

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**MINUTES OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 20, 2020**

Hawke called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. at the Jackson Township Hall with Trustees Todd Hawke, John Pizzino and Jim Thomas present. Fiscal Officer Gonzalez, Administrator/Law Director Vaccaro, and Public Works Director Rohn were also in attendance.

Hawke called the General Session to order. Hawke requested that all cell phones be silenced at this time.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Works Department**

**RESOLUTION 20-192 ATTACHED  
ANNEX BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS – FRAMING**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion that we hereby adopt and authorize the placement of the Board Chairman’s signature upon the attached proposal with Voiers Construction Inc., in the amount of \$26,700.00 for framing improvements needed at the Annex Building.

**3-0 yes**

**RESOLUTION 20-193 ATTACHED  
ANNEX BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS – ROOFING**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion that we hereby adopt and authorize the placement of the Board Chairman’s signature upon the attached proposal with Skyline Roofing and Exteriors Ltd., in the amount of \$28,092.05 for roofing improvements needed at the Annex Building.

**3-0 yes**

**Park Division**

**RESOLUTION 20-194 ATTACHED  
NORTH PARK AMPHITHEATER FENCE INSTALLATION PROJECT AWARD**

Hawke moved and Thomas seconded a motion that we hereby determine that Southway Fence Company is the lowest and best bidder for the North Park Amphitheater Fence Installation Project and hereby award a Contract to them in the amount of \$226,000.00 in accordance with the Company’s proposal and the Specifications and authorize the placement of the Board’s signatures on the Contract.

**3-0 yes**

## **Administration Department**

### **RESOLUTION 20-195 ATTACHED**

### **CARES ACT – SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENT JACKSON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Hawke moved and Thomas seconded a motion that whereas, on March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued an Executive Order declaring a State of Emergency relating to the COVID-19 outbreak in the state of Ohio; and,

Whereas, on March 11, 2020, the head of the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and,

Whereas, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States, Donald Trump, declared a National Emergency concerning the COVID-19 outbreak, stemming from the SARS-CoV-2 virus; and,

Whereas, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, 116 Public Law 136, (the CARES Act) was signed into law by the President of the United States on March 27, 2020; and,

Whereas, on October 1, 2020, the Ohio General Assembly passed H.B. No. 614 establishing the final round and a formula for the distribution of funds (“Funding”) under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) enacted by the federal government; and,

Whereas, on September 9, 2020 the U.S. Treasury issued updated Guidance for State, Territorial, Local and Tribal Governments, in which it recognized the importance public safety workers to the response to the public health emergency, and provided an administrative accommodation for local governments: to-wit, presume public safety employees meet the substantially dedicated test, and as a result, the full amount of payroll and benefits expenses of the substantially dedicated employees may be covered using payments from CARES Act; and,

Whereas, on October 9, 2020, Jackson Township received its final disbursement pursuant H.B. No. 614.

Be it resolved that, the Board of Trustees of Jackson Township hereby awards a sub-recipient grant in the amount of \$160,000.00 for reimbursements of eligible expenses consistent with the Coronavirus Relief Fund (“CRF”) incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”), and authorize the placement of the Board’s signatures on the attached sub-recipient agreement with the Board of Education for the Jackson Local School District.

**3-0 yes**

Pizzino added that he has spoken with Mr. DiLoreto several times and commented how hard the school has been hit financially. He said they have turned in approximately \$176,000 of expenses to us and had to hire 13 employees just to clean. Pizzino also remarked how important our partnership with the school is and how we both have helped each other when needed.

**Fiscal Department**

**ATTACHMENT 11/20/20 A**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to send the request for an Additional Amended Certificate to the Stark County Auditor.

Per explanation, Gonzalez said that this was \$5,000 of interest earned from the CARES money that is going back into the fund.

**3-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 11/20/20 B**

Hawke moved and Thomas seconded a motion to approve the supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$5,000.00.

**3-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 11/20/20 C**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to approve the CARES Act expenditures as attached with the exception of Junior Achievement of North Central Ohio for a total of \$474,877.97.

Per discussion, Gonzalez thanked everyone who has worked to make this happen, indicating that over \$460,000 was being given out today and that over 100 businesses have been assisted totaling almost three-quarters of a million dollars.

Thomas questioned if anything had come in today and Gonzalez answered that everything is updated to this minute.

Pizzino moved and Thomas seconded a motion to approve the remaining CARES Act expenditure for Junior Achievement of North Central Ohio in the amount of \$1,579.12.

**2-0 yes, 1 abstain**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to take a recess at 2:22 p.m.

**3-0 yes**

Upon return from the recess at 3:02 p.m., the Trustees are ready to vote on the motion for the CARES Act expenditures as attached.

**3-0 yes**

The total amount approved for the 3rd round of the CARES Act Expenditures is \$476,457.09.

**ATTACHMENT 11/20/20 D**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to approve the appropriation transfers for the CARES Act funding as attached for a total of \$434,594.92.

