

**MINUTES OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP**  
**COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION MEETING**

**Thursday, January 21, 2016**  
Township Hall

Present: Steven Meeks, Cindy Hartzell, Todd Hawke, Tracy Hogue, Ray Hexamer, Sal Miraglia, Rafael Rodriguez and Michelle Moore

Steven Meeks called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

**Approve Minutes**

Ray Hexamer moved and Sal Miraglia seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the December meeting. Motion carried.

**Treasurers' Report**

Operation Account - \$996.36

**Accept Treasurer's Report**

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

**Old Business**

Rafael reviewed information regarding a service leader position for the CIC. Rafael stated that the CIC needs to have a mission and a purpose. Rafael talked to different CIC's in the area and has found that Canton City has the most active CIC in the area. Rafael stated that most CIC's are a pass through for properties – most communities have a CIC in place but people don't even know about it. The Tuscarawas County CIC functions almost like a Chamber of Commerce - their CIC is run mainly by business owners and they pay dues and some CIC's are inactive and just on paper.

Steven stated that he agrees with Rafael that the CIC needs to have a mission and a purpose before an employee is hired for the CIC. Cindy Hartzell stated that when this position was originally brought to the table, we talked about having someone as a go to person if someone inquired about vacant land, etc. and she feels that we still need that person. Rafael stated that he is the contact person for the Canton CIC. Steven asked Rafael & Ray what they would do to change things to really streamline and make things more efficient on what you are able to do and get the right tools to help them. Ray Hexamer stated that what is really nice about Massillon Development Foundation (MDF) is that they are independent and run by all business owners. Steven stated that he would like to have Rafael's salary split between Canton and Jackson since he already does this work for Canton and then there won't be a learning curve with a new employee. Ray Hexamer thinks this a great idea.

**New Business**

Michelle asked the board to review the spring newsletter article and if everything is good then she will submit it to the township. Cindy Hartzell stated that there should be an article regarding the CIC in every edition of the newsletter.

Michelle stated that she will prepare the documents needed for the 2015 year end taxes and financials and mail them to Jeff Mallory for completion.

Steven reviewed the list of members that have terms expiring in February. Cindy Hartzell, Sal Miraglia and Rafael Rodriguez were asked if they were willing to continue their position on the board. Steven announced that Dane Mayle will take over as the Chamber of Commerce representative in place of Thomas Schmidt.

Todd Hawke moved and Tracy Hogue seconded a motion to re-appoint Cindy Hartzell and Sal Miraglia for the term of February 1, 2016 to February 1, 2018. Motion carried

Todd Hawke moved and Tracy Hogue seconded a motion to re-appoint Rafael Rodriguez for the term of February 1, 2016 – February 1, 2017. Motion carried

Todd Hawke confirmed that Robb Hankins, Arts in Stark will be at our February meeting and Dan McKimm, Stark Area Broadband will be at our March meeting. Steven asked that the Stark Area Broadband presentation be kept to an hour. Todd Hawke stated that he will contact Dan McKimm and ask him to forward the presentation information ahead of time so that the board can look over the information.

**Public Speaks**

No one came forward.

Sal Miraglia moved and Ray Hexamer seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 a.m. Motion carried.

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Steven Meeks, President

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Michelle Moore, Secretary