

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

### MINUTES OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

**JANUARY 26, 2009**

Pizzino called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. at the Jackson Township Hall with all Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Lyon, Fitzgerald and Neftzer present.

Pizzino moved and Walters seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for Police Department Personnel (Appointment/Employment/Compensation) – Interview part-time clerical aide applicants. **3-0 yes**

Pizzino moved and Walters seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for Fire Department Personnel (Appointment/Employment/Compensation). **3-0 yes**

Pizzino moved and Walters seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for a conference with Attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. **3-0 yes**

Upon return from the Executive Session, Pizzino opened the Work Session at 5:41 p.m.

#### **Fire Department**

##### **ATTACHMENT 01/26/09 A**

Walters moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to adopt and authorize the placement of our signatures upon the attached Agreement with Bart S. Archinal. **3-0 yes**

##### **ATTACHMENT 01/26/09 B**

Chief Heck explained the proposed changes in the EMS Billing Policy and the reasons for them. The Trustees agreed with the changes and requested that it be presented at the next meeting.

##### **ATTACHMENT 01/26/09 C**

Marc Wasmund and Andrea Victor explained to the Board their ideas about opening a youth center in the Foxboro Plaza. Mr. Wasmund explained that they wanted to “focus on entertainment, education, arts, or any type of skill that children want to do, along with school.” The Trustees agreed this was “a great concept” and expressed their thanks for Mr. Wasmund and Ms. Victor for putting this together. Ms. Victor explained they were still in the process of applying for non-profit status and preparing the business plan. She said they wanted to let the Board know of their plans and said they would keep the Trustees informed as they progressed.

At 6:03 p.m., Pizzino called the General Session to order with all department heads present. He requested that all cell phones and pagers be turned off at this time.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Speaks – None**

**ATTACHMENT 01/26/09 D**

Walters moved and Burger seconded a motion to authorize and present commendations to five Township employees for their roles in the rescue of a fire victim on November 18, 2008:

Jerry Valentine, Highway Department Labor Specialist  
James Anderson, Part-time firefighter/EMT  
Gary Harrison, Firefighter  
Gregory Leopold, Fire Captain  
Thomas Ross, Firefighter/Paramedic.

**3-0 yes**

Pizzino called a five minute recess to allow time for pictures.

**Administration Department**

**ATTACHMENT 01/26/09 E**

Walters moved and Burger seconded a motion to adopt and authorize the placement of the Board President's signature upon the attached Health Benefit Plan Amendment, in accordance with the recommendation of the Health Insurance Committee, effective April 1, 2009.

**3-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 01/26/09 F**

Walters moved and Burger seconded a motion to approve the Division of Liquor Control, F Permit Application, for the 2009 Jackson Community Celebration.

**3-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 01/26/09 G**

Walters moved and Burger seconded a motion to send a letter to U.S. legislators to include the General Revenue Sharing Program in the Economic Stimulus Package.

**3-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 01/26/09 H**

Pizzino moved and Walters seconded a motion to approve the appropriation transfer request from account code 101.110.5385, Other Expense, to account code 101.110.5493, Nuisance Abatement, in the amount of \$3,250.00.

**3-0 yes**

**Highway Department**

**ATTACHMENT 01/26/09 I**

Walters moved and Burger seconded a motion to table the placement of the Board President's signature upon the attached ODOT change order for the Wales/Fulton Project.

**3-0 yes**

Gonzalez said he has been asked why the Fulton/Wales project has come to a halt. Boger explained that the project is at a stage where the work to be done involves cement and asphalt which cannot be laid in cold weather.

## **Police Department**

### **ATTACHMENT 01/26/09 J**

Walters moved and Burger seconded a motion to hire Megan L. Baltzly as a part-time Police Aide, through the temporary service, at the rate of \$8.25 per hour, effective January 27, 2009.

**3-0 yes**

### **ATTACHMENT 01/26/09 K**

Walters moved and Burger seconded a motion to hire Allison L. Bancroft as a part-time Police Aide, through the temporary service, at the rate of \$8.25 per hour, effective January 27, 2009.

**3-0 yes**

### **ATTACHMENT 01/26/09 L**

Walters moved and Burger seconded a motion to hire Angela M. Carpenter as a part-time Police Aide, through the temporary service, at the rate of \$8.25 per hour, effective January 27, 2009.

**3-0 yes**

### **ATTACHMENT 01/26/09 M**

Pizzino moved and Burger seconded a motion to rescind the Appropriation Transfer Request approved on January 12, 2009 from Code 232.250.5363, Hooked on Fishing, to Code 209.250.5363, Hooked on Fishing, in the amount of \$20,000.00.

**3-0 yes**

Pizzino thanked Chief Neftzer and his officers on the job they are doing with the school traffic.

