

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

**Thursday, May 15, 2014**  
Township Hall

Present: Todd Hawke, Steven Meeks, Tracy Hogue, Ryan Fulmer, Cindy Hartzell, Todd Locke and Michelle Moore

Steven Meeks called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

**Approve Minutes**

Ryan Fulmer moved and Todd Locke seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Motion carried.

**Treasurers' Report**

Operation Account - \$ 561.16  
Fundraising Account – \$3,527.98

**Accept Treasurer's Report**

Todd Locke moved and Tracy Hogue seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

**Approve Bills**

Todd Hawke moved and Ryan Fulmer seconded a motion to approve a bill to The Canton Repository for 2013 taxes and financials ad in the amount of \$34.20 and to A.A. Hammersmith for Steven Meeks' bond in the amount of \$175.00. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

Todd Hawke stated that he has received an email from Joe Race, BIA regarding the contacts for the vacant buildings. Joe Race is willing to help us update the listings of the vacant buildings. Todd suggested that a letter be sent with the list of vacant buildings from August 2012. Todd thought that it would be a good idea if Joe Race attended next months' meeting to discuss this further. Steven Meeks asked Todd to contact Joe Race and invite him to the June meeting. Steve Meeks stated that it is important to have communication with the BIA and the realtors.

Steven Meeks asked that the topic of the fundraising account be tabled until next month.

Steven Meeks stated that there should be an article in the next Township newsletter about the CIC. The next newsletter will be going out in the fall. Cindy Hartzell mentioned that she would be willing to work on the article.

**New Business**

Steven Meeks announced that Larry Marcus turned in his resignation letter from the CIC. This leaves another vacancy on the board and the vice-president position. Michelle will contact The Canton Repository and The Jackson Suburbanite to place an ad announcing the position available on the board.

Steven Meeks stated that he and Todd Hawke met with the Mayor of Canton and Rafael Rodriguez, City of Canton CIC representative. The meeting was set up purposely to get a better understanding of the City of Canton's involvement with the Township in the JEDD district.

Steven wanted clarification on what they bring to the table. One of the things that was discussed was revenue for the CIC. The Mayor mentioned a sin tax across the county for economic development. Steven mentioned the 2% that a new business would pay in an income tax – 1% goes to the Township and 1% goes to the City of Canton in the JEDD area. Steven asked about a quarter percent off of the 1% from both entities coming back into the pot within the CIC for economic development. Steven stated that he knows that the Township used to have an annual commitment to the CIC in the past and he would like to see that happen again and maybe even some money from the RLF that was returned to the Township. Todd Hawke stated that he will have a discussion with Mike Vaccaro about the RLF money. Todd Locke stated that collaboration would be great if we could work with Canton or even the City of Massillon. Steven Meeks would like to see a member of the Canton CIC possibly become a member/liaison of the Jackson CIC and vice versa.

Steven Meeks stated that he has been contacted by a business that is looking at the old Arthur Middleton building. There have been two meetings with this business.

**Public Speaks**

No one came forward.

Todd Locke moved and Ryan Fulmer seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 a.m. Motion carried.

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Steven Meeks, President

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Michelle Moore, Secretary