

**Jim Thorpe Area School District**  
**School Board Special Meeting for Turf Field Purposes**  
**Board Members and Press Only – Due to COVID-19**  
Monday, April 6, 2020 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The Special Meeting of the Jim Thorpe School Board of Education was opened at the Jim Thorpe Administration Building, with a moment of silent meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The following directors were present by phone and Google Meets: Mrs. Pearl Sheckler, Mr. Raniero Marciante, Mr. Gerald Strubinger, Mr. Glenn Confer, Mr. Scott Pompa, Ms. Cindy Henning, Mr. TJ Garritano, Mr. Paul Montemuro, and Mr. Dennis McGinley. Administrators present: Mr. John Rushefski, *Superintendent*, Mr. Joseph Surridge, *Interim Business Manager*, Mr. Jerome Brown, *IT Director*, Mr. Carl Beard, *Solicitor*, Mr. Thomas Lesisko, *High School Principal*. Visitors present: Mrs. Kimberley Hill, *Recording Secretary*, Alyssa Kratz, *TV13* and Representing the Times News, Chris Reber.

**1. OPENING OF MEETING – BOARD PRESIDENT**

**1.01 & 1.02**

Board Meeting Opened with Moment of Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**1.03**

Roll Call

**2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS**

**2.01 READING OF  
COMMENTS &  
QUESTIONS BY EMAIL**

Due to the COVID-19, the public was invited to email questions or comments to Kim Hill, Recording secretary to be read to Board via Google Meets. 5 statements were received and read to the board.

**3. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held before tonight's meeting to discuss personnel matters, litigation and contract discussions, no actions were taken.

**4. FINANCIAL APPROVAL**

**4.01 PRESENTATION  
FINANCIAL PACKAGE  
FOR TURF FIELD  
PROJECT**

Mr. Montemuro presented the board with options on the financial packages for the Turf Field Project. There were 4 proposals to review and discuss.

**4.02 APPROVAL/  
FINANCIAL PACKAGE  
FOR THE TURF FIELD**

**Motion** by Mr. McGinley, **Seconded** by Mr. Montemuro to approve the Financial Package for the Turf Field Project to Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Bank as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	<b>Aye</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Aye</b>
G. Strubinger	<b>Nay</b>	P. Montemuro	<b>Aye</b>
S. Pompa	<b>Aye</b>	T. Garritano	<b>Aye</b>
P. Sheckler	<b>Aye</b>	R. Marciante	<b>Aye</b>
C. Henning	<b>Aye</b>		

**AYE 8 NAY 1 : Motion PASSES**

#### **4.03 APPROVAL/ SPONSORSHIP OF TURF FIELD PROJECT**

**Motion** by Ms. Sheckler, **Seconded** by Mr. McGinley to **rescind** the vote to approve the Sponsorship of the Turf Field Project to Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Roll call vote.	G. Confer	<b>Aye</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Aye</b>
	G. Strubinger	<b>Nay</b>	P. Montemuro	<b>Nay</b>
	S. Pompa	<b>Nay</b>	T. Garritano	<b>Nay</b>
	P. Sheckler	<b>Aye</b>	R. Marciante	<b>Aye</b>
	C. Henning	<b>Nay</b>		

**AYE 4 NAY 5 : Motion: DOES NOT PASS, SPONSORSHIP REMAINS WITH LVH.**

#### **4.04 APPROVAL/ PAYMENTS FEES & PERMITS FOR TURF PROJECT**

**Motion** by Mr. Strubinger, **Seconded** by Mr. McGinley to TABLE the approval to pay for permits and fees as presented:

Roll call vote.	G. Confer	<b>Nay</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Aye</b>
	G. Strubinger	<b>Nay</b>	P. Montemuro	<b>Aye</b>
	S. Pompa	<b>Aye</b>	T. Garritano	<b>Aye</b>
	P. Sheckler	<b>Aye</b>	R. Marciante	<b>Aye</b>
	C. Henning	<b>Aye</b>		

**AYE 2 NAY 7 : Motion: DOES NOT PASS TO TABLE FEE & PERMITS PAYMENTS**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to Approve the payment of permits and fees as presented:

1. Borough fees:

- Zoning Permit Fee - \$125 payable to Jim Thorpe Borough
- Stormwater Application fee - \$425 payable to Jim Thorpe Borough

2. NPDES fees

- E&S Review fee - \$2,340 payable to Carbon County Conservation District
- NPDES base fee - \$1,500 payable to Carbon County Conservation District Clean Water Fund
- Disturbed Acreage fee - \$200 payable to Commonwealth of PA Clean Water Fund

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	<b>Nay</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Nay</b>
G. Strubinger	<b>Nay</b>	P. Montemuro	<b>Aye</b>
S. Pompa	<b>Aye</b>	T. Garritano	<b>Aye</b>
P. Sheckler	<b>Aye</b>	R. Marciante	<b>Aye</b>
C. Henning	<b>Aye</b>		

**AYE 6 NAY 3 : Motion Passes**

**4.05 APPROVAL/  
FIRST INSTALLMENT  
TO KEYSTONE SPORTS**

**Motion** by Mr. Pompa, **Seconded** by Mr. Marciante to approve the payment of the first installment to Keystone Sports Construction - \$348,023.09 as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	<b>Nay</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Aye</b>
G. Strubinger	<b>Nay</b>	P. Montemuro	<b>Aye</b>
S. Pompa	<b>Aye</b>	T. Garritano	<b>Aye</b>
P. Sheckler	<b>Aye</b>	R. Marciante	<b>Aye</b>
C. Henning	<b>Aye</b>		

**AYE 7 NAY 2 : Motion Passes**

**4.06 APPROVAL/  
DEEM TURF FIELD  
AS CRITICAL  
CONSTRUCTION**

**Motion** by Mr. Montemuro, **Seconded** by Mr. Pompa to approve the Turf Field Project as Critical Construction Project as presented:

Roll call vote.

G. Confer	<b>Nay</b>	D. McGinley	<b>Aye</b>
G. Strubinger	<b>Nay</b>	P. Montemuro	<b>Aye</b>
S. Pompa	<b>Aye</b>	T. Garritano	<b>Aye</b>
P. Sheckler	<b>Aye</b>	R. Marciante	<b>Nay</b>
C. Henning	<b>Aye</b>		

**AYE 6 NAY 3 : Motion Passes**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Cindy Henning/Board Secretary

ATTEST:

  
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Gerald Strubinger/Board President