

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

**Thursday, September 17, 2015**  
Township Hall

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

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

**Approve Minutes**

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

**Treasurers' Report**

Operations Account - \$996.36

**Accept Treasurer's Report**

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

**Old Business**

Steven discussed the 2016 budget for the CIC. Steven asked what the amount was for 2015. Michelle stated that \$20,000 was set aside for the CIC for 2015 however, that money will go away at the end of the year. Sal Miraglia asked if that \$20,000 gets carried over into 2016. Todd Hawke stated that the money that is not used in 2015 does not get carried over. The CIC board will have to ask for an amount to be approved by the Board of Trustees. Steven asked if the \$20,000 could be benchmarked. Todd Hawke stated that it could be however he really doesn't know what else the money would be spent on. Steven would like to see the remainder of the \$20,000 rolled over into 2016 to use towards an employee of the CIC along with an additional \$20,000 added to the coffer. Sal Miraglia stated that \$20,000 is not going to go very far for a quality person. Rafael Rodriguez stated that \$20,000 would be a good start however, he recommends researching other CIC's in the area because some are being funded by the foundations in the area and some are being funded by the local business community. Steven stated that we have a unique partnership with Canton to help market and promote what we have to attract businesses to the area.

**New Business**

Steven Meeks announced that Michael Thompson has resigned from the CIC Board effective September 1, 2015. Steven stated that Mike felt that it was it time for him to step down and give someone else an opportunity to sit on the CIC board. Steven thanked Mike for all that he has done for the township.

Todd Hawke moved and Sal Miraglia seconded a motion to accept Michael Thompson's resignation from the CIC Board. Motion carried.

Steven stated that with having Ray Hexamer and Rafael Rodriguez on the CIC board, we have the right people to do the right things not just for Jackson Township but also Stark County and beyond. Ray stated that he and Rafael have been working together through MDF and the City

of Canton with multiple projects. Steven stated that he would like to see Ray and Rafael draft a few options to present to the Township as to what the position would look like for the CIC.

Steven Meeks moved and Ryan Fulmer seconded a motion for Ray Hexamer and Rafael Rodriguez to draft what the position would look like for the CIC. Motion carried.

Todd Hawke stated that the general fund does not have carry over. Sal Miraglia feels that money should be set aside in the budget for an analysis.

Sal Miraglia moved and Ryan Fulmer seconded a motion to request \$60,000 from the Jackson Township Board of Trustees for the 2016 CIC budget. Motion carried. Todd Hawke abstained.

Rafael Rodriguez stated that the Canton CIC board is in favor of having a representative from the Jackson CIC sit on their board however, they have not had a meeting since June so Rafael will discuss this at their October meeting.

Rafael Rodriguez stated that last year the City of Canton, the City of Alliance and the Stark Regional Planning Commission partnered and applied with the US EPA for a Brownfield assessment grant and the EPA granted \$600,000 to do Phase I and Phase II studies with \$200,000 earmarked for petroleum type situations. We are currently looking for applicants to spend this money on so if you know of any gas stations, etc. that need to do a Phase I please let me know. If the money isn't used we lose it and can't apply again. Steven Meeks asked Rafael to email the information to him.

Rafael Rodriguez stated that the Canton HOF project is coordinating a pre-bid meeting and project overview.

**Public Speaks**

No one came forward.

Sal Miraglia moved and Ryan Fulmer seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 a.m. Motion carried.

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Steven Meeks, President

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Michelle Moore, Secretary