

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING of the
JENKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
January 11th, 2017 at 7:00PM**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL:	Stanley E. Rovinski -Chairman	<u> A </u>
	Joseph Sperrazza -Vice Chairman	<u> x </u>
	Robert Linskey-Secretary/Treasurer	<u> x </u>
	Charles G. Ross Jr., Esq.-Solicitor	<u> x </u>
	Barbara Fairchild-Township Manager	<u> x </u>

Mr. Sperrazza asked the public if they wished to address the Board of Supervisors regarding any items placed on the agenda for this meeting and/or any general municipal business. He asked the public who wished to address them to sign the sheet clearly with name, address and phone number. He asked that all cell phones and pagers be turned off during the meeting.

- Resident-Top of Main and Chestnut St. addressed their concerns about how it is uninhabited for many years. Many windows are broken, stairs falling down, the huge eyesore for the property for a long time that should be sited. Why isn't something being done about it. Mr. Linskey responded that we contract with the City of Pittston and Harry Smith is the code enforcement officer for 1 day per week. Owner has not responded to the violation notices that were sent. Owner is out of state. Several local municipalities are trying through the land Bank to clean blighted properties. It is hopeful that they can do this because there is a section back there with an empty lot and perhaps we can clean it up and get it sold to be back for us to get the taxes.
- They wanted answers about the township employees cutting the grass and if any one paid for that. They said we should have nothing to do with this property. Mr. Sperrazza said we are supposed to be sending them bills. JoElle Dougherty responded that she sent 3 letters and they keep coming back. The supervisors discussed this with Attorney Ross and we will make sure that they are billed and a municipal lien will be placed on the property. A resident heard the property may go up for tax or sheriffs sale. Mr. Linskey said we may have to wait until then to see about it at that time.
- Rene-Resident-Complaints regarding the area going through the tracks by Laflin Rd. considered Laflin. No tractor trailers are supposed to be allowed and now they are flying though there and blocking this area. If you go up Laflin Rd. to Main St. They Chief of Police said this is Laflin. The traffic is terrible when people are leaving Wesley Village. Mr. Sperrazza asked about what time and She said they are going through approximately 3:30-4:00 P.M. and also by Rutledge St. When she walks her dog they go through stop signs. She has pictures. Mr. Sperrazza said they are coming out from Passan Dr. and there are signs Laflin has there. Mr. Linskey asked if we could have any extra patrols there. They asked if we can have police monitor this and can a letter be sent to Wesley Village and the business owners regarding citizen's complaints. They use it as a speedway coming from Wesley Village and Highlands where the new homes are in the back. We have a lot

of people who walk their animals. Something is going to end up happening there at that stop sign.

- Bonnie Bordowski—Had questions regarding the new garbage fees, stickers and bins. They bought bags and she only goes through about 25 per year. She only needed 4 bags to get her through the end of the year. The guy in the office told her she didn't have to buy bags too but just buy a sticker but they weren't here yet? Now it is a substantial financial increase and she just bought the bags at the end of the year and has to pay the sticker fee. This is unfair. Why were we charged \$47.50 and What can be done? Mr. Linskey responded with the new fees and sizes of the bins and explained to her that they did not know what the changes were going to be at that time. They had to put it out for bid and they went with the lowest responsible bidder. At that time the guy may not have known what they changes were. The company is County Waste and they go by using the stickers and the bins. The changes were made around December 20, 2016. Hopefully the transition will go well and everything will work out fine. Mr. Linskey said we discussed if we gave residents a sheet of refuse bulk stickers for just purchasing the bags. It will be a sheet of 6 stickers for free as a compensation for how you bought bags.
- Jerry Selima-Sunrise Dr.- He heard that someone asked about a grant for \$40,000.00 for LED lights in the ballpark and inquire about grants for the Little League. Mr. Sperrazza said this is the first he has heard about this. Mr. Linskey asked Mr. LaFratte to speak about this that he heard they wanted our help to write the grants. We are not sponsoring it, he believes. Mr. LaFratte said he did not have a chance to work on it. He will start the process but there are no guarantees. This is not directed at anyone in particular but he said he contacted the township building and a public employee answered the phone and did not announce their name. When questioned in return their response was well who is this? He said when you answer a phone you should hear Jenkins Township and the name of the person who you are talking to. Mr. Linskey said this will be addresses and you will hear Jenkins Township and that person's name. He also said regarding the trash and recycling cans how will it be addressed if they are damaged or stolen? Mr. Sperrazza said they will be replaced. When will the bins be delivered. Mr. Linskey said there are a few hiccups but we have addressed them.
Mr. Selima questioned if we receive money for recycling and Mr. Sperrazza said yes. He asked how much but it's somewhere around \$2000.00 -\$3,000.00 plus what they pay employees hours and we do get tonnage.
- Lou Campenni-Sunrise Dr.-He picked up on W. Sunrise Dr. piles of boxes from Christmas, large black bags that the refuse truck lost bags and all over the street, in his yard and in Mike Amitia's yard was a large amount of Styrofoam. He as a resident, not an employee brought it to the township building and he said to Barbara, manager, what am I going to do with it. Mr. Jones said the landfill won't take it. Ms. Fairchild asked if she could speak and said she contacted Mr. Puerro and she had to get the company to come pick it up here. Is Styrofoam recyclable? Mr. Jones said the landfill did not want to take it for garbage. The hauler said he would take care of it. Ms. Fairchild said she would like this information the County Waste will be providing to be put on the website.
- Mr. Sperrazza asked if the Dumpsters for garbage and recycling going to be at the dump and Mr. Lewis did not know. He asked if this could be done for when something is missed and then our employees could get it and put it in the dumpsters.
- A resident asked about ashes. Mr. Sperrazza said dump them in the bin. Ms. Fairchild said she was told to explain that cold not hot ashes could be dumped over the bags of refuse and they want everything to be dumped so they are not lifting cans of ashes.

