

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

### MINUTES OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

**JANUARY 25, 2010**

Pizzino called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. at the Jackson Township Hall with all Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Lyon, Fitzgerald, Neftzer, Moore, and Randy Yost for Chief Heck.

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

Upon return from Executive Session, Pizzino opened the Work Session at 4:43 p.m.

#### **Work Session**

##### **ATTACHMENT 01/25/10 A**

Lyon introduced Mark Burns with Independent Energy Consultants, Inc. Mr. Burns told the Board he is President of Independent Energy Consultants and also the consultant for the Stark County Natural Gas Program. He said he is also the broker for the Stark Council of Governments. He told the Board he was the consultant retained by the Stark County Commissioners on how to put the ballot initiative on the November election. He said the some of the reasons why that ballot failed were because the Commissioners chose not to use the public relations campaign set up by Independent Energy Consultants, and Independent Energy was not authorized by the Commissioner to do a public relations campaign, so “the word didn’t really get out”. He also said the County sales tax issue and other levies were on the ballot in front of the electric aggregation issue.

Mr. Burns said that in ten years of working with local governments regarding aggregation programs this was the first one he had been involved in that had failed. He said most of them pass by a wide margin. He said they would make letters to the editors, press releases, offers to do Town Hall meetings, website material and other avenues available to the Trustees help get the word out.

He said in Ohio government aggregation has been going on since 2001 and that he has been involved since 2001 putting together electric and gas aggregation programs. He pointed out that it may be new to Stark County, but not in the State of Ohio.

He said the idea of aggregation is to take residents and small commercial customers and put them into a buying group and making better rates available to them. He presented a list of clients served by Independent Energy Consultants.

He said the reasons for an aggregation program are to save money for the residents, favorable terms and conditions residents can’t get on their own, price volatility. He pointed out that an aggregation program “structures a program that meets the needs while still giving the residents

the ability to choose". Mr. Burns also explained the civic donations they have brokered and what his company can do and provide as a broker.

The Trustees asked Mr. Burns several questions about the County proceeding with aggregation efforts and Independent Energy's contract.

#### **ATTACHMENT 01/25/10 B**

Gonzalez presented a brief history of the idea and person behind a Township flag. He pointed out that now that the streetscape lights have been installed now is the time to have a contest for the students to present ideas for a flag.

Gonzalez presented Mrs. Haas with a Certificate of Recognition from the Board of Trustees.

He also said they have an award for recognition the Board will call the Judy Haas Award.

#### **ATTACHMENT 01/25/10 C**

Gonzalez said the flag contest was presented to students in grades 6 through 12 at Jackson and Central Catholic. He said there were 117 entries and that it was a tough decision. He announced the winner of the flag contest as Troy Hankins.

Gonzalez presented Troy Hankins with the Judy Haas Jackson Township Flag Award.

Gonzalez explained that the Trustees wanted to incorporate into the winning flag an item from another submission. He said that item was the Jackson Township circle and will be incorporated into the star. He said the student who entered that was Anthony Pizzino.

Gonzalez explained that a senior from Jackson coordinated the flag contest with Marilyn Lyon, the Township Administrator. He said that student was Aaron Strickland, who was not in attendance. Gonzalez said there is a Certificate of Recognition for Aaron, also.

Lyon introduced Tom Bellish, President of Buckeye Energy Brokers.

#### **ATTACHMENT 01/25/10 D**

Mr. Bellish presented his company, Buckeye Energy Brokers, proposal for electric aggregation. He gave a brief accounting of his company's success rate at the polls. He also gave a brief history of the company and some of the incentives they offer.

The Trustees and Fiscal Officer asked several questions about opting in and out, costs to the Township and length of the contract.

Lyon introduced Ray Martinez from First Energy.

#### **ATTACHMENT 01/25/10 E**

Mr. Martinez introduced Emily Ochsenhirt with First Energy Solutions. Ms. Ochsenhirt pointed out that she is not with a broker that she is directly from the supplier. She said the difference is that they are presenting deals they 'might' be able to obtain while she can 'guarantee' the

program being presented. She said the program they offer is an 'opt out', however, their program comes with a community grant.

Several questions were asked about the percentage of savings, the residents that could benefit and how it would be handled on the ballot since the Township gets electric service from both AEP and Ohio Edison.

There was some discussion about electric generation and distribution and other differences between the brokers and First Energy Solutions.

Gonzalez asked if the grant received by the Township would be added to the resident's bill and if the Township refused the grant would the savings be greater. Ms. Ochsenhirt said the answer to both was 'no'.

At 5:52 p.m., Pizzino called the General Session to order with all department heads present except Chief Heck who was represented by Deputy Chief Yost, and Joni Poindexter. Pizzino requested that all cell phones and pagers be turned off at this time.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Speaks** – None

### **Administration Department**

#### **ATTACHMENT 01/25/10 F**

Gonzalez presented a Certificate of Recognition to Aaron Strickland recognizing and commending him for his initiative and special effort in organizing and carrying out the Jackson Township Flag contest.

