

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

OCTOBER 16, 2020

Hawke called the special meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. at the Jackson Township Hall with Trustees Todd Hawke, John Pizzino and Jim Thomas present. Fiscal Officer Gonzalez, Administrator/Law Director Vaccaro, and Public Works Director Rohn were also in attendance.

Hawke requested that all cell phones be silenced at this time.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Fiscal Department

Gonzalez stated that the Township has received its money from the CARES Act Funding. The Board has looked at a relief program for the local businesses most affected and an application has been created. It is pending Trustee approval. Some background work found that there were about 180 small, local businesses that were shut down due to the pandemic, however Gonzalez knows there are more that are not members of the Chamber of Commerce.

ATTACHMENT 10/16/20 A

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to approve the attached Jackson Township CARES Act grant application.

Hawke expressed his thoughts indicating that while we did receive a large amount of money, after speaking with Chief Hogue and learning that there are about 2400 businesses in Jackson Township, that money will go fast and there are a lot of businesses that need help. He feels that the business that were deemed “non-essential” and had to close their doors for a period of time should be a priority. Hawke also indicated that maybe about a fourth of the money should be set aside for places like the Township departments, schools and the airport and a few other driving forces in our community.

Pizzino added that wants to also allocate some money to the schools. He knows they had to hire an additional 13 employees just to maintain a clean, safe environment, so they are going through their money quickly. Pizzino also understands Gonzalez’s working relationship with the airport, and their economic impact for our community, and therefore thinks we should help them also.

Thomas thanked Hawke and Gonzalez for their work toward this program and looks forward to seeing it through and supporting the local businesses in our community.

Gonzalez also commended the Trustees for simplifying the process and attempting to make this as easy as possible for our community. These businesses are vital to the long term success and value of Jackson Township and the Trustees realize that.

Hawke also added that after watching several webinars on how they are allowed to spend the money, the Trustees have determined that a reimbursable grant is the best way to go in terms of audits and simplicity. There has been limited guidance and the Township is doing their best to follow the guidelines as well as reach as many businesses as possible.

Gonzalez further spelled out some information that Vaccaro had found concerning how businesses can show lost revenue as well as requests to be reimbursed for additional money spent for PPE and costs incurred to create a socially distant atmosphere.

3-0 yes

Hawke informed the public that they are in the process of narrowing dates down for the zoning hearings that were postponed. It currently looks as though it might be mid-December or early January before those hearings may take place.

Hawke also reminded everyone that the small business grant applications will be available on our website, Facebook, and here at Township Hall. They need to be submitted by Nov. 20th.

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for Public Works Department Personnel (Appointment / Employment / Compensation) – Discipline.

3-0 yes

Todd Hawke

Randy Gonzalez