

SUPERVISOR'S MEETING
April 13, 2017

The Jackson Township Supervisors held their regular meeting at 7:30 a.m. at the Jackson Township Municipal Building. Members present were Supervisors Bruce Baker and John Wallet along with Secretary-Treasurer / Manager Dave Hirko and Solicitor Bill Barbin. Supervisor Eric Dreikorn was unable to attend. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bruce Baker with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Board Roll Call was taken with Supervisors Baker and Wallet present.

Public Comments Concerning Agenda Items:

Clair Michaels said, This International Property Maintenance Code. . .what is this Ordinance about? **Solicitor Barbin** replied, We adopted the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code last year. It has a provision in it for a \$50 fine. The \$50 penalty referenced was in the IPMC Book and the Magistrate would say, if it's not in the Ordinance, I'm not enforcing it, so we're amending the Ordinance to put the penalty in the Ordinance. In Pennsylvania Ordinance violations are either a maximum of \$600 as a general violation or \$1,000 if it's a health and safety violation. This says to be punished with a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$600. . .at second conviction within 24 months the fine shall be no less than \$200 or more than \$600 and a third or subsequent conviction, shall be punished with a mandatory fine of \$600. Almost every municipality in Cambria County has adopted the International Property Maintenance Code and the reason is, there was a Supreme Court decision that said just because somebody has garbage strewn all across their property, it's not a Nuisance. You have to prove that there's actually harm and actually see the rat. When the Supreme Court said that, they said, except established Maintenance Codes. Basically every municipality who is in the Cambria County Building Codes Agency has adopted the Property Maintenance Code. We are adopting it also because it's the only way to prove the case of Nuisance in Court. **Chairman Baker** said, the long and short of it is if we get a call that in the trailer park, someone has a pile of garbage on the porch, so the police go over and warn them or send a letter then write a citation if not corrected and it goes to Court and they throw it out because there's no penalty prescribed in the Ordinance We're fixing that today. **Dick McDowell** asked, I was just wondering about the term International. **Barbin** replied, that's the name of the group. . .it's the International Building Code Committee. . I believe there are Representatives from Canada. . .so North America. **Chairman Baker** said, it's like a speeding ticket. . .if you didn't get a fine for speeding, everybody would speed.

Correspondence:

(None)

Old Business:

(None)

New Business:

Motion Wallet, second Baker to adopt Ordinance # 179 which establishes a range of penalties for all violations of the International Property Maintenance Code. Vote-2 yes.

Other New Business:

(None)

Public Comments:

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Announcements: **Chairman Baker** announced, The Board of Supervisors next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Jackson Township Municipal Building.

Adjournment: **Motion** Wallet, second Baker to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 am. Vote-2 yes.

Respectfully submitted,



David M. Hirko, Secretary