#### **RESOLUTION 10-007, ATTACHED**

##### **STARK SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AGREEMENT**

Walters moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to adopt and authorize the placement of the Board President's signature upon the attached Mutual Agreement for technical assistance between the Board of Trustees of Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio and Stark County Soil and Water Conservation District. **3-0 yes**

#### **ATTACHMENT 01/25/10 G**

Walters moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to approve the Division of Liquor Control, F Permit Application, for the 2010 Jackson Community Celebration. **3-0 yes**

#### **RESOLUTION 10-008, ATTACHED**

##### **APPOINTMENT TO CIC**

Walters moved and Burger seconded a motion to reappoint Michael Thompson as a governmental member of the Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) for a two-year term, from 2/1/10 to 2/1/12. **3-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 01/25/10 H**

Walters moved and Burger seconded a motion to appoint Marilyn Lyon as the alternate Board of Trustees' representative on the CIC. **3-0 yes**

**Highway Department**

**RESOLUTION 10-009, ATTACHED  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR MATERIALS**

Walters moved and Burger seconded a motion to authorize the attached advertisement for Highway Department materials. **3-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 01/25/10 I**

Pizzino moved and Walters seconded a motion to approve Budget Module No. 2010-32 for the Fulton Widening from Brunnerdale to Foxboro in the amount of \$312,500.00. **3-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 01/25/10 J**

Pizzino moved and Burger seconded a motion to approve the appropriation transfer request from account code 327.310.5387, Discretionary, to account code 327.314.5710, Fulton-Brunnerdale/Foxboro Design, in the amount of \$225,000.00 and from account code 327.310.5387, Discretionary, to account code 327.314.5714, Fulton-Brunnerdale/Foxboro Project Mgmt., in the amount of \$87,500.00. **3-0 yes**

Boger pointed out the Ohio Department of Development is matching this amount for the project.

**Legal Department**

**ATTACHMENT 01/25/10 K**

Walters moved and Burger seconded a motion not to request a hearing on the transfer of the liquor license to Radius Hospitality Management LLC, dba Holiday Inn Canton, 4520 Everhard St. N.W. **3-0 yes**

**Police Department**

**ATTACHMENT 01/25/10 L**

Walters moved and Burger seconded a motion to accept the resignation of part-time police officer and police constable, Dennis R. Coy, effective January 21, 2010 at 2400 hours. **3-0 yes**

Walters moved and Burger seconded a motion to accept a \$10,000.00 donation from the Fraternal Order of Eagles, North Canton Aerie #2223. **3-0 yes**

Chief Neftzer explained why he would like to set up an account code for donations to keep the amounts separate from levy dollars. He said there sometimes was more discretion in utilizing donations. He explained that on occasion donors request the money be used for a particular project or piece of equipment.

Gonzalez said it was a good idea and he would like to implement that for all departments. He said at the Safety Center Open House people wondered if that had all been purchased. He said the Safety Center was paid for by donations.

Pizzino moved and Walters seconded a motion that a letter be sent to LOGIC stating that the 2010 representatives are Trustee Pizzino, Chief Neftzer, and Chief Heck. 3-0 yes

Gonzalez said the 911 Dispatch Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Canton Center on 30<sup>th</sup> St.

## **Fiscal Office**

### **ATTACHMENT 01/25/10 M**

Pizzino moved and Burger seconded a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$1,374,340.74. 3-0 yes

### **ATTACHMENT 01/25/10 N**

Pizzino moved and Burger seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2010 Board of Trustees meeting. 3-0 yes

### **ATTACHMENT 01/25/10 O**

Walters moved and Burger seconded a motion to send a request for the advance of property taxes collected to the Stark County Auditor. 3-0 yes

Gonzalez gave the Board an update on the 911 Dispatch Center. He said he “believed the plan will remain as is”, that it would be “one center, under two roofs”. He said it could be built with the taxes already in place and it would use user-based fees for operations. He said the equipment would be purchased with SCOG dollars and the current Red Center would be the last to move.

## **Routine Business**

### **Announcements**

- Next regular Board of Trustees meeting, February 8, 2010, 4:00 p.m., Executive Session and/or Work Session; 5:00 p.m., General Session, Township Hall.
- LOGIC, February 4, 2010, 9:00 a.m., Safety Center, Chief’s Conference Room.
- CIC, February 17, 2010, 5:00 p.m., Township Hall.
- Zoning Commission, February 18, 2010, 5:00 p.m., Township Hall.
- Citizens Advisory Committees:
  - Community Celebration, February 9, 2010, 5:30 p.m., Township Hall.

- Park, February 9, 2010, 6:30 p.m., Township Hall.
- Highway/Traffic, February 17, 2010, 6:30 p.m., Township Hall.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business**

Pizzino told the Board that Ruthanne Wilkof from the Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce said Thursday's Plaza on the west side will be 100% occupied very shortly. He said there will be some new tenants moving in.

Pizzino also reported that a large company from outside Stark County who will be moving into the Township. He said they will require about 20,000 square feet for their business.

Pizzino thanked Ms. Wilkof for all she and her staff does for the Township.

**Public Speaks – Open Forum**

No one came forward.

Pizzino moved and Burger seconded a motion to adjourn.

**3-0 yes**

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**John Pizzino**

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**Randy Gonzalez**