4. **Mr. Sperrazza said there was an Executive Session held on January 5th, 2017 for personnel matters.**
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on December 14th, 2016, the Reorganization meeting and Budget meeting held on January 3, 2017 with the Correction needed to be made the term for the WVSA appointment to the Board is 5 years to January 3, 2022. .
Motion by Mr. Linskey **Second by Mr. Sperrazza**
Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza - Yes **Mr. Linskey - Yes** **Mr. Rovinski- Absent**
5. **CORRESPONDENCE**
Motion to accept the correspondence presented to the Board of Supervisors prior to the meeting and to place them on file.
Motion by Mr. Sperrazza **Second by Mr. Linskey**
Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza- Yes **Mr. Linskey- Yes** **Mr. Rovinski- Absent**
6. **REPORTS**
Motion to accept the December 2016 Department Reports presented to the Board of Supervisors prior to the meeting and to place them on file. Reports included:
Building Inspector ✓ **Compost Meeting ✓**
Fire Chief ✓ **Northeast Code Services, Inc. ✓**
Police Chief ✓ **Planning Commission**
Recreation Board **Zoning Officer ✓**
Motion by Mr. Linskey **Second by Mr. Sperrazza**
Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza- Yes **Mr. Linskey- Yes** **Mr. Rovinski- Absent**
7. **RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS**
Motion to ratify the payment of monthly bills for December 2016 in the amount of One Hundred and Five Thousand Five Hundred Seventy One Dollars and 46/100 Cents (\$105,571.46) from the General Fund.
Motion by Mr. Sperrazza **Second by Mr. Linskey**
Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza- Yes **Mr. Linskey- Yes** **Mr. Rovinski- Absent**
8. **READING OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT-Read by Mr. Linskey.**
Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2016.
Motion by Mr. Sperrazza **Second by Mr. Linskey**
Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza- Yes **Mr. Linskey- Yes** **Mr. Rovinski- Absent**
- UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
9. **Motion to approve the application and certification for the payment request from Mr. Paul Pasonick, Penn Eastern Engineering for Pennsy Supply, Inc. for change order total this month of \$43,414.00**
Motion by Mr. Sperrazza **Second by Mr. Linskey**
Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza-No **Mr. Linskey-No** **Mr. Rovinski-Absent**
Motion fails.

