

**SUPERVISOR'S MEETING
January 31, 2013**

The Jackson Township Supervisors held their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Jackson Township Municipal Building. Members present were Supervisors Bruce Bake, John Wallet and Mark Westrick along with Secretary/Treasurer/Manager Dave Hirko and Solicitor Bill Barbin. The meeting was called to order by Bruce Baker, Chairman with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Board Roll Call was taken with all three Supervisors present.

Public Comments Concerning Agenda Items:

Eugene Kist said, on this bill for \$11,000 . it says pressure testing. How many taps are in that building. . did you gentlemen investigate on this? **Supervisor Wallet** said, we were much a part of all the work that went on down there and if you seen all the work that had to be done Eugene, you would understand. **Kist** said, it says pressure testing. **Chairman Baker** replied, it wasn't for testing. It was for repairs to make the building compliant. **Wallet** said, it was pressure test compliance work. Floors had to be broken up. We had to have pumps put in. There was a lot of work that went on. **Kist** asked, you had to have pumps put in a building that size? **Wallet** said, from one end to the other. . yes. . because of the gravity situation. **Kist** said, this is darn poor engineering then. **Wallet** said, when they built the school. .yes. . they never figured that they would have to run sewer lines the way we had to do and it was easier to do it that way than to take out the whole floor and re-engineer everything.

Clair Michaels said, I see where we're over a million dollars again in the Capital Reserve. **Chairman Baker** said, it's inching on up.

Minutes:

Motion Westrick, second Wallet to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meetings held on December 20, 2012 and the Reorganization Meeting on January 7, 2013. Vote-3 yes.

Township Financial Report:

FUND	Balance 12/20/12	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance 1/31/13
GENERAL	\$ 81,970.05	\$ 77,302.23	\$ 92,467.86	\$ 66,804.42
CAPITAL RESERVE	\$ 1,038,370.72	\$ 38,329.59	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 1,065,200.31
HIGHWAY AID	\$ 212,913.42	\$ 41.39	\$ 3,624.40	\$ 209,330.41
SR. CENTER FUND	\$ 32,601.75	\$ 2,620.34	\$ 4,276.95	\$ 30,945.14

Expenditures:

Motion Wallet, second Westrick to approve the bills for the period of December 21, 2012 through January 31, 2013. Vote-3 yes.

General Fund	Highway Aid Fund	Senior Center Fund
\$ 92,467.86	\$ 3,624.40	\$ 4,276.95

Township Police Report:

The December, 2013 Police Report statistics were as follows: **911 Calls dispatched to Police: 290 Reportable Part I Crimes: 7 broken down as follows:** Assault-6 and Larceny-1. **Reportable Part II Crimes: 14 broken down as follows:** Disorderly Conduct-3, Receiving Stolen / ,Property-2, Vandalism-2, Drugs-1, Public Drunkenness-1, Forgery-1 and all others-4. **Calls Resulting in Cases: 5, Total Arrestees: 4, Total Suspects: 0, Total Victims: 2, DUI Arrests: 0, Traffic Citations: 85, Non-Traffic Citations: 3, Total Warnings: 0**

Correspondence:

(None)

Old Business:

(None)

New Business:

Motion Westrick, second Wallet to renew Amfire Mining road bond for a six month period to continue using 1.32 miles of Pike Road East. Vote-3 yes.

Motion Wallet, second Westrick to approve Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Company's List of Activities for 2013. Vote-3 yes.

Motion Westrick, second Wallet to accept the resignation of Toby Martin as a member of the Jackson Township Recreation Commission. Vote-3 yes.

Motion Wallet, second Westrick to appoint Stephen Brang to fill the remainder of the term of Toby Martin as a member of the Jackson Township Recreation Commission. Vote-3 yes.

Motion Westrick, second Wallet on approving the time sheets from December 9, 2012 through December 22, 2012, December 23, 2012 through January 5, 2013 and January 6, 2013 through January 19, 2013. Vote-3 yes.

