

JENKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES

FOR THE REGULAR MEETING

August 14, 2019

7:00 P.M.

Mr. Rovinski Called the Meeting to order at 7:01 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, and Barbara Fairchild - Township Manager. Attorney Samuel Falcone was in attendance for Charles G. Ross Jr., Esq.-Solicitor in his absence.

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.) Ernest Harrison St. Marks Lane-held a discussion and showed maps and pictures of the neighbor parking on the path to his garage. Police Chief Frank Mudlock suggested to post the area. Solicitor Falcone agreed that ingress and egress cannot be blocked. It is probably a paper alley given by the coal company years ago and we need to determine the proper ownership. The chief will check the vehicles and we will review the paperwork provided by Mr. Harrison.
- 2.) Jeff Phillips-Westminster Rd.-For 3 consecutive weekends no one was at 795 Westminster Rd. He will continue to keep us updated. Has anything been done with the water leaking from their pool and continues to drain down Westminster road. We contacted PAWC and are waiting for an update. What will be done about the water coming from Whispering Way development onto his property? Mr. Rovinski said we did not get the official report and he gave him the pictures he left behind when they met a few weeks ago.
- 3.) John Para-What are we going to do about the cats? It is a sanitary issue and it needs to be addressed immediately. There are new cats and I'm tired of the cat urine and feces. He can't walk his dog over a year now. Mr. Rovinski said Whisker's World is in charge. They want a meeting. Charlotte Para said Brenda never calls back. John Para said there is weeds up to your waistline. This is not working and we want you to get rid of it he said. Remove the trailers. Mr. Rovinski said they will trap them. Mr. Linskey said some are coming from Heather Highlands and many live in that area. John Para said who pays for all of the expenses? Taxpayers? There are footprints all over our cars. The smell is terrible. This is abuse. The SPCA wanted to charge us a \$5,000.00 annual fee and \$100.00 per animal. Charlotte said Brenda is burned out, doesn't want to do anything and she can't cut the grass, there are cats with eye infections, they are walking around the railing. One has a broken leg. Mr. Rovinski wants to get everyone together.
- 4.) Frank Fumanti-110 South Highland Dr. The water that is coming from the school is a problem for 45 years. WVSA just cleaned the drains out on Tuesday and WVSA said the pipe was

drastically undersized. Mr. Fumanti wants to have something done as it is in the general area and storm drains were supposed to be replaced and the School district didn't do anything. Mr. Rovinski said they went there and WWSA Jet vacced the pipe and the size is about 4 inches which is not adequate. Mr. Sperrazza said we need an answer from our engineer and we are waiting for his report. We stopped them from building a salt shed. Mr. Rovinski said they contacted the School District. Grass, mulch, etc. is in the pathway of this and something should be done. Mr. Samuel Falcone said he would discuss with Attorney Ross and a letter could be sent. He will follow up with him. This is the first time he has heard of the area by the maintenance and Mr. Rovinski reassured him that we made them aware of it last week and we have to wait for the status report from the engineer. Mr. Sperrazza also said WWSA cleaned it and Mr. Fumanti suggested to work together and perhaps allow for an easement. We want something done.

- 5.) Chris Acernese 1 Patrick Rd. the water issue from 2 weeks ago is going on for many years .Joe Sperrazza came up to camera the line and the pipe is fine but Chris said the water and the drain cannot handle it and this section where it came through the 2 other houses on the other side of the street is where a lot of damage came from. We found out that our insurance won't cover this. As supervisors you should go there and ask for something to be done. Neighbors can't help us and now there is caution tape there and they can't use their yard and the wall collapsed and it the neighbor doesn't fix his property this is going to make me lose my property. It is not fair and that this is ongoing. And what about all the pipe work on Patrick Rd. Is it a 2' pipe on N. Highland? Joe Sperrazza said the pipe is collapsed and the water doesn't have anything to do with this. Mr. Linskey said we are requesting to have a meeting with the School Board and we are looking into this and will get a resolution for this. Mr. Rovinski said the engineer will provide the report and whatever it reveals we will deal with it. Mr. Fumanti spoke up and said they are violating their own storm water ordinance. Everything blacktop over the storm drain is funneled to my house and they are not stopping it. Mr. Acernese said it is one thing after another and he never saw this much water in the past. Mr. Rovinski agreed and said we are trying to work together. Mr. Acernese said something should be done in 30 days this is not fair.
- 6.) Jim Norris-111 S. Highland-I'm also here about the water issue and Joe Sperrazza said there is a plan in place and he feels we need to mill and lower the curb area because you keep paving over top of it and I used to have a higher curb that is now only about an inch. He said the Board of Supervisors took a video and no one did anything. The school has been there since 1968 and you allowed the road to be put in and didn't do anything. If the both pipes are full it is on the township and Mr. Sperrazza was shaking his head No and Mr. Norris said what you mean shaking your head no. Where does the water go from Manganiello toward Laflin? Mr. Linskey said whatever the township needs to fix will be discussed with the engineer. If it's the drain by the field house or the Cefalo Center the water has to go somewhere. Mr. Norris said you should have checked into this years ago. Mr. Acernese said the pipes are tied into Highland Hills and if you don't resolve this everyone is going to do something on their own. Mr. Linskey said swales were filled in and retention ponds were not having the water and the reason they are put in developments is to address this that's why they have to build them that way. Mr. Norris said we were out in the rain and when the water came we had to handle it and not the school or the township. You did nothing. My point is you know where the water is going and you need to do what you have to do. Mr. Linskey said we need a meeting and will contact Pittston Area. Mr. Rovinski said he stated they were in touch with the School district and we will do something about it.
- 7.) Shirley Berti Nealy Chestnut St Hill there is a flange coming out and the water pipe is about 12" solid. Mr. Rovinski said he doesn't know about it but will check it out. She wanted to know when and he said when we can we will get to it.

