

MINUTES OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION MEETING

Thursday, February 19, 2015
Township Hall

Present: Steven Meeks, Todd Hawke, Tracy Hogue, Ryan Fulmer, Mike Thompson, Rafael Rodriguez, and Michelle Moore

Steven Meeks called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

Approve Minutes

Mike Thompson moved and Todd Hawke seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurers' Report

Operations Account - \$1,751.96

Accept Treasurer's Report

Todd Hawke moved and Ryan Fulmer seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Old Business

Michelle stated that an article for the CIC will be in the spring newsletter. The mailing deadline for the spring newsletter is March 16.

Michelle stated that all of the information was sent to Mallory & Associates for the 2014 financial report and taxes.

Steven Meeks reported that interviews were held last month with Ray Hexamer and Jack Boggs. Steven stated that Ray Hexamer is a Jackson Township resident and is the executive director of the Massillon Development Foundation and he would bring another level of professionalism and expertise in Economic Development. Mike Thompson stated that Ray Hexamer would make an excellent addition to the CIC Board.

Mike Thompson moved and Todd Hawke seconded a motion to accept the application for Ray Hexamer and appoint him to the CIC Board for a term of 2/1/15 – 2/1/17. Motion carried.

Steven stated that Jack Boggs is also a Jackson Township resident and he would like to get more involved with the community. Mike Thompson stated that he has some concerns about adding somebody to the CIC board that has not been involved in any other community boards. Todd Hawke agrees with Mike and feels that there are some other boards that Jack Boggs could possibly serve on. Steven Meeks concurs however, the township should inform Mr. Boggs of openings that are available on such boards.

Mike Thompson moved and Todd Hawke seconded a motion to defer a decision on appointing Jack Boggs to the CIC Board until the interview process is complete. Motion carried.

Steven asked Michelle to send a letter to Ray Hexamer along with the meeting dates and times.

New Business

Steven Meeks stated that there was no update received on the CIC Work Session. Steven stated that he is trying to reschedule a meeting with Rod Crider of Wayne County to discuss economic development.

Mike Thompson asked for an update from Steven regarding the Jackson Belden Food Fest. Steven stated that the name changed however they are working in conjunction with Canton and the Hall of Fame Committee and the event is not going to be any different than years in the past except for the caliber of talent on stage.

Public Speaks

Dr. Daniel Van Epps, executive director of two Community Improvement Corporations in Tuscarawas County – Mineral City and Stillwater, reviewed information on broadband within the township. Dr. Van Epps understands that there are fiber lines already in the township however, he would like to add more companies to the fiber lines so that there is competition and not a monopoly. Dr. Van Epps distributed handouts to the board. Mike Thompson asked how this project would be funded and who would own it. Dr. Van Epps stated that it could be a government ownership, a non-profit organization, or a public/private partnership. Mike Thompson asked what community Dr. Van Epps would model Stark County after. Dr. Van Epps stated that it would probably be Finland. They have multiple carriers going into their municipalities. Kansas City would be similar also – they have fast internet but no competition.

Steven Meeks thanked Dr. Van Epps for sharing his knowledge of broadband. Todd Hawke stated that it might be a good idea if Dr. Van Epps attend one of the CIC work session meetings in the future.

Mike Thompson moved and Todd Hawke seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 a.m. Motion carried.

Steven Meeks, President

Michelle Moore, Secretary