

JIM THORPE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2018
MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:30 in the Memorial Park Hall, 101 East Tenth Street, Jim Thorpe by President Strubinger with the pledge of allegiance and moment of silence for the men and women serving our country.

Roll Call of Members & Officials

Gregory Strubinger	Kyle Sheckler	Joanne Klitsch
Thomas Highland	John McGuire	Edith Lukasevich
Jay Miller (L)	Manager Maureen Sterner	PSM Vince Yaich
Police Chief Joe Schatz	Solicitor James Nanovic	
Mayor Michael Sofranko	Secy. Louise McClafferty	

Mayor's Report

Mayor Sofranko said PCCD compliance fine program for juvenile courts, the JT Police Department is in full compliance with the court protection for individuals. They received a letter from Pa Clean, which is criminal history audits that is done through the Pa. State Police and all reports are in compliance with the State.

Mayor Sofranko said Detective Marzen has reported back to full duty. He thanked everyone for attending National Night Out and their support. He informed everyone that he is working with the Juke Box Cruiser to show off all the old cars, this will be part of the old Home week celebration. The Old Home will be holding a ball in October or November.

Police Chief Schatz thanked Council for allowing them to host the National Night out and for attending and allowing them to use the Memorial Park.

Mayor Sofranko said on August 16 there will be a parking kiosk dedication on Susquehanna Street, we received a grant in the amount of \$68,000. State Representative Heffley and State Senator Yudichak have been invited to the dedication and to thank them.

Public Comment

President Strubinger said the Police Pension Board Vacancy (1)

President Strubinger said the Carbon Builders Association Re-implemented their Scholarship Program.

Louise Hall, 1490 Broadview Drive, JT Planning Commission update they are working on the VRBO ordinance and will forward to Council to review at their next meeting.

They are hoping to finish up the readdressing for next month, then Council will take it from there. They are looking into marijuana distribution ordinance. They have completed the parking ordinance, and are waiting for the survey to be completed.

Mike Paulus asked what is the reasoning for changing Onoko Lane.

Louis Hall said the street name, we don't care what the street name is, the numbers will have to change to be in compliance with the future GIS requirements by Emergency Management.

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Ed McArdle said when you are sitting at the light on the new bridge, the walls where the guiderails are cracked, this should be checked out by Penn Dot.

Bill Malatak said when we get to the D&L on the agenda, he asked that each of them be explained to the people so they understand what is going on. He spoke about the handicap accessibility for the new trail, and spoke about the fence by Subway how this is a disgrace to the people of the town, this is a safety hazard that needs to be addressed. He complained about the new building that the County is planning on constructing on Susquehanna Street.

Mr. McGuire said he took this to the Commissioners and they are working on this, he has not gotten an update.

Jerry Strubinger, 555 W. 10th St., said Front Street should be a two-way street. He said there should be a by-pass from the Glen to Bowmanstown. The parking deck will be taking parking spaces away parking in the downtown area.

Mayor Sofranko said Front Street is designed that way is because the curve was cut back, the sight line was not enough to see across the crest on North Street, which would result in accidents. He could not see the Borough by-passing the business district.

Action

MOTION: Joanne Klitsch second Thomas Highland to approve the Council Workshop Meeting Minutes from July 5, 2018.

YES 6 NO 0 ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

MOTION: Edith Lukasevich second Kyle Sheckler to approve the Council Meeting Minutes from July 12, 2018

YES 6 NO 0 ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

MOTION: John McGuire second Kyle Sheckler to approve the Expenditures from all Funds as presented.

YES 6 NO 0 ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

MOTION: Gregory Strubinger second John McGuire to approve the Treasurer Report July, 2018 as presented.

YES 6 NO 0 ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

MOTION: John McGuire second Gregory Strubinger to approve Jake Arner Farms SALDO Section 390-21.B.1 Waiver Request, this request is to allow the plan scale 1" equal 50 ft and his plan scale is 1" equals 100 ft.

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YES 5 NO 1 Edith Lukasevich ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

MOTION: John McGuire second Kyle Sheckler to give conditional approval to Jake Arner Farms Land Development Plan 5/2/18; revision 6/28/18, Conditions are:

- Carbon County Planning Commission review and approval
- Compliance with all conditions set forth in the Borough Engineer's letter of 7/16/18
- Signature on the plans
- Notarization of plans

YES 5 NO 1 Edith Lukasevich ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

MOTION: Thomas Highland second Kyle Sheckler to approve Sgt. Bokeko Longevity Pay.

YES 6 NO 0 ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

MOTION: John McGuire second Thomas Highland to approve Resolution 2018-21 LSA Grant Facilities Upgrade Project.

YES 6 NO 0 ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

MOTION: Joanne Klitsch second John McGuire to approve Maser Consulting – Environmental Report Facilities Upgrade, this would be for both sights Memorial Hall and West Broadway.

YES 6 NO 0 ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

MOTION: Joanne Klitsch second Thomas Highland to approve Resolution 2018-22 LSA Grant License Plate Readers.

YES 6 NO 0 ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

MOTION: Joanne Klitsch second Gregory Strubinger to approve PLGIT Term Renewals for Certificate of Deposits at 2.35% for 180 days.

YES 6 NO 0 ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

MOTION: John McGuire second Kyle Sheckler to approve 7/27/18 Line Item Transfers

YES 6 NO 0 ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

MOTION: Kyle Sheckler second Thomas Highland to approve the 2019 Police Minimum Municipal Obligation amount of \$174,566.00

YES 6 NO 0 ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

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MOTION: Kyle Sheckler second Joanne Klitsch to allow the Borough Manager to contact the neighbors for Waselus Street Light Request, there is not cost to install the light.

