

JENKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
January 09, 2019
7:00 P.M.

Mr. Rovinski Called the Meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Everyone joined in the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL was taken. Present were Stanley E. Rovinski –Chairman, Joseph Sperrazza -Vice Chairman, Robert Linskey-Secretary/Treasurer, Charles G. Ross Jr., Esq.-Solicitor, Barbara Fairchild - Township Manager

The floor was open to the public to address the Board of Supervisors regarding any items placed on the agenda for this meeting and/or any general municipal business. Residents were requested to sign the sheet clearly with name, address and phone number. Please remember to address the board of supervisors directly with your comments. The Board of Supervisors would ask that all cell phones and any electronic device be turned off during the meeting. Mr. Rovinski said there were many participants tonight and he wanted to address all concerns.

- 1.) James McLaughlin-280 Westminster Rd.-Questioned about the IDC agreement with WWSA. He has chemicals that come down from Owens Illinois in his back yard which are contaminated. At one time the water was a Natural Stream now it is classified as Storm water. Mr. Linskey offered to have the Senator or State Rep contacted. Mr. McLaughlin feels we are fighting a losing battle.
- 2.) Larry Rodeghiero-864 Westminster Rd.-Complaints about the WWSA Storm water bills that everyone received. Why are we getting billed and not New York or Maryland? Mr. Linskey said it is mandated. We and 31 other municipalities worked with WWSA to keep your fees lower. Mr. Rovinski said we would have to double your taxes if we took this on by ourselves. Mr. Sperrazza said if Jenkins Twp. had to do all of the items to reduce the phosphates it would cost us over \$5million, plus \$250,000 or more for operating costs. He also wanted to know if we can get something done about the Truckers and dump trucks that use Jake Brakes.
- 3.) Joe Valvonis-488 Westminster Rd. The WWSA Flyer said we would have an average bill of \$4.80/month. His is over 3 times that and he is a senior citizen living on a fixed income. What is the appeal process? 3 acres are mostly swamp. We shouldn't have to pay
- 4.) Glenys Karpovich-15 Market St.-I receive water in my basement Storm grates were covered on Main St. The water gets worse every time there is a development. It comes down the hill on Market St. We asked for a real engineer to review the way you chose to build that wall. If you knew the Storm water issue was coming, why didn't you have a public meeting and notify us the bills were coming. Mr. Rovinski said we fixed things on your street. She said how much more fees are we supposed to pay? Is there an appeal process? Mr. Linskey and Mr. Rovinski said yes. She asked how far in advance do you plan things? Mr. Linskey said we do have a comprehensive plan? Ms. Fairchild said we have one from 1966. Mr. Rovinski said he doesn't want his taxes to go up. Glenys said people are losing their homes,

everything is going up and there should be more long range planning. Also why do we only have certain providers for internet? Can't you have another agreement for your franchise agreement other than Comcast? Something needs to be done. Mr. Linskey said we have not had a tax increase in over 5 years. She started to argue with him.

- 5.) Dave Rodeghiero-Westminster Rd. He has a wooded property and does not have sewers and feels this is not fair. He discussed the same issues. This is a false promise and scare tactics and we should have addressed this with the state. Mr. Rovinski said we were told we had to clean up the Chesapeake Bay and this is what we are doing what we were told to do.
- 6.) Mark LaVerde-4 Weidner Dr. What is going on with Wesley Village and why wasn't any educated about the expansion? They had a mess before and were fined \$25,000.00 Does anyone have calibration on this? Mr. Linskey you are on the WVSA Board what do you do about the new developments and as a Twp Supervisor you do not know about the problems and how you are to rectify things? He asked Ms. Dougherty about the advertising for Wesley Village she said it was in the media and on the news. He said here's \$100.00 that isn't true. Mr. Rovinski said it had to come before the planning and you are welcome to come to the meetings. Storm water runoff is addressed. There was a heated discussion with the supervisors.
- 7.) Paul Savakinas-853 Main St.-He verified what Mr. LeVerde said about the state pushing rocks across the road and if the information Mr. Rodeghiero said about the phosphates and everything what kind of projects are they going to do for us besides street sweeping storm basins when they are going to cover 31 municipalities. Who gets what done first? Mr. Linskey said they are doing things already. Please call PennDot to address the basins on Main St.
- 8.) Jean Mudlock-Laflin Rd.- Regarding Wesley Village they took over landscaping and are they getting non-profit? How much are they paying? The nursing home is an exempt status. They are getting an in-lieu of tax with your agreement and this should be renegotiated. Homes are paying over \$3,000.00. This is a massive operation. She received a letter from a Westminster resident from Representative Carroll. He informed them that there was no state mandate. Jenkins Twp. should have opted out and other communities like Dupont and Avoca opted out so why would Jenkins not opt out? Mr. Linskey used figures from the engineer and we made the right decision. Mr. Sperrazza said we have to do this and we looked at the state went to review all the things that had to be considered and we cannot speak for the other communities and what will happen if they chose to make their decision but they will have to do something. We cannot speak for them but can speak for our decision and what we did is more cost effective in the long run.
- 9.) Mark LeVerde also questioned what the WVSA Board members get such as a salary and medical benefits. Mr. Linskey said he is on the board and does get a small life insurance policy for about \$35-40,000.00 but he doesn't know of other perks he is getting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on December 12, 2018 and the Special Meeting held on December 26, 2018.

