

**JACKSON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
August 13, 2015**

The Jackson Township Board of Supervisors General Business Meeting of August 13, 2015 was called to order by Chairman Donald C. Kresge Sr.

Members present: Donald C. Kresge Sr., David B. Thomas, 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 July 9, 2015 Minutes:

Mark Major made a motion to approve the Jackson Township Supervisors General Business Meeting July 9, 2015 Minutes. Motion seconded by David Thomas. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Jackson Township Supervisors Bid Opening Meeting July 2, 2015 Minutes:

Mark Major made a motion to approve the Jackson Township Supervisors Bid Opening Meeting July 2, 2015 Minutes. Motion seconded by David Thomas. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

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

New Business:

PM COG Meeting/Picnic @ Blanche Price Park:

Mark Major made a motion to allow the Supervisors to attend the PM COG Meeting/Picnic. Motion seconded by Donald Kresge Sr. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Notice of Appeal/Zoning Hearing Board – vacation rental use:

Donald Kresge Sr. made a motion to approve Solicitor Weitzmann to intervene in support of the decision of the Zoning Hearing Board, representing the Township. Motion seconded by David Thomas. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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Resolution 2015-04 PA DOT Winter Road Maintenance – 5 year agreement:

A proposal has been received from PA DOT regarding the renewal of a 5 year Winter Road Maintenance Agreement. David Thomas made a motion to table Resolution 2015-04 until September meeting. There are concerns of the actual cost of maintaining compared to the revenue received. Motion seconded by Donald Kresge Sr. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Hilliard/Valovich Property:

Attorney Weitzmann advised this is a 2 acre parcel purchased for Open Space. He has repeatedly ask Monroe County to waive the taxes retroactive for 2013, however the county tax board still has not approved it. Solicitor Weitzmann advised the Township Supervisors to pay the tax bill, and then request a refund since it is listed for tax sale.

Mark Major made a motion to pay the amount due per Attorney Weitzmann recommendation. Motion seconded by David Thomas. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Comments:

Michelle Arner – Zoning Officer:

In regards to a property located on Hay Road, the home owner has moved into a newly constructed home without a Certificate of Occupancy. The well has been drilled twice, once in the wrong location and second with the wrong grout being used. The well driller did sign the paper indicating he read & understood the Zoning Ordinance regarding well drilling. The well does not meet township ordinance specifications; therefore, Zoning Officer Arner and State Inspector Paul Jarrett cannot sign off on the Certificate of Occupancy.

The homeowner did agree to vacate the home, but Zoning Officer Arner does not know if that has happened yet. The homeowner is being represented by Attorney Bill Cramer.

The Board of Supervisors agreed this is a Zoning and State issue. The new construction must be in compliance with the ordinance.

Fernridge State Police:

Zoning Officer Arner advised she would like to see attendance from the Fernridge State Police at township meetings so she can be advised of any calls pertaining to the township ongoing concern properties – i.e., vacation rental properties. This will help to prove the concerns/uses of the properties if the issues go to court. Supervisor David Thomas advised he will contact Fernridge State Police.

There being no further business, David Thomas made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mark Major. All voted aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline R. Elliott
Secretary/Treasurer

