

JENKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
December 11, 2019
7:00 P.M.

Mr. Sperrazza 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, Barbara Fairchild - Township Manager, Charles G. Ross Jr., Esq.- Solicitor

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.) Emory Guffrovich-181Old Boston Rd.-Traffic on Rt. 315 & Old Boston Rd. Many vehicles are using the passing lane and they lack to adhere to the rules. He asked for additional police patrols. Dump trucks fly there all day long. Mr. Rovinski asked for more specific times.
- 2.) Sean Timms-Pittston Bypass-discussion for reduction of speed limit-this is on agenda.
- 3.) Rita Warback-Port Blanchard-Refuse prices for small bin are the same as medium \$250.00 is outrageous. Mr. Linskey explained we put the refuse and recycling out for bid and the bid came back with County Waste as the low bidder of over \$408,000.00. We discussed a tax increase and this year we are only recouping \$96,000.00 and needed \$106,000.00 from somewhere else. We are subsidizing the total collection by not doubling the fee. We felt this was the best way to make it affordable and not have a tax increase. Mr. Rovinski said we will take this into consideration to see if there is something else, we can do.
- 4.) Annette Robado-Wood St.-She spoke to County Waste as an individual if she were to hire them, they would charge \$14.00 more than what she is paying now. Wouldn't it be better to have our own hauler? Ms. Fairchild said the ordinance does not allow it and we are not a "pay as you throw community". Mr. Rovinski said we had this sprung on us and maybe we could another look at other solutions.
- 5.) Brian Donahue-Spring St-I only have 1 bag of garbage and this isn't fair to pay this more than double fee from last year. Mr. Sperrazza asked what the unit price was. Mr. Rovinski said if we had more time, we could have changed this. Next year we will consider options.
- 6.) Tom Gorman-Main St. Agrees with the residents who have already spoken. Mr. Rovinski said that everything is going up. Hopefully we can do something next year. Mr. Sperrazza said we are paying \$274.00/unit. Why does Pittston Twp. have it so cheap? They have mercantile tax and we don't Mr. Linskey replied.
- 7.) Jim McLaughlin-Westminster Rd-7 bags of garbage were seen every week. These people should get a letter. Ms. Fairchild said there are people who have had to upgrade. She sent several letters. They need to be fined. Maybe that will reduce costs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on November 13th, 2019

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 November 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. 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 November 2019 in the amount of \$245,910.31 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 # 23 of 2019 of Thirty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars and .65 cents (\$36,327.65) and the transfer for Payroll #24 of 2019 of Thirty-Six Thousand Sixty-Four Dollars and .50 cents (\$36,064.50).

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 November 2019.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to Adopt the 2020 Budget.

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

Motion to pass the amendment of Ordinance #1 of 2017 Regulating the Accumulation, Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste and Recyclables and Yard waste for collection changes, penalties for violations thereof.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to ratify the hiring of Drew Malvizzi of Laflin, Pa. as a part time police officer at the rate of \$16.34 effective 11/27/19

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

Motion to ratify the execution of the County Waste Contract for 2020 to 2022.

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

Motion to advertise the monthly meetings for the year for 2020 for the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and Crime Watch.

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

Motion to accept the proposal for Kuharchik Construction to repair the signal and add the left turn signal at E. 8th St. and River Rd.

Motion by Mr. Linskey Second by Mr. Sperrazza

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

Motion to request the reduction of the speed limit from 45 MPH to 35 MPH for a small portion on the James A. Musto SR 2021 commonly referred to as the Pittston Bypass. This section is the subject of a pending land development application under review for Timms Holdings, LLC.

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

Motion to approve plans for Lot #24, 155 Research Dr. Phase II A Center point.

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

Motion to pass Resolution #14 of 2019 Salary Resolution for 2020.

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

Motion to pass Resolution #15 of 2019 Tax Rates 2020 for Earned Income tax, Local Services Tax, Realty Transfer Tax.

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

Motion to join other leaders to pass Resolution #16 of 2019 for school choice week January 26, 2020 to February 1, 2020.

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

Mr. Rovinski asked the other supervisors if there was anything they had to discuss tonight. Mr. Sperrazza said to wish everyone Happy Holidays. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. The Jenkins Township Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on Monday, January 6, 2020 for the reorganization meeting at 5:30 P.M. and the regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 8th, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.
- B. The Jenkins Township Crime Watch will not be meeting until February 5th, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.
- C. The Jenkins Township Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, December 19th, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.
- D. The Jenkins Township Sanitary Authority will meet on February 13th, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

- E. The Annual Jenkins Township Children's Christmas Party will be held on December 14, 2019 at Noon at the Jenkins Twp. Hose Co on 2nd St.
- F. The administrative Office will be closed on December 24 & 25, 2019 in Observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and on December 31, 2019 for New Year's Eve and January 1, 2020 in observance of New Year's Day.

Mr. Rovinski said he will take everyone's comments seriously and hopefully next year we can do better.

19. Motion to adjourn at 7:45 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