Motion Wallet, second Westrick to approve Capital Reserve Fund bill list for the period of December 21, 2012 through January 31, 2013 and transfer \$ 11,500.00 from the Capital Reserve Fund to the General Fund. Vote-3 yes.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND BILL LIST (12/21/12 - 1/31/13)		
Vendor	Purchase Detail	Amount
Joe Kanuch Excavating	Pressure Test Compliance Work at Sr. Center	\$ 11,500.00
TOTAL		\$ 11,500.00

Other New Business:

(None)

Public Comments:

Bob Albright said, I live at the end of Old Nanty Glo Road. We're startin out the New Year so I thought I would come out and address you fellows. You got a house down there that the grass was never cut last year. The house right beside it is for sale as the owner passed away. They'll have a tough time selling it with a house right beside it with all those weeds and junk. Another issue there. . there's a problem there on Old Nanty Glo Road with Demeter Street. The lane there goes up the hill and all the water comes down right across the Township Road. I addressed you guys last year about that situation. The ditch was cleaned up but the water doesn't go in the ditch. . it goes across the road and right down on the property on the other side of the road. If you go out there tonight you'll see it. . about 12 foot of water and it's a real bad safety issue. **Chairman Baker** said, that was kind of like a river down there this morning. All that rain we had last night and all that slush that was on the road. **Albright** said, every time it rains, it pushes debris on the Township Road which is gonna soften up that macadam there and you're gonna have to replace it. **Baker** said, last Summer, we cut his driveway into the ditch but that's coming way from the top of his property. **Albright** said, the neighbor on the other side of the road has a garage there and it's going right down into his garage. **Baker** said, I think the property owner with the water run-off was a Kuhar. **Albright** said, maybe something can be done, because if it isn't, it's a safety issue. On the plowing of the road, they done an excellent job last year. Now there's cars parked along the road there. The trailer out the street. . they just rented it and there's three cars parked there and the snowplow won't be able to plow that off the road. They need to watch how the snow is piled up by 271 too as it's a bad intersection the way people come up over Pergrim Hill. Do you gentlemen or the Planning Commission have anything in the future for these dead end roads and turn arounds. Everybody comes down that road. . fuel trucks, delivery trucks and even a tractor trailer and I don't think it's fair for the private property owners to absorb that kind of traffic on their property. Are you gonna put cul-de-sacs in or turn arounds? **Baker** said, there's nothing being addressed about it. Now we have a policy for each street we take over and it must have a cul-de-sac before we even get the road. I don't know when that road was dedicated. **Albright** said, if I plant trees there on the property line, you guys won't be able to turn around. **Baker** replied, everyone will have to back out then. **Albright** said, one guy did and that's why one of those posts are bent over on the triangle by 271. . one of those reflectors. **Supervisor**

Wallet asked, is there a No Outlet sign down there. . I don't think there is. **Albright** said, there's a Dead End sign at the entrance. **Wallet** said, on my road it's a dead end and it says No Outlet but I still get traffic up there all the time. People don't know where they're going. **Albright** said, well it is a problem so if you gentlemen can address it in the future or down the road I would appreciate it.

Eugene Kist said, I brought this to the attention of Mr. Hirko but when you come out of Vintondale Road there and the snow is high, you cannot see a small vehicle. You cannot see that vehicle when you're comin across there. Somebody's gonna get killed there. **Supervisor Westrick** asked, on the medium? **Kist** replied, yes. .it's the most terrible thing you've ever seen. You can see a truck but you can't see a small car. **Chairman Baker** said, since you wouldn't call PennDOT, we called for you.

Clair Michaels said, I was just gonna say, you're doing a pretty good job plowing the roads. We haven't had a great amount of snow but we still had enough of it.

Tom Beyer asked, how much does it cost for you guys to have one of these meetings? **Supervisor Wallet** said, the cost of the electricity. **Beyer** said, what I'm referring to is back in November when you had that 90 second meeting. . was it really worth havin it? By law you're only required to have one a month. .right? Not all Townships have 2 meetings a month. **Chairman Baker** said, the morning meetings we have. . those don't cost us anything. **Manager Hirko** said, there's no Solicitor at the morning meeting and when you only had one meeting a month then something would come up, then you would have to advertise for a special meeting and it's very expensive to advertise. Now we don't have to advertise because were on a rotation of every other week. **Supervisor Westrick** said, it helps a lot with items from the Planning Commission. **Baker** added, if someone has a Subdivision, you can address it much quicker and people like that.

Announcements:

Chairman Bruce Baker announced, The Board of Supervisors next meetings will be held on Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 8:00 am and Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Jackson Township Municipal Building.

Adjournment:

Motion Westrick, second Wallet, to adjourn the meeting at 7:17. Vote-3 yes.

Respectfully submitted,



David M. Hirko, Secretary