**3-0 yes**

Vaccaro asked Hawke to approve the following resolutions, which just recap the expenses that we already approved.

**RESOLUTION 20-196 ATTACHED**

**JACKSON TOWNSHIP CARES ACT GRANT APPLICATION (BUSINESS RELIEF 3)**

Hawke moved and Thomas seconded a motion that whereas, on March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued an Executive Order declaring a State of Emergency relating to the COVID-19 outbreak in the state of Ohio; and,

Whereas, on March 11, 2020, the head of the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and,

Whereas, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States, Donald Trump, declared a National Emergency concerning the COVID-19 outbreak, stemming from the SARS-CoV-2 virus; and,

Whereas, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, 116 Public Law 136, (the CARES Act) was signed into law by the President of the United States on March 27, 2020; and,

Whereas, on October 1, 2020, the Ohio General Assembly passed H.B. No. 614 establishing the final round and a formula for the distribution of funds (“Funding”) under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) enacted by the federal government; and,

Whereas, on October 9, 2020, Jackson Township received its final disbursement pursuant H.B. No. 614; and,

Whereas, consistent H.B. No. 614, the Jackson Township Board of Trustees on October 16, 2020, at a special meeting, passed a motion (attached) creating the Jackson Township CARES Act Grant Application program. The program was created for Jackson Township businesses to apply for reimbursement related to COVID-19 expenses (personal protection equipment) and/or revenue replacement funded by Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) received pursuant to H.B. No. 614.

Be it resolved that, the Board of Trustees of Jackson Township hereby awards grants in the amount of \$476,457.09 for reimbursement related to COVID-19 expenses for personal protection equipment and revenue loss replacement as hereto attached (Round 3).

**3-0 yes**

Gonzalez said that this round of expenditures finalized the last of the money the Township received except a small portion held to fill in any gaps that may arise. The Township will not be returning any money to the County and still have a large shortfall to the businesses. Gonzalez reiterated that should any money become available, we would try to establish ways to get that money back to the businesses.

Hawke in turn thanked Gonzalez and Pizzino and all the staff, for all their work putting the program together, reviewing the applications and putting us in a position where we can assist our local businesses to get through this tough time.

Pizzino thanked Vaccaro for his assistance with the legal matters of properly distributing the funds. He also thanked Thomas for going around to the businesses and the whole team effort because the businesses are very important to the community.

Thomas echoed the sentiments and thanked everyone for all their work and how well the program was put together and run.

**RESOLUTION 20-197 ATTACHED  
CARES ACT – SAFETY FORCES SUBSTANTIALLY DEDICATED**

Hawke moved and Thomas seconded a motion that whereas, on March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued an Executive Order declaring a State of Emergency relating to the COVID-19 outbreak in the state of Ohio; and,

Whereas, on March 11, 2020, the head of the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and,

Whereas, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States, Donald Trump, declared a National Emergency concerning the COVID-19 outbreak, stemming from the SARS-CoV-2 virus; and,

Whereas, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, 116 Public Law 136, (the CARES Act) was signed into law by the President of the United States on March 27, 2020; and,

Whereas, on October 1, 2020, the Ohio General Assembly passed H.B. No. 614 establishing the final round and a formula for the distribution of funds (“Funding”) under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) enacted by the federal government; and,

Whereas, on September 9, 2020 the U.S. Treasury issued updated Guidance for State, Territorial, Local and Tribal Governments, in which it recognized the importance public safety workers to the response to the public health emergency, and provided an administrative accommodation for local governments: to-wit, presume public safety employees meet the substantially dedicated test, and as a result, the full amount of payroll and benefits expenses of the substantially dedicated employees may be covered using payments from CARES Act; and,

Whereas, on October 9, 2020, Jackson Township received its final disbursement pursuant H.B. No. 614.

Be it resolved that, the Board of Trustees of Jackson Township hereby finds the public safety forces and supervisors of the Jackson Fire Department and the Jackson Police Department have been substantially dedicated to the mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency from March 1, 2020 and continue in their efforts to mitigate and respond to the ongoing the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Be it further resolved that, the Board of Trustees of Jackson Township hereby designates \$150,000.00 of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) funds

distributed to Jackson Township via H.B. No. 614 to the Jackson Township Fire Department for payroll and benefits expenses.

Be it further resolved that, the Board of Trustees of Jackson Township hereby designates \$250,000.00 of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) funds distributed to Jackson Township via H.B. No. 614 to the Jackson Township Police Department for payroll and benefits expenses.

**3-0 yes**

Gonzalez and Hawke both recognized the Police and Fire Departments for their heroics in going above and beyond their normal duties during this pandemic where they could be exposed to COVID-19. The Township cannot thank them enough. We are also very thankful to the healthcare workers. Our appreciation is never going to be enough, but all we can do is say thank you.

Gonzalez added that as we move forward with contract negotiations, it is important to keep these factors in mind.

Hawke moved and Thomas seconded a motion to adjourn.

**3-0 yes**

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**Todd Hawke**

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**Randy Gonzalez**