

JENKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
June 12, 2019
7:00 P.M.

Mr. Rovinski Called the Meeting to order at 7:07 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, Barbara Fairchild - Township Manager. Charles G. Ross Jr., Esq.-Solicitor was absent.

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.

- 1.) Mr. Frank Vaxmonsky-1372 Main St. I used to work for the Township. I wanted to talk to Bobby about what I spoke to him about the smoke alarms. Mr. Linskey said let's go through this one more time for everyone to know. I entered a contest and I got over \$5,000.00 worth of alarms. He applied to Kidde for smoke alarms and has them at the firehouse. I would like to see if the fireman can install for the elderly. It's a 10 year battery so we know it's going to last. He asked the Board if he could have them given to the elderly and installed or low income residents. The Board advised to discuss with the Fire Dept. He said they are just sitting there. Bob, Joe, can we have any movement on this by the fire company? Mr. Sperrazza said I know you said something the other day. I don't have a problem with that. Mr. Linskey said he would have to work with Joe because he is in charge of the fire dept. Mr. Sperrazza said maybe we could send a letter, put on the sign, send an email or something like that. Ms. Fairchild asked if we should have it for 65 or older to apply for this and put their name on a list and confirm residency or what? If there is \$5,000.00 worth of smoke alarms how many are there for this \$5,000.00 worth. Mr. Vaxmonsky said I would have to talk to the hose company he doesn't know the amount. He could get application for more for this year. Mr. Rovinski said excuse me, did you go to their meeting? You could go to their meeting on the First Monday of each month. Mr. Vaxmonsky said and what? Ask them to do it. Mr. Rovinski said yes. Mr. Sperrazza said this is what they do. Mr. Rovinski said the twp. gives a lot of money to the fire company. He said work with Mr. Sperrazza is the fire commissioner. Mr. Vaxmonsky said I understand you put extra fire people on and should they do it. Mr. Rovinski said we didn't have the volunteers. You need to work with Joe on this. Mr. Sperrazza said I don't know about them installing them. Ms. Fairchild said that fire companies receive the alarms from Kidde but it is up to the individual to have them installed. They give them out on a certain day. Mr. Vaxmonsky said you are not guaranteed that they will put them on the wall. Mr. Rovinski said a good start would be to go to their meeting. His next topic of discussion was who the road master Road man or whatever was and why the Watch Children sign isn't up. My brother went to a flea market and put up the sign and it was there for about 3 months. Ms. Fairchild asked where he was talking about. He answered

Gaughan and Main. He also said don't fix the large pothole by the end. It slows everybody down. Mr. Rovinski said now you don't want us to fix the pothole. There is a guy who paints around the potholes in town do you want to join with him. No I'm just kidding. He said do I use orange or white? Mr. Rovinski said Barbara talked to me the other day about the sign and it's no problem. Mr. Rovinski will look at it. Joe when are we doing potholes? Joe Lewis answered maybe next week depending on rain. Mr. Vaxmonsky also said the Little League entrance is a mess. This reflects badly on Jenkins Twp. What would it take a 4' patch? Mr. Sperrazza said this might be included with the lights down there. The engineer had the specs out and should be here for next month. They had the surveyors there and the electrical box, pictures were taken. Mr. Vaxmonsky said I also want to know why we are doing these lights. Why do we want to do something with the Little League Lights? There is less kids than there ever was. It's a dying breed. I put the last ones on there and it was \$9,400.00. Mr. Linskey said some of the lights are falling down now. Mr. Vaxmonsky said there are no lights falling down now. Ms. Fairchild said we had a light that was hanging and it was falling down on another one. Mr. Sperrazza said we have a picture of that Barbara and there are 4 lights missing. Mr. Vaxmonsky said where are they missing? Mr. Sperrazza said maybe they fixed them but. It is not needed and we should use the money for other things. . Are they turning each switch on for those lights or are we causing a large surge by turning them all on at once. Turn one on and then wait a few minutes then turn on another one. This is a greater cost. Are we paying for air conditioning, because if we are it is a waste of money? They should have it off are we checking to see if they have it on? Again, we didn't have air conditioning back then. If you want to spend money, do something with May Park. You have 2 swings and a monkey bar and you are paying for insurance on that? You should all be ashamed of yourselves because of the way our parks look. Spend the money wiser invest in the parks for children instead of lights. I can't see in 5-6 years the little league being here. Mr. Linskey said the park in Old Boston is pretty nice. Mr. Sperrazza said no it's not. Are there children playing at Old Boston Park? Mr. Sperrazza said there's no children there. Two weeks when school is out and two weeks before. Very little. Mr. Linskey said they don't play in parks as much either. Mr. Vaxmonsky said cut the swings down and don't pay for the insurance. Mr. Rovinski said we pay for insurance on everything. He thanked him for his input.