YES 6

NO 0

ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

MOTION: Gregory Strubinger second Joanne Klitsch to approve the Electronic & Tire Recycling October 13, 2018 7:00 – 11:30 am with the following restrictions: 2 TV's per resident, tires must be off the rims, they must be whole and no racing tires, at this time there will not be any limit on the number of tires.

YES 6

NO 0

ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

MOTION: Kyle Sheckler second Thomas Highland to approve Jim Thorpe Lion's 24th Annual Halloween Parade 10/27/08 at 2:00, rain date 10/28/18 at 2:00.

YES 6

NO 0

ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

MOTION: John McGuire second Kyle Sheckler to accept the Pocono Mountain Visitor Bureau Hotel Tax \$65,286.00 contributed for the D & L Trail.

YES 6

NO 0

ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

MOTION: John McGuire second Gregory Strubinger to accept the DCNR grant amendment amount of \$500,000.00.

Question

Mrs. Klitsch asked if the money is there?

Borough Manager Sterner said yes this is money for the D&L project.

YES 6

NO 0

ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

MOTION: Joanne Klitsch second Edith Lukasevich to approve the William Penn Grant Agreement \$30,000.00 grant for the D&L trail project.

YES 6

NO 0

ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

Wilson Consulting Invoice – None

MOTION: Joanne Klitsch second Edith Lukasevich to approve Entech Invoice #60137 - \$181.25.

YES 6

NO 0

ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

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MOTION: Kyle Sheckler second John McGuire to award the D&L Trail Project bid Specs to the low bidder amount of \$1,079,267.00 this is for the construction of the trail.

YES 6 NO 0 ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

MOTION: Edith Lukasevich second John McGuire to approve High Street Wall Project Requisition #6 - \$3,226.28.

YES 6 NO 0 ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

MOTION: John McGuire second Thomas Highland to approve the 10th Street Stormwater Project Kobalt Payment #3 - \$68,400.00.

YES 6 NO 0 ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

MOTION: Joanne Klitsch second Thomas Highland to approve the WWTP Upgrade Project, Eastern Environmental payment application #20 - \$127,667.86.

YES 6 NO 0 ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

MOTION: Joanne Klitsch second Thomas Highland to approve Howard Company payment application #16 - \$8,645.00.

YES 6 NO 0 ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

MOTION: Joanne Klitsch second Kyle Sheckler to approve Howard Company change Order #2 - \$18,963.55.

YES 6 NO 0 ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

MOTION: Joanne Klitsch second Thomas Highland to approve Requisition #23 – \$210,160.76

YES 6 NO 0 ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

Utility Action

Utility Accounts Lien Reports

Active Utility Accounts Garbage & Others Lien Report (0)

MOTION: Thomas Highland second Gregory Strubinger to approve the Active Utility Account Garbage Only Lien Report (3)

YES 6 NO 0 ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

Active Utility Accounts Sewer/Garbage Lien Report (0)

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Active Utility Accounts Water/Garbage Lien Report (0)

MOTION: Thomas Highland second Kyle Sheckler to approve the Active Utility Accounts Water/Sewer/Garbage Lien Report (2)

YES 6

NO 0

ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

Inactive (0)

Uncollectible Accounts Report – (0)

Utility Accounts Proposed Updates (0)

MOTION: Kyle Sheckler second Gregory Strubinger to approve the #6437 Payment Plan

YES 6

NO 0

ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

MOTION: Thomas Highland second Kyle Sheckler to approve the Temporary Off Lien Report (4)

YES 6

NO 0

ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

Tax Exoneration Action

MOTION: Joanne Klitsch second John McGuire to approve the exoneration requests for Nancy McArdle and Edward McArdle.

YES 6

NO 0

ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

Committees

Administration

Max Kasten Schuylkill River Runners, Jim Thorpe Half Marathon run date is April 14, 2019.

President Strubinger said there was some discussion on this matter at the workshop session, this was approved by the Borough. Council decided we are going to wait to see what the County Commissioner's decision is on this.

Police Chief Schatz said one run is coming down Broadway and the other is not. There will be a Police service contract that will have to be approved and signed, this will need 4 to 5 officers for the event.

Borough Manager Sterner said last year it did not come down Broadway. She asked if the County indicated when they made their final decision?

Max Kasten said no.

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Borough Manager Sterner said Schuylkill River Runners ran the event last year, the Runegads broke out of that group, they both want to run this event.

Mayor Sofranko said if they can't get along why should he send the Police over there, he can't put the Police in a situation like this.

Mrs. Lukasevich asked where the funds will be going when they are raised.

Max Kasten said the funds will be going to the Heritage organization in Summit Hill.

MOTION: Joanne Klitsch second John McGuire to rescind the motion that approved the Schuylkill River Runners Half Marathon event on April 14, 2019.

YES 6 NO 0 ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

Mr. McGuire said the Library is in the process of searching for a new director.

Public Service (Sewer/Sanitation/Water/Streets)

Police

Buildings/Parks

Emergency Services

Mr. Sheckler said the Phoenix & Fairview voted to combine as one department. They hired a consulting firm to start the consolidation.

7:39 Mr. Miller was late due to being on a fire call in Penn Forest Township.

Borough Manager Sterner said a reporter from the Philadelphia Daily News and would like to talk to an official about the future of the Old Jail is up for sale.

Old Business


- A. Permit Parking
- B. Burning Ordinance

MOTION: Kyle Sheckler second John McGuire to adjourn.

YES 6 NO 0 ABSENT 1 Jay Miller

Adjourned at 7:42 pm

Respectfully submitted


Louise McClafferty
Borough Secretary