NEW BUSINESS

- 10. Motion to ratify the transfer of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) from the General Fund to the Payroll Fund for Payroll # 25 of 2016.
Motion by Mr. Linskey Second by Mr. Sperrazza
Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza- Yes Mr. Linskey- Yes Mr. Rovinski-Absent**
- 11. Motion to ratify the transfer of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) from General Fund to the Payroll Fund for Payroll # 26 of 2016
Motion by Mr. Sperrazza Second by Mr. Linskey
Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza- Yes Mr. Linskey- Yes Mr. Rovinski- Absent**
- 12. Motion to award the 2006 Ford Dump Truck from the Public works Dept. to the highest bidder Mike Veneziano, for the amount of Eight Thousand One Hundred Five Dollars (\$8,105.00)
Motion by Mr. Sperrazza Second by Mr. Linskey
Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza- Yes Mr. Linskey- Yes Mr. Rovinski - Absent**
- 13. Motion to award the 2003 Crown Victoria from the Police Dept. to the Highest Bidder, DE Naples Auto Parts, for an amount of Three Hundred Seventy Five (\$375.00)
Motion by Mr. Linskey Second by Mr. Sperrazza
Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza- Yea Mr. Linskey- Yea Mr. Rovinski- Absent**
- 14. Motion to Appoint Mr. Stanley Rovinski for a four (4) year term to serve on the Planning Commission effective January 11, 2017 through January 4, 2021. Motion to rescind the motion at the Reorganizational meeting to appoint Mr. Thomas Cooney as his term does not expire until January 2, 2020.
Motion by Mr. Sperrazza Second by Mr. Linskey
Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza- Yes Mr. Linskey- Yes Mr. Rovinski- Absent**
- 15. Motion to following to the Zoning Hearing Board:
Mr. Andy Partash effective January 11, 2017 through January 4, 2020.
Mr. James Musto Jr. as an alternate effective January 11, 2017 through January 4, 2020.
Motion by Mr. Linskey Second by Mr. Sperrazza
Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza- Yes Mr. Linskey- Yes Mr. Rovinski- Absent**
- 16. Motion to appoint the following to the Construction Appeals Board:**

Mr. Daniel Costantino for a 3 year term effective January 11, 2017 through January 4, 2020.

Mr. Charles Consagra for a 3 year term effective January 11, 2017 through January 4, 2020.

Mr. Frank Carey for a 3 year term effective January 11, 2017 through January 4, 2020.

Motion by Mr. Sperrazza Second by Mr. Linskey
Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza- Yes Mr. Linskey- Yes Mr. Rovinski-Absent

- 17. Motion to appoint the following to the Property Maintenance Board:**

Mr. David Pahl for a 1 year term effective January 11, 2017 through January 4, 2018.

Mr. Ronald Giza for a 1 year term effective January 11, 2017 through January 4, 2018.

Motion by Mr. Linskey Second by Mr. Sperrazza
Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza- Yes Mr. Linskey- Yes Mr. Rovinski-Absent

- 18. Motion to appoint Pittston City Code Officer Mr. Harry Smith as Code Enforcement Officer for 2017.**

Motion by Mr. Linskey Second by Mr. Sperrazza
Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza- Yes Mr. Linskey- Yes Mr. Rovinski-Absent

- 19. Motion to make no more payments to Constantino Electric for the work that was done at CenterPoint until we get more information on it.**

Motion by Mr. Linskey Second by Mr. Sperrazza
Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza- Yes Mr. Linskey- Yes Mr. Rovinski-Absent

- 20. Motion to purchase six (6) Bullet proof vests for the Police Dept. Approximately \$1,500.00 each for about \$9,000.00. Chief Mudlock will get 3 telephone quotes.**

Motion by Mr. Sperrazza Second by Mr. Linskey
Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza- Yes Mr. Linskey- Yes Mr. Rovinski-Absent
Mr. Linskey questioned if they are needed right away and Mr. Sperrazza said they are expired.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. The Jenkins Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday February 8th, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

B. The Jenkins Township Planning Commission will meet on Thursday January 19th, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.

C. The Northeast Police Regionalization meeting will be held on January 12, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at Jenkins Township Municipal Building.

D. The Jenkins Township Administrative office will be closed on January 16, 2017 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

E. County Waste holidays: May 29, 2017, September 4, 2017, December 25, 2017, January 1, 2018-Monday & Tuesday pick up will be delayed each day, July 4, 2017-Tuesday will be picked up on Wednesday.

- F. **Jenkins Township Sewer Authority Meeting will be held on Thursday
January 12, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.**
- G. **Jenkins Township Crime Watch Meeting will be held on Wednesday
January 18, 2017 at 7:00 P.M**

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 P.M.

Motion by Mr. Sperrazza

Mr. Sperrazza- Yes

Second by Mr. Linskey

Mr. Linskey- Yes

Mr. Rovinski- Absent

Respectfully submitted by



Barbara Fairchild, Township Manager