- 8.) Sheryl Storch- Harry was out about the weeds and vines are inundated in the 4 trees and they must come down. Ms. Fairchild said Harry was there and it's being taken care of. She said it is a safety hazard and people are coming around the bend and someone is going to get hit. There are also cat messes in our yard. There is a sign that has caution with children and can we order the Hidden driveway. Mr. Rovinski said it is not our road and we can't. She said there is a green florescent sign that the sun hits and she would like moved. Can it be turned about 2 feet? She will send pictures. Also there was a constable up there about 2 weeks ago and there is a tax sale at the end saying Home Owners Association and what about the access road using it for private parking and it is a safety concern. It seems they do what they want. She also wanted to know if they had permission to work on Sundays. They started at 5:30 a.m. and the police didn't do anything. Mr. Sperrazza said he trusts the police to do their job. Also the nuisance ordinance covers it and there is no enforcement. Also the green machine lawn care was there and she was advised to call the police.
- 9.) Jim McLaughlin-280 Westminster Rd.-IDC-the recent rai we have a lot of water. We saw crushed cement going in the retention pond. It is the same color as what the ponds had at the other lot. We contacted Heather or it would have been over Westminster Rd. 1" away from the top of the maintenance area. He asked Mr. Linskey if WVSA could do something. He will check at the next meeting.

Mr. Harrison asked to speak again and the possession of the alley can't be hypothetical and the Police have to enforce. I am willing to pave the alley. Attorney Falcone said you can't pave it. Please discuss with the engineer and do something.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on July 10th, 2019

Motion by Mr. Linskey

Second by Mr. Sperrazza

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. Sperrazza

Second by Mr. Linskey

Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes

Mr. Linskey-Yes

Mr. Rovinski-Yes

REPORTS

Motion to accept the July 2019 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. Linskey

Second by Mr. Sperrazza

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 July 2019 in the amount of \$251,077.56 from the General Fund.

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

Motion to ratify the transfers from the General Fund to the Payroll Fund for Payroll # 14 of 2019 of Thirty Two Thousand Fifty Seven Dollars and .60 cents (\$32,057.60) and the transfer for Payroll #15 of 2019 of Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Two Dollars and .33 cents (\$30,662.33) and the transfer for Payroll #16 of 2019 of Thirty Four Thousand One Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars and .24 cents (\$34,177.24).

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 July 2019.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to open bids for Little League Field Lighting Upgrades. One bid received from Apollo Group for \$114,000.00 and Alternate #1 for \$4026.00.

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

Motion to table Little League Field Lighting Upgrades.

Motion by Mr. Linskey Second by Mr. Rovinski
Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –NO Mr. Linskey-Yes Mr. Rovinski-Yes

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to certify request for payment for Luzerne County Community Development Disaster Recovery Buyout Program for purchase of 15 Tenant St. for \$591.75.

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

Motion to review the request for a Handicap Sign at 54 Welsh St.

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

Motion to approve the name change from Wood St. to Wood Way per 911 request.

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

Motion to ratify the execution of the Office of Community Development Block Grant for Street Improvements for \$200,000.00.

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

Motion to ratify the binding General Liability Package, Inland Marine, Crime, Employee Benefits Liability, Business Auto, Public Officials Liability, Police Professional, Cyber Liability, Data Compromise, Umbrella, and Workers Compensation including the Volunteer Fire Dept. for a savings of \$13,104.00. **Total Savings of \$23,503.00.**

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

Motion ratify the payment request #1 for VMC Realty for \$60,696.00 for Danica Hills for the Pa. Small Water & Sewer Grant.

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

Motion to approve the repair on Old Boston for the pipe cave by Superior Sealcoating and Paving for \$10,580.00

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

Motion to approve the repair on 3 Highland Dr. by Stell for \$2,865.00, 111 South Highland for \$2985.00.

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

Motion to approve the demolition on 1232Main St by Stell for \$9,297.00.

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, September 11, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.
- B. The Jenkins Township Crime Watch will meet on September 4th, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.
- C. The Jenkins Township Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, August 29th, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.
- D. Notice: The School Taxes will be sent out on August 19, 2019 due to Luzerne County delay. Tax Collection hours are on Tuesday from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and Wednesday from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. Anyone who needs to contact Jean Mudlock please call her at 570-654-9710.
- E. The Jenkins Township Sanitary Authority will meet on September 11, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.
- F. Reminder-Jim Savitski from PPL said he will be in the area near Old Boston and Rt. 315 for brush cutting. Tree Smiths will be the subcontractor.

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 P.M.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Barbara Fairchild, Manager