

JENKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
April 8, 2020
7:00 P.M.

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

DUE TO COVID-19 our meeting was held via JENKINS TOWNSHIP FACE BOOK LIVE and social distancing was enforced in the Board of Supervisors meeting room.

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 present.

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. As advertised all public comment was to be sent via email to the township manager for any items they would like to be addressed at the meeting.

Declaration of Emergency- COVID-19

On March 16, 2020 a meeting was held at 9:30 a.m. with the Board of Supervisors- Mr. Rovinski, Mr. Sperrazza, Mr. Linskey, Chief Frank Mudlock, EMA Coordinator-Jack Lasky, Don Sartin, Fire Dept., Dan Kosisky, Fire Dept., Joe Lewis, Dept. of Public Works, Emmett Thomas-Greater Pittston Regional Ambulance.
Declaration and statement of discussion are attached to these Minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting held on March 11th, 2020

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 March 2020 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. Linskey
Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes

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

RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to ratify the payment of monthly bills for March 2020 in the amount of \$222,002.03 from the General Fund.

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

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

Motion to ratify the transfers from the General Fund to the Payroll Fund for Payroll # 6 of 2020 of Thirty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Seven Dollars and .50 cents (37,747.50) and the transfer for Payroll #7 of 2020 of Thirty Three Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Eight Dollars and .81 cents (\$33,558.81).

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 MARCH 2020.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion to ratify the payment for the change orders for the Market St. water line to an additional \$5,052.50 for a total of \$13,152.50 for Site Pro Construction.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to ratify the \$2,000.00 deposit and execution of the Real Estate contracts for 58 Chestnut St. and the vacant land on the By Pass for \$250,000.00.

Motion by Mr. Linskey

Second by Mr. Sperrazza

Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes

Mr. Linskey-Yes

Mr. Rovinski-Yes

Motion to accept the recommendations approve the Altobello Subdivision on Alto Rd.

Motion by Mr. Sperrazza

Second by Mr. Linskey

Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes

Mr. Linskey-Yes

Mr. Rovinski- Yes

Motion to accept the recommendations of the Planning Commission for approval of Land Development Lot 1 in Center Point East Phase II.

Motion by Mr. Linskey

Second by Mr. Sperrazza

Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes

Mr. Linskey-Yes

Mr. Rovinski-Yes

Motion to accept the Land Development for Lot 26 Phase II A.

Motion by Mr. Sperrazza

Second by Mr. Linskey

Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes

Mr. Linskey-Yes

Mr. Rovinski-Yes

Motion to accept the recommendations of the Planning Commission for approval of Major Subdivision of 100 & 200 Technology Dr. & 3050 Baker Rd. (New Lot 26, 135.81 acres and new Lot 26 C becomes part of New lot 26D, The parcels are located within the I-2 and C-1 Zoning District. Newly created lines will have new lot 26, I-2, and New Lot 26 D, and C-1.

Motion by Mr. Linskey

Second by Mr. Sperrazza

Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes

Mr. Linskey-Yes

Mr. Rovinski- Yes

Mr. Sperrazza thanked Benco Dental, Mericle Corporation for the donations we received. He also said he recommends staying at home and following recommendations for life sustaining measures.

Mr. Rovinski thanked Mr. Sperrazza for a great job as the COVID-19 coordinator with the things he has done so far. He is happy to see the employees are all working together and staying focused.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. The Jenkins Township Board of Supervisors regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13th, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.
- B. The Jenkins Township Crime Watch will meet Wednesday, May 6th, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.
- C. The Jenkins Township Planning Commission is cancelled on Wednesday, April 16th, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.
- D. Administrative Office will be closed on April 10, 2020 in observance of Good Friday.
- E. Jenkins township Easter Egg Hunt temporarily postponed. We hope to have it after the COVID-19 goes away.
- F. The Jenkins Township Annual 4 Mile Run/1 Mile Walk will be hopefully held on May 9, 2020 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Pittston Area High School. For details go to NEPArunner.com or contact Wendy at Township at 570-654-3315
- G. The Veteran's Memorial Committee bus trip to Turning Stone on April 25, 2020 is on hold.
- H. Please remember the importance of the 2020 Census. We have one of the highest responses in the country and need to have everyone complete their information. Anyone can go to www.my2020Census.gov and respond.