Motion by Mr. Sperrazza Second by Mr. Linskey

Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes Mr. Linskey-Yes Mr. Rovinski-Yes

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. Linskey

Second by Mr. Sperrazza

Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes

Mr. Linskey-Yes

Mr. Rovinski-Yes

REPORTS

Motion to accept the December 2018 Department Reports presented to the Board of Supervisors prior to the meeting and to place them on file.

Building Inspector ✓

Crime Watch

Fire Chief

Tax Collector ✓

Police Chief ✓

Planning Commission ✓

Zoning Officer ✓

Zoning Hearing Board

Code Enforcement

Motion by Mr. Sperrazza

Second by Mr. Linskey

Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes

Mr. Linskey-Yes

Mr. Rovinski-Yes

RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to ratify the payment of monthly bills for December 2018 in the amount of \$118,693.62 from the General Fund.

Motion by Mr. Linskey

Second by Mr. Sperrazza

Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes

Mr. Linskey-Yes

Mr. Rovinski-Yes

Motion ratify the transfers from the General Fund to the Payroll Fund for Payroll # 26 of 2018, Twenty Seven Thousand Seventy Four Dollars and .33 cents (\$27,074.33) and the transfer from the General Fund to the Payroll Fund for Payroll # 27 of 2018 is Thirty Two Thousand Fifty dollars and .00 cents (\$32,050.00).

Motion by Mr. Linskey

Second by Mr. Sperrazza

Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes

Mr. Linskey-Yes

Mr. Rovinski-Yes

READING OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT by Mr. Linskey.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2018.

Motion by Mr. Rovinski

Second by Mr. Sperrazza

Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes

Mr. Linskey-Yes

Mr. Rovinski-Yes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to ratify the payment of \$8,200.00 for HVAC Repair of unit to Green Team Thermal.

Motion by Mr. Sperrazza

Second by Mr. Rovinski

Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes Mr. Linskey-Yes Mr. Rovinski-Yes

Motion to ratify the Luzerne County Community Development Disaster Recovery request for payment for #1 Structure Demolition (Summer 2018) for \$31,416.00 to TSE, Inc.

Motion by Mr. Linskey

Second by Mr. Sperrazza

Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes

Mr. Linskey-Yes

Mr. Rovinski-Yes

NEW BUSINESS

Motion accept the recommendation from the Jenkins Township Planning Commission to accept the Minor Subdivision for Nama State, L.P. located on 1073 Oak St. Pittston, Pa. 18640.

Motion by Mr. Sperrazza

Second by Mr. Linskey

Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes

Mr. Linskey-Yes

Mr. Rovinski-Yes

Motion to accept the recommendation from the Jenkins Township Planning Commission to accept the Nardone Subdivision of Old Boston.

Motion by Mr. Linskey

Second by Mr. Sperrazza

Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes

Mr. Linskey-Yes

Mr. Rovinski-Yes

Motion to accept the recommendation from the Jenkins Township Planning Commission to accept the Kenzakoski Minor Subdivision located on Bald Mountain Rd., Bear Creek Twp, Pa. 18702.

Motion by Mr. Sperrazza

Second by Mr. Linskey

Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes

Mr. Linskey-Yes

Mr. Rovinski-Yes

Motion hire John McGuire to the Jenkins Township Fire Dept. at the rate set by the board.

Motion by Mr. Sperrazza

Second by Mr. Linskey

Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes

Mr. Linskey-Yes

Mr. Rovinski-Yes

Motion hire Ronald Giza to the Dept. of Public Works as a Full time employee at \$12.00 per hour with benefits.

Motion by Mr. Linskey

Second by Mr. Sperrazza

Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes

Mr. Linskey-Yes

Mr. Rovinski-Yes

Motion Pass Resolution #1 of 2019 for Earned Income Tax, Local Services Tax, and Real Estate Transfer Tax.

Motion by Mr. Sperrazza

Second by Mr. Linskey

Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes Mr. Linskey-Yes Mr. Rovinski-Yes

Motion to Pass Resolution #2 of 2019 affixing the Real Estate Millage for 2019.

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

Motion to change the residence from 105 W Saylor Ave to 107 W Saylor Ave per recommendation of 911 addressing. TABLED

Motion to accept the recommendation of 911 addressing change for Tedrick St. to be renamed to Sebastopol Dr. and renumbering per the recommendations of the Police Chief, and Manager per our meeting. TABLED

Motion to accept the recommendation of 911 addressing change for Laflin Rd. to be renamed to Inkerman Rd. and renumbering. TABLED

Motion to accept the recommendation of 911 addressing change for Bypass Rd. to be renamed to South Township Blvd. and renumbering to the end to meet Main St. TABLED

Motion to accept the recommendation of 911 addressing changes for Brooks Estates in Wesley Village and renumbering per expansion of Phase I, and Phase II.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. The Jenkins Township Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on Wednesday February 13, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.
- B. The Jenkins Township Crime Watch will meet on Wednesday, March 20th, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.
- C. The Jenkins Township Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, January 17th, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.
- D. Tax Collection hours are only on Tuesday and Wednesday's from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. effective February 5, 2019. Anyone who needs to contact Jean Mudlock please call her at 570-654-9710.
- E. The Veteran's Memorial Committee will hold a meeting on January 13, 2019 at Noon.

Motion to adjourn at 8:28 P.M.

Motion by Mr. Sperrazza
Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes

Second by Mr. Linskey
Mr. Linskey-Yes Mr. Rovinski-Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Fairchild". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Barbara Fairchild, Manager