

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

Mr. Sperrazza Called the Meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Everyone joined in the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL was taken. Present were Joseph Sperrazza-Vice Chairman, Robert Linskey-Secretary/Treasurer, Charles G. Ross Jr., Esq.-Solicitor and Barbara Fairchild - Township Manager. Stanley E. Rovinski –Chairman, 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.) Chris Acernese 1 Patrick Rd. It has been Five (5) Weeks since we heard anything about the water issue we had. There was slight rain today and the water was coming down the road. Joe Sperrazza came up and said he made improvements with the pipe. We are told that Stanley is checking into the Army Corps of Engineers. Ms. Fairchild said Mr. Sperrazza is correct we inquired about the grants available and we are not sure how long it will take but it is in process. I am asking if the sidewalks can be raised up because the Township pipes are in a spot that the water is bubbling up on my property and we need to have something done. Mr. Sperrazza asked Attorney Ross to look into this since it may be in our right of way and it is about 60'. Mr. Linskey said we can't just pay for it until the area is checked.
- 2.) Sheryl Storch-Can you please tell me if special approval was given for Construction for Latona. He worked again on the weekend and he was in violation for the three weeks previous. Our ordinance is a waste of time because they submit something to the supervisors and they just approve it. I am tired of the beeping sounds and showing up early. I am not asking for special treatment but it isn't fair this goes on every weekend. Also the weeds on 370 Westminster Rd. need to be taken care of. Harry was contacted again. Stanley said we would also get a hidden driveway sign. Mr. Lewis said it was ordered. She feels signs are a waste of time because people fly up and down. What is going on about the Home Owners Association parcel of land on the tax sale? Mr. Rovinski usually attends the tax sale.
- 3.) Ernest Harrison St. Marks Lane-Thanked the supervisors and police department that he can now access his property. The vehicles are gone and he would like to pave the area by his garage. Mr. Sperrazza asked the solicitor to be consulted with the proper documents.
- 4.) Sally Patorski- Westminster Rd. On Labor Day the property at 795 Westminster Rd.-For 3 consecutive weekends no one was at 795 Westminster Rd. 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.

- 5.) Jeff Phillips-Westminster Rd. What will be done about the water coming from Whispering Way development onto his property? He is still waiting for Mr. Rovinski was supposed to get the official report from when they met a few weeks ago. The French drain they made coming from Whispering way is going into his property and he doesn't want to have to block it off but he will if he has to. Attorney Ross said he will work on it. Also the ponds are supposed to have water and they do not.
- 6.) Shirley Berti Nealy-Tractor Trailers on Main St. Taking the turn causes the problem and she would like signs for No Right Turn on Market St. Please call PennDot. When can we get the alley behind Main by Market & Chestnut Hill Rd. paved? Mr. Linskey said we are working on it. We just got \$200,000.00 for street improvements.
- 7.) Simon Para-What are we going to do about the cats? I think it is time to relocate this. It is a sanitary issue and it needs to be addressed immediately. What about our Right to Know request? Mr. Sperrazza asked Ms. Fairchild why they didn't receive it. Mr. Rovinski was having a meeting with them and told her to hold off until then. She wanted to give it to them but she listened to the Supervisor. Mr. Para wanted to know how much it would cost to join SPCA? Mr. Sperrazza said it is not cost effective. It's about \$5,000.00 to join and \$100.00 each for spay or neutering. What is going on with the roof or netting above the fence? We know it was supposed to be placed but something was wrong with the material or something.
- 8.) Charlotte Para-Brenda from Whiskers doesn't do anything. She's frustrated and doesn't want the responsibility anymore. She doesn't follow through. She has 3 cats that come and she only puts food on her window sill for her cat and there's a sickly one there now. A dog killed 2 cats last week. We need this moved. The cats are hungry and starving and there are about 7 or 8 cats coming around now.
- 9.) Sandy Swointek-Union St said I know that Brenda has fundraisers and she gets a lot of money from that to help take care of these cats. We need to give her credit for what she does. Mr. Linskey said there are issues near Heather Highlands, also which a part of the problem is.
- 10.) Jim McLaughlin-280 Westminster Rd.-What do we do about stray dogs? Mr. Sperrazza said we handle this through Blue Chips. Mr. McLaughlin feels we should look at the SPCA. Where are we at with the permits for pools on Whispering Way? How are these people putting in drains to divert their water issues to the road? Mr. Sperrazza said he will look into it. They did get their permits for pools. What about the promises for the retention ponds regarding the trees and fences after it was approved? We know the Judge story. The development still has issues and because of the drain system sinking it goes down his driveway and over by Shirley Darsky's. When the heavy rain comes it overflows. What is the status of the DEP Permit? Mr. Sperrazza asked Ms. Fairchild to call Heather and find out when it is going to be closed. We can't do anything else.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion** to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Motion by Mr. Sperrazza

Second by Mr. Linskey

Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes

Mr. Linskey-Yes

Mr. Rovinski-Absent

**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- Absent

**REPORTS**

**Motion** to accept the August 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- Absent

**RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**Motion** to ratify the payment of monthly bills for August 2019 in the amount of \$208,175.36 from the General Fund.

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

**Motion** to ratify the transfers from the General Fund to the Payroll Fund for Payroll # 17 of 2019 of Thirty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Two Dollars and .14 cents (\$33,842.14) and the transfer for Payroll #18 of 2019 of Thirty Five Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Nine Dollars and .94 cents (\$35,689.94).

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

**READING OF THE TREASURER’S REPORT** by Mr. Linskey.

**Motion** to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of August 2019.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Motion** to award the Little League Field Lighting Upgrades bid to Apollo Group for \$118,026.00 payable from the UCC fund.

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

**Motion** to ratify advertising for Snow Plowing Contract 2019-2020 for October 9, 2019.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion** to accept the letter of resignation from Officer Arnulfo Rivera effective August 26, 2019.

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

**Motion** to approve the address changes for Market St. Numbers will be changed to the 3000's to avoid any future 911 issues.

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

**Motion** accept the 2019 MMO's for Police and Fire Pension Plans.

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

**Motion** to ratify the authorization for distribution for AFG Pension Administrator for \$3,500.00 for the Firemen's Pension Plan and \$2,900.00 for the Police Pension Plan for the Actuarial Valuation report, Act 205 and Participant statements for each plan.

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

**Motion** to hire 2 part time fire at \$14.85/hr. Jamie Merlino and Stephen Motil.

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

**Motion** to register by 9/27/19 for tire recycling to be held on October 12, 2019 at Hanover Area High School-8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

**Motion** to remove the no right turn by Center point at Pennsy Supply.

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

**Motion** to remove the No Parking Signs on the Rt. Side on Old Boston Rd.

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

**Motion** to advertise for both Full and Part time Police Officers.

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

**Motion** to accept the quote from Superior Paving for the sidewalk repairs at Old Boston and Friend St. Parks for approximately \$8,388.00.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. The Jenkins Township Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 09, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.
- B. The Jenkins Township Crime Watch will meet on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.
- C. The Jenkins Township Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.
- D. Notice: School 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.

- G. Lion's Club Ham Dinner September 22, 2019 12 NOON TO 4:00 P. M. Take outs available. Tickets \$10.00 adult children \$5.00
- H. Luzerne County Convention/Trade Show/Meeting 9/26/19-9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
- I. Child Safety Day is September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon at the Jenkins Twp. Fire House.
- J. Jenkins Twp. Veteran's Committee will hold a Spaghetti Dinner November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Dupont Hose Co. serving 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. Take outs available.

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 P.M.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Barbara Fairchild, Manager