

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

**Thursday, May 21, 2015**  
Township Hall

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

Steven Meeks called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

**Approve Minutes**

Mike Thompson moved and Ryan Fulmer seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Motion carried.

**Treasurers' Report**

Operations Account - \$1,151.96

**Accept Treasurer's Report**

Ray Hexamer moved and Mike Thompson seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

**Approve Bill**

Todd Hawke moved and Ryan Fulmer seconded a motion to approve a bill for The Canton Repository for the 2014 taxes and financials ad in the amount of \$30.60. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

Steven Meeks stated that the Work Session went well on Monday although only three members attended. Randy Gonzalez updated the board on his meeting with Cindy Hartzell regarding hiring a service leader for the CIC. A draft job description has been submitted for review however after Monday's meeting, Steven feels that the job description needs to be abbreviated. Randy stated that the position should be part time. Randy stated that he and Todd Hawke have been working on economic development projects that have been brought to us not that we have reached out to people. This position should be one that reaches out to the people that are looking to come into the township and fill the empty boxes. The funding would come from a percentage of any deal that is put together either through a JEDD or any other economic deal. Randy feels that we are "missing the boat" with companies that are looking to move. This person will work closely with Randy in the beginning. Ray Hexamer reviewed his job description at MDF which is similar to what we are looking at. Ray stated that he would be happy to help in any way he can. Randy stated that the Trustees are willing to help fund this position until they get their feet on the ground then it should fund itself.

Randy stated that he was on a conference call Monday giving testimony to the OTA that has formed an economic development committee. HB182 was discussed during the conference call which if passed, will allow us to do retail abatement and give a waiver of corporate tax. The township along with Plain Township and Perry Township wrote a letter of support for HB182 and sent it to Kirk Schuring's office on Monday. The second reading should have been done yesterday. Ryan Fulmer asked what the timeline was as to when the bill would be passed. Randy feels that by the last quarter of the year everything should be complete.

Mike Thompson stated that he has no idea where the industrial area of the Township is located. Mike feels that the whole board needs to be educated on this. Mike would like to have someone from Zoning attend our meeting and give us an overview of the township and what each area is zoned. Ray Hexamer suggested that Chris Johnson, Stark Development Board also attend a meeting. Randy Gonzalez stated that the township receives emails from Chris Johnson on a regular basis. Randy asked Michelle to have Marilyn include the CIC board on the emails from Chris Johnson that she forwards to the Trustees. Ray will extend an invitation to Chris Johnson to attend next months' meeting.

Randy asked Rafael to check with the Canton board regarding the fee that would be paid to the Jackson CIC if a deal is struck inside a JEDD. Randy had spoken to Fonda Williams about this and Fonda didn't see a problem with paying a percentage to the CIC since Canton would be getting a percentage also.

Steven Meeks stated that the governmental members interviewed Sal Miraglia and feels that he would be a tremendous asset to the CIC board. Todd Hawke, Mike Thompson and Tracy Hogue all agree with Steven.

Todd Hawke moved and Mike Thompson seconded a motion to appoint Sal Miraglia as a non-governmental member of the Jackson Township CIC for the remainder of the two-year term, from 2/1/14 to 2/1/16. Motion carried.

#### **New Business**

Michelle reported that the IRS sent a letter regarding the 2014 financials that were completed by Jeff Mallory. Jeff showed on Schedule A that the CIC had income during the year 2011 whereas the CIC actually returned money to the Trustees in 2011. Jeff revised Schedule A showing zero dollars received. Michelle will send the revised form and a letter explaining this to the IRS.

Rafael reminded everyone about the HOF informational event that is on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

#### **Public Speaks**

No one came forward.

Tracy Hogue moved and Ray Hexamer seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 a.m. Motion carried.

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Steven Meeks, President

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Michelle Moore, Secretary