- 2.) Susan Hoffman-247 Heather Highlands-There is an overflow of feral cats and she placed approximately 10 cats that she paid \$95/animal for their shots, neutering or spaying. She found out we were not a member of the SOPCA and that we cannot have a licensed humane person to call. She knew of someone who abused animals and the fish and game commission fined them \$1,000.00 and took their hunting license away. If she feeds the cats she was told she takes ownership and could face eviction. There are 15 total and Mr. Rovinski said he would call her to help her. He will put her in touch with Whiskers world.
- 3.) Raynee Roxby-Laflin Rd. She asked if she could get donations they want to have their own tax ID# and want to move forward with a 501C3. She asked Mr. Linskey if he heard from Mr. Mericle if we could have his services to help with the memorial. He did not hear anything but would make a call. They are having the Bingo in July and will have a Corn Hole Fund Raiser in Sept. at the SQB and NEPA with the Veterans will assist. The T-Shirts are going to be made if anyone is interested in placing a veteran's name on the shirt there will be past or present, service members. She offered a copy of what they look like and the pricing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on May 22nd, 2019.

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

Second by Mr. Linskey
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
Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes

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

REPORTS

Motion to accept the May 2019 Department Reports presented to the Board of Supervisors prior to the meeting and to place them on file.

Building Inspector ✓
Fire Chief
Police Chief ✓
Zoning Officer ✓
Code Enforcement

Crime Watch
Tax Collector ✓
Planning Commission ✓
Zoning Hearing Board

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

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

RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to ratify the payment of monthly bills for May 2019 in the amount of \$264,626.22 from the General Fund.

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

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

Motion ratify the transfers from the General Fund to the Payroll Fund for Payroll # 10 of 2019 of Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Three Dollars and .91 cents (\$30,743.91) and the transfer for Payroll #11 of 2019 of Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Three Dollars and .33 cents (\$30,653.33).

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

Second by Mr. Sperrazza
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 May 2019.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to ratify the payment to Superior Sealcoating and Paving for Lombardo Dr. and Wyndtree for \$11,734.90. Letter was sent to Michael Lombardo for reimbursement.

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

Motion to Table & Re-advertise the Refuse and Recycling Bid Specs.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to ratify payment of \$4,523.87 for Gleco Painting for new paint machine, and \$4,365.94 to F & S Supply Co for repair of equipment for DPW.

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

Motion to advertise an amendment to Ordinance for disturbing the peace and order in Jenkins Township.

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

Motion to Table the request for placing a handicap sign in front of 1383 Main Street.

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

Motion to ratify payment of \$60,527.00 to Pittston Township for LSA reimbursement from Police Grant.

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

Motion to ratify payment of \$2,182.50 to Shadow Technologies for Police.

Motion by Mr. Linskey Second by Mr. Sperrazza

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

Motion to purchase unit heaters, vent piping and black iron gas piping for Garages-\$8,350.00 from Joe Yenason.

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

Motion to hire Walter Knorr and Kyle Mlodzienski at \$10.00 per hour for seasonal work for DPW.

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

Motion to ratify payment of \$47,447.13 for 2020 Police vehicle from Kovatch Ford-KME and 5 camera's installed from LSA Police Grant.

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

Motion to ratify change orders for Datom Products and TSE for Summer 2018 Abatement and Demolition Contracts.

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

Motion to waive attendance at the Luzerne Co. County hearing June 13, 2019 for waiving the Tax Exempt Status because of our current Pilot Agreement for UMH Wesley Village.

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

Motion to ratify payment #2 for final draw request for \$7,400.00 for final environmental abatement for Summer 2018 for Datom Products.

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

Motion to Table an electronics recycling event.

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

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

Motion to have Attorney Ross prepare an injunction for 19 Mitchell St. which was condemned on June 12, 2019. Owner is Theresa Delong. Property must be demolished.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. The Jenkins Township Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.
- B. The Jenkins Township Crime Watch will meet on August 7th, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.
- C. The Jenkins Township Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, June 20th, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.
- D. Tax Collection hours are only on Tuesday from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Anyone who needs to contact Jean Mudlock please call her at 570-654-9710.
- E. The Veteran's Memorial Committee will hold the Bingo scheduled on July 14th, 2019 at the Jenkins Twp Hose Company. Bingo starts at 1:00 Cost is \$20.00/ticket.
- F. Lion's Club Scholarship application and information is available at the Office. Please submit by July 31, 2019.
- G. There will be a clothing give-a-way at the Inkerman Presbyterian Church on Friday 6/15/19 from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M.
- H. The Jenkins Township Sanitary Authority will meet on July 11, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.
- I. The Jenkins Township Municipal Office will be closed on Thursday July 4, 2019.
- J. Reminder-Jim Savitski from PPL said he will be adding another area near Old Boston and Rt. 315 area for brush cutting. Tree Smiths will be the subcontractor. They will send flyers when it is closer to the time of the project which is expected around mid-summer.
- K. Tis the Season for Zoning and Building Permits. Please display your Permit in the window or door so everyone can see!

Motion to adjourn at 7:48 P.M.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Barbara Fairchild, Manager