## **Fiscal Office**

### **ATTACHMENT 01/26/09 N**

Pizzino moved and Burger seconded a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$298,794.56.

**3-0 yes**

### **ATTACHMENT 01/26/09 O**

Pizzino moved and Burger seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2009 Board of Trustees meeting.

**3-0 yes**

### **ATTACHMENT 01/26/09 P**

Pizzino moved and Walters seconded a motion to send a request to the Stark County Auditor for advance of property taxes.

**3-0 yes**

## **Routine Business**

### **Announcements**

- Next regular Board of Trustees meeting, February 9, 2009, 4:00 p.m., Executive and/or Work Session; 6:00 p.m., General Session, Township Hall.
- LOGIC, February 5, 2009, 9:00 a.m., Safety Center, Chief's Conference Room.

- CIC, February 17, 2009, 5:00 p.m., Township Hall.
- Board of Zoning Appeals, February 12, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Township Hall.
- Citizens Advisory Committees:
  - Community Celebration, February 10, 2009, 5:30 p.m., Township Hall.
  - Park, February 10, 2009, 6:30 p.m., Township Hall.
  - Highway/Traffic, February 18, 2009, 6:30 p.m., Township Hall.

## **Old Business**

### **ATTACHMENT 01/26/09 Q**

Pizzino told the other board members that North Canton has filed annexation papers in an attempt to stop the proposed agreement between Jackson Township and Canton City. He asked if the other board members had any questions. Pizzino explained that the agreement is a way to protect the Township's borders, the tax base, and the businesses on the east side of the township. He said it was not only a way to protect the border, "also it's another way to generate revenue, not only for Jackson Township but for the city."

Burger said he has been getting numerous phone calls concerning this. He also said "we thought we were moving along real well then all of a sudden it kind of dropped a hammer on us in another way of accomplishing what North Canton has been trying to do for a number of years and hopefully that with our continued effort we can put another roadblock in North Canton's way. I've spent most of my life in the township and watched how it's developed along the border toward North Canton, you get kind of possessive of your territory. I'd just like to see us keep what we have."

Pizzino said "I think we all do. And as I stated to North Canton and Canton if either party tried to annex any parcels of Jackson Township through a hostile annexation which in my opinion that's what they're doing, and that's my opinion. We are not going to provide services at our taxpayers expense to the city of North Canton so I'm sure in the very near future we're going to have to look at our agreements with North Canton, what we want to do with North Canton Fire, Police and any other agreements that we have with them because at this time there just isn't any way that I could justify spending Jackson Township taxpayers' money to service the people in North Canton."

Walters expressed his disappointment with North Canton after having spent the time trying to work out an agreement that North Canton "has instead chosen, what is really a short-sided, and irresponsible path that's going to result in a long acrimonious and expensive outcome. That's not going to be the benefit to either community." He said he echoed "the sentiments of Mr. Pizzino and Mr. Burger that we will do everything that we can to protect the interests of our Jackson Township residents. And I appreciate the work Mr. Pizzino and Mr. Gonzalez have

done on a daily basis, along with Mr. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Lyon. He said “this Board is united on this front. We will do whatever it takes.”

Gonzalez pointed out that the “issue at hand for Jackson Township is this Board of Trustees has taken a hard line stand on trying not to raise property taxes. The fire levy was a renewal, with no new taxes, we will be facing police levies as they come up, and the highway levy that was just passed was a renewal, no new taxes. The cost of things are going to continue to go up and the only way to keep up with that is to find alternative sources of funding. We’re not trying to enact an income tax on anybody in the township now, it’s not like Jackson residents or people working in Jackson Township are going to all of a sudden get an income tax imposed on them. The Board is working very hard to try to create jobs, not only for Jackson Township, but for the betterment of all Stark County, good paying jobs, and the people who get those jobs will know when taking them that they will be subject to an income tax. This gives the Board some latitude not to go back and ask for higher property taxes as levies come due. If we don’t start thinking out of the box and looking for these types of alternatives it will come to the point when we just won’t be able to pass levies anymore and I have to admire the Board’s hard work to try to keep that cost down to the taxpayer. This has to work and I guess the difference is what we’re trying to do with the City of Canton is to create areas that would create not only jobs for Jackson Township but for all of Canton and all Stark County, to create good paying jobs where people could afford to live and work in Jackson Township. North Canton’s actions appear that they are only worried about North Canton.”

**New Business**

Pizzino moved and Burger seconded a motion to accept a \$1,000.00 sponsorship donation to the Community Celebration from Huntington National Bank. **3-0 yes**

**Public Speaks – Open Forum**

No one came forward.

Walters moved and Burger seconded a motion to adjourn. **3-0 yes**

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**John Pizzino**

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**Randy Gonzalez**