Mr. Jack Laskey put in a request for COVID-19 Supplies-masks, gloves, etc. He said we may only receive a little but it's something. He also mentioned using an ultraviolet light for masks and the disposable kind can last for up to 3 days so don't throw them away.

Note: Comments on Facebook live that we received were "thumbs up" and "Take Care All of you"

Mr. Rovinski thanked Officer Purcell for assisting with the preparation for the Face book live for our meeting.

Mr. Linskey wished everyone a Happy Easter! Mr. Rovinski and Mr. Sperrazza also wished everyone a Happy Holiday!

Motion to adjourn at 7:15 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

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JENKINS TOWNSHIP

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020 Governor Thomas Wolf declared a “public health emergency” throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; a novel coronavirus (now known as “COVID-19”) which emerged the threat of imminent disaster to the health of the citizens of the Commonwealth

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus has endangered the health, safety and welfare of persons residing in Jenkins Township and threatens to create problems greater in scope than we may be able to resolve; and

WHEREAS, The Jenkins Township Board of Supervisors held a meeting on March 16, 2020 to declare the disaster of emergency and that emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents in Jenkins Township

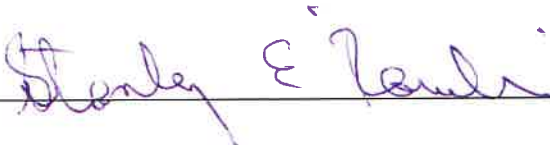
NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Jenkins Township Board of Supervisors, pursuant to the Provisions of Section 7301(c) of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 PA C.S., Section7101), as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in Jenkins Township

FURTHER, we direct the to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

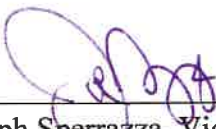
STILL FURTHER, As Governor Wolf has urged the governing bodies and executive officers of all political subdivisions affected by this emergency to act as necessary to meet any actions taken to implement any plans coordinated through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, we authorize officials of Jenkins Township to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, entering into any such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted. requirements and

This Declaration shall take effect immediately.

Date: March 16, 2020



Stanley Rovinski, Chairman



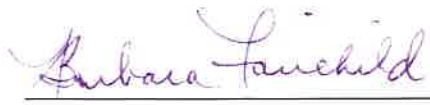
Joseph Sperrazza, Vice Chairman



Mr. Robert Linskey, Secretary/Treasurer



Attest:



Barbara Fairchild, Township Manager



Jack Lasky, Emergency Management Coordinator

JENKINS TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY DECLARATION

The Jenkins Township Board of Supervisors held an Emergency Management meeting on March 16, 2020 at 9:30am.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proper course of action to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus amongst township residents and all employees.

In attendance were Dan Kosisky, Fire Chief, Don Sartin, Chief Engineer both from the JTFD, Joe Lewis, Jenkins Road Foreman, Capt. Emmett Thomas, Greater Pittston Regional Ambulance, Jack Lasky, Emergency Management Coordinator, Chief Frank Mudlock, JTPD, Robby Linskey, Joey Sperrazza and Stan Rovinski, Jenkins Township Board of Supervisors.

Police Chief Frank Mudlock has secured the building but the JTPD will address all calls. Any questions or requests can be made by calling the township at 570-654-3315.

The Jenkins Township Fire Dept. is on a lockdown and no visitors are allowed. All emergency calls will be answered and a protocol is in place.

Emergency Management advised people **“do not panic.”** If you have questions; a COVID-19 virus hotline is available at 570-284-3657 staffed by Geisinger Health.

Greater Pittston Regional Ambulance is prepared and “geared up” to handle calls. Capt. Thomas advised the committee that all vehicles were disinfected and the Paramedics and EMT’s are properly equipped to handle all cases safely.

Tax Collector Jean Mudlock advises residents that the township office is closed. Payments of taxes can be made by check and dropped off at her residence, 3 Laflin Road, Jenkins Township.

All township transactions will be made by phone or mail until further notice. Any questions will be answered by calling the Township building at 570-654-3315.

Joey Sperrazza, COVID-19, co-coordinator reiterates that Jenkins Township is committed to keeping all residents safe and healthy and will take every measure to prevent the spread of the virus; furthermore; if any resident needs assistance the township will assist by any means we can. If you are home-bound, disabled or unable to get out, call the Township at 570-654-3315 for help. We are here to help and keep you safe.

Respectfully,

Joseph Sperrazza

COVID-19

Co-Coordinator