

JENKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
September 09th, 2020
7:00 P.M.

Mr. Rovinski Called the Meeting to order at 7:04 P. M.

DUE TO COVID-19 our Regular meeting was held with social distancing being 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, Charles G. Ross Jr., Esq.-Solicitor and Barbara Fairchild - Township Manager.

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.

- 1.) Steve Bond-VP-First Light-Questioned if the Land development would be approved. Mr. Rovinski said this will be addressed tonight as it is on the agenda #10.
- 2.) Jim McLaughlin-Westminster Rd. There are railroad cars that have plaques on that say flammable. Why are they there? What is in them? Are our fire fighters equipped to handle this? Mr. Sperrazza asked Dan Kosisky in our meeting room if they could handle this. He responded “It all depends on what is in them”. Ms. Fairchild said she had the answer. In March there was a complaint and she contacted the Reading Railroad who assured her they were empty. They just leave them there because they are empty.
- 3.) Jean Ann Robbins-Rutledge St-. Ever since Pahoda paved she has a swamp. She produced pictures for the board of supervisors to review. Mr. Rovinski was there and he said they will look into it again. She said and what about the cracks in my driveway because of the water that comes over and is ruining my driveway. You promised to fix this. He said we didn’t do crack sealing yet and he will discuss it with the DPW. She also heard there is a rumor to make Rutledge St. a “one way”.
- 4.) Mr. Rovinski said I don’t know who is saying that but it is not going to be a one way. Mr. Linskey asked what are we doing about the mirror at the end of this road. Ms. Fairchild said it was reviewed and they didn’t think it was warranted. Patrice Bantel said I beg to differ. Mr. Rovinski said he will revisit this.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting held on August 12th, 2020.

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 August 2020 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 August 2020 in the amount of \$215,352.14 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 #17 of 2020 of Thirty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and .06 cents (\$37,133.06) and the transfer for Payroll #18 of 2020 of Thirty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and .99 cents (\$36,528.99).

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 August 2020.

Motion by Mr. Rovinski

Second by Mr. Sperrazza

Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes

Mr. Linskey-Yes

Mr. Rovinski- Yes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion to approve the land development to construct 2 prefab utility structures housing a generator for First Light Telecommunication request on the Jenkins Twp. Planning Commission recommendations pursuant to all questions and comments being addressed by Luzerne County and the Township Engineer. Per Attorney Blazosek, there is no need for a minor subdivision due to the lease of the property.

Mr. Sperrazza said we just received the HOP Approval today, late this afternoon. He questioned if all of the comments were addresses. Ms. Fairchild said the copy of the email which addresses all of the engineer's comments was in the meeting material binders for tonight's meeting.

Motion by Mr. Sperrazza

Second by Mr. Linskey

Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes

Mr. Linskey-Yes

Mr. Rovinski- Yes

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to ratify advertising for Snow Plowing Contract 2020-2021 and to award to _____ effective October 1, 2021.

Since we only received one bid Mr. Sperrazza asked to have the bids re-advertised.

Motion to re-advertise and have a Special meeting since the contract is due to expire September 30, 2020.

Motion by Mr. Sperrazza

Second by Mr. Linskey

Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes

Mr. Linskey-Yes

Mr. Rovinski- Yes

Motion to accept the 2021 MMO's for Police and Fire Pension Plans. The Police Pension obligation is \$27,385.00 and Fire Pension obligation is \$0.

Motion by Mr. Sperrazza

Second by Mr. Linskey

Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes

Mr. Linskey-Yes

Mr. Rovinski- Yes

Motion to ratify the request for the certification of Payment for the Luzerne Co. Community Development Disaster Recovery Program for \$11,655.00 for Datom Products, Inc. for Contract 1 Environmental Abatement (Spring 2020) and the request for the certification of Payment for the Luzerne Co. Community Development Disaster Recovery Program for \$10,530.00 for A.R. Popple Trucking and Excavation, LLC for Contract 2 Environmental Abatement (Spring 2020).

Motion by Mr. Linskey

Second by Mr. Sperrazza

Roll Call: Mr. Sperrazza –Yes

Mr. Linskey-Yes

Mr. Rovinski- Yes

Motion to approve repairs for Site Pro for \$7,750.00 for Gaughan, Oak, Laird and Union Streets for pipe damages from the current paving project. This will also be reimbursed for Storm water expenditures for WVSA reimbursement.

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

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

Motion to accept the deed of dedication for roadways in Willow View for Osborne Dr. Phase IV A & B, Donegal Park Phase IV-B and to Pass Resolution # 8 of 2020. A letter must be sent to Mr. Chris Goetz, PennDot for addition to Liquid Fuels.

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

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

Motion to have the storm box repair for Charles Place by Mr. Pahoda-Superior Sealcoating for \$4,287.50.

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

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

Motion to let the WWSA place a drop box at the municipal building for daily pick up for payments.

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

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

Motion to have the smaller accounts closed at Fidelity-LSA, LSA 2011, LSA-2012 and Infrastructure Bank Account.

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

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

Motion to have RFP's prepared for banking, advertised and returned for October 14, 2020 meeting.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. The Jenkins Township Board of Supervisors regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 07th, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.
- B. The Jenkins Township Sanitary Authority will meet Thursday, September 10th, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.
- C. The Jenkins Township Planning Commission is scheduled on Thursday, September 17th, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.
- D. The Jenkins Township Crime Watch will meet Wednesday, September 16th, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

- E. The CEO Food Drive for October will be held on October 2nd, 2020. Any changes will be announced.
- F. The administrative offices will be closed on October 12th, 2020 in observance of Columbus Day.
- G. Mr. Rovinski said to recognize our Police and Fire Emergency Personnel we are going to have a dinner and it is still in the works. Date will be announced.

Mr. Tyler Chapman from Mitchell St. asked to address a problem on Mitchell St.

Mr. Rovinski said that the public is allowed to speak before the general business portion of the meeting but he will allow an exception tonight.

Mr. Chapman said the Garage, Construction and Paving business owned by Patrick Pahoda is blocking the road all the time and he complained last year and now it is going on again. Mr. Ernest Higdon also joined in the conversation and said the business should not be able to be run out of their home in a residential district. They are dumping chemicals down the street and a Fire truck couldn't get through there. The street is always being blocked and the zoning officer's son lives there and is that why nothing is being done. Mr. Rovinski said he was down there last year and the problem was resolved. Mr. Rovinski requested a meeting with the Police, Ms. Dougherty, Ms. Fairchild and he would be present as well to find a resolution.

Motion to adjourn at 7:34 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