
interest in taking part in  
community service have  
brought me to this com-  
mitment to serve you."

of the new community  
building, a new state of  
the art firehouse, the  
purchase of three dump  
trucks an EMS rescue  
unit, enlarging the park  
by 20 acres and the cem-  
etery by 10 acres.

"All done without  
borrowing or asking  
taxpayers for funding,"  
he said. "I've proven that  
a conservative approach  
to spending is the best  
way to return value to  
residents while still pro-  
viding services."

Garrett said the press-  
ing issues for the town-

JOHNSON is a member  
resident of the township,  
president of Agri Com-  
municators Inc., sits on  
the board of directors  
of First Commonwealth  
Bank, is a part-time farm-  
er, and veteran of the  
US Air Force Ohio Air  
National Guard. He has  
been married 25 years  
and has raised four chil-  
dren in the township.

Johnson pointed to his  
track record of 12 years  
as a trustee.

"We have built a new  
township hall, a new  
fire station and replaced

keep it that way."

Johnson said he sees  
development and growth  
as a pressing issue.

"We've seen an explo-  
sion of new develop-  
ments," he said. "Dela-  
ware County is pushing  
for the Lower Scioto  
wastewater treatment  
plant to be operational  
and the real challenge  
will be balancing the  
personal property rights  
of larger landowners and  
the desire of residents to  
curtail housing develop-  
ments."

## Orange

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Quigley said that Dela-  
ware County is located  
in a zone with Licking,  
Knox, and Morrow coun-  
ties that could allow up  
to three medical mari-  
juana dispensaries.

"Depending on wheth-  
er or not the township  
has passed a prohibi-  
tion or had a zoning  
restriction, it will deter-  
mine the faith of those  
licenses," Quigley said.  
"If we don't prohibit it,  
in general, it is restricted  
within 500 yards of a  
park, a school district, so  
we wanted to get a map  
to look at that."

Township Adminis-  
trator Lee Bodnar said  
the map showed "quite  
an abundance" of areas  
along US 23 where  
dispensaries could be  
established if zoning or  
a prohibition was not in  
place.

"I guess that is where  
you would see the activ-  
ity should the township  
allow dispensaries," he  
said.

"I don't see any ben-  
efit to having it here  
at all, I see zero," said  
Trustee Lisa Knapp.  
"It's a cash business,  
you're talking potential  
thieves and armed rob-  
beries and things like  
that. We don't get any  
taxes from it and I just  
don't see a benefit in

having here at all."

Trustees invited  
Delaware General Helth  
District Commissioner  
Sheila Hiddleson to  
speak about the new law  
allowing medical mari-  
juana.

"We do, as a health  
district and a board,  
have concerns about the  
adverse health effects of  
marijuana, we don't want  
this to fall into the hands  
of children," Hiddleson  
said. "It needs to regu-  
lated appropriately."

According to data  
presented by the Health

District, 30 percent of  
the teenagers surveyed  
— middle school to high  
school age — used mari-  
juana in the last 30 days  
with the average user  
being 14 years old.

Hiddleson said the  
worry from the Health  
District standpoint is,  
"with more marijuana  
that's available, do we  
see these numbers go up  
and what is the long-term  
effect?"

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