

**JACKSON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
June 14, 2018**

The Jackson Township Board of Supervisors General Business Meeting was called to order by Chairman Donald C. Kresge Sr. at 7:00 PM.

Members present: Donald C. Kresge Sr., Lester Wolcott, Mark Major and Solicitor Todd Weitzmann.

Pledge of Allegiance

No public comment on agenda items

Plot Plans:

No plot plans

General Business:

Old Business:

Jackson Township Supervisors General Business Meeting May 10, 2018 Minutes:

Mark Major made a motion to approve the Jackson Township Supervisors General Business Meeting May 10, 2018 Minutes. Motion seconded by Lester Wolcott. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Lester Wolcott made a motion to record the Treasurer's Report as written. Motion seconded by Mark Major. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Lehigh Valley Fence Co. – privacy fencing @ ballfields:

A proposal was received from Lehigh Valley Fence Co. for a "shadow box" privacy fence installed \$8640.00. This is to replace the existing privacy fence which runs along the road to the pavilion area. Mark Major made a motion to approve the purchase of a "shadow box" privacy fence from Lehigh Valley Fence Co. in the amount of \$8640.00. Motion seconded by Donald Kresge Sr. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Chemung Supply – guide rail installation @ ballfield on Reeders Run Rd, new panel with used posts:

Three proposals were received from Chemung Supply ranging in price from \$5451.40 to \$7966.40. Mark Major made a motion to approve the proposal of New Panels & Used Posts in the amount of \$6891.40 from Chemung Supply. Motion seconded by Donald Kresge Sr. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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New Business:

Resolution 2018-1 SPM Cameltop Mountain Lodge:

Lester Wolcott made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-1SPM. Motion seconded by Mark Major. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Eagle Scout Project – Sherwood Forest Open Space Property : Jeremy Sincaglia

Jeremy Sincaglia is proposing his Eagle Scout Project at Sherwood Forest Open Space Property. It will include trails – clearing of existing trails and building new trails. Jeremy showed the Board of Supervisors a presentation, including current photographs of the existing conditions. Mark Major made a motion to approve the Eagle Scout Project of Jeremy Sincaglia on the Sherwood Forest Open Space Property, as well as authorizing Donnie Kresge Jr. to sign any necessary paperwork for this project. Motion seconded by Lester Wolcott. All voted aye. Motion carried. Leon R. Frailey advised he would be willing to help & volunteer if Jeremy needed help.

CJERP – Emergency Mgmt Meeting 6/28/18 @ 7PM:

Mark Werkeiser advised Chestnuthill Twp is proposing to build a facility used for Emergency Mgmt – it is a regional proposal. The cost to Jackson Twp will be a one- time fee of \$3727.49, which will help pay for TV screens, monitors etc. Jackson Twp. will then have the ability to use the facility for Emergency Mgmt. etc. After some discussion with Jackson Twp. EMS Coordinators – Mike Wisniewski & Keith Elliott, both recommended joining CJERP with stipulations as stated by Solicitor Todd Weitzmann.

Mark Major made a motion to donate the \$3700 refund from the county to the CJERP emergency management project based on the condition that this is Jackson Township’s one-time contribution and will ensure full access for the facilities in Chestnuthill Township for 10 years. Motion seconded by Lester Wolcott. All voted aye. Motion carried. Mark Werkeiser – CJERP rep will pass this information onto them at their next meeting which Mike & Keith will also attend.

Volunteer Firefighter/Auxiliary : Real Estate – EIT Tax Credit:

Act 172 of 2016 provides municipalities with the option to offer a real estate or earned income tax credit to active members of volunteer fire companies. Each municipality may choose whether to offer the earned income tax credit, the real estate tax credit, or both. An active volunteer would pay their municipal real estate tax bill and then file an application for the real estate tax credit with the municipality. If approved, the municipality would issue a check to the active volunteer as a real estate tax credit rebate. The municipality would need to approve the application if it was for residential real property owned and occupied by the applicant and they met the criteria required to be considered an active volunteer for the prior year.

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The earned income tax credit must be set at a flat rate. Only residents of the municipality who are active volunteers could apply for the tax credit. A nonresident option is not available. DCED will update the statewide earned income tax form to account for the new flat rate tax credit for municipalities that choose to implement the credit and will provide for separation of the school earned income tax liability from the municipality's earned income tax liability.

Members who are active volunteer emergency responders would qualify, as well as active volunteers who are members, but serve in other roles, such as ladies auxiliary.

Solicitor Todd Weitzmann will ask other townships who have already adopted an ordinance for tax credit for copies of their ordinances, and put some info together for the next work session.

Lester Wolcott made a motion to table this until more information is obtained by Solicitor Todd Weitzmann. Motion seconded by Mark Major. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Comments:

Donnie Kresge Jr. – Roadmaster:

Donnie thanked the Jackson Twp. Volunteer Fire Company for allowing the use of the fire hall for the Flagging Class. They also provided coffee & cookies. There was a total of 40 in attendance. All Jackson Township Roadcrew employees are now compliant with the state flagging regulations.

Jackson Township has a 1996 4900 DT 466 Single Axle Dump Truck with a snow plow and cinder spreader that Donnie would like to put out for bid. The truck needs tires and has rust areas. Lester Wolcott made a motion to put the Dump Truck out for bid with a minimum bid of \$2600.00. Motion seconded by Mark Major. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Michelle Arner – Zoning Officer/SEO:

The Jackson Township Planning Commission has recommended the proposed Short Term Rental Ordinance. It is ready to be advertised. Mark Major made a motion to advertise the proposed Short Term Rental Ordinance for adoption at the July 12, 2018 Business Meeting. Motion seconded by Lester Wolcott. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The fees will be set by resolution, along with amendments to the current fee schedule resolution.

Estate of Kendell Cramer – Solicitor Todd Weitzmann advised the paperwork has been filed as requested.

Lester Wolcott made a motion to go into executive session for an employee matter. Motion seconded by Mark Major. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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Mark Major made a motion to be back in session. Motion seconded by Lester Wolcott. All voted aye. Motion carried. Back in session.

Lester Wolcott made a motion to terminate the employee of Open Space, Parks and Recreation Manager/Alt. Zoning Officer/Emergency Management effective immediately. Motion seconded by Mark Major. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Emergency Management – Keith Elliott & Mike Wisniewski:

Modern Gas wants the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Co. to fill out a form saying they can provide 3800 gallons of water every 10 minutes to meet their mandated requirements. JTVFC and PTVFC cannot provide the amount of water needed because the water hydrants are not active.

There are numerous classes coming up for Emergency Management that Keith & Mike would like to attend. This will be discussed further after review of what classes are available when, and discussed at the work session.

There being no further business, Lester Wolcott made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mark Major. All voted aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline R. Elliott
Secretary/Treasurer