

**SUPERVISOR'S MEETING
July 31, 2014**

The Jackson Township Supervisors held their regular meeting at 7:00 p.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 Bruce Baker, Chairman with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Board Roll Call was taken with Supervisors Baker and Wallet present. Supervisor Dreikorn was unable to attend due to his employment.

Public Comments Concerning Agenda Items:

(None)

Minutes:

Motion Wallet, second Baker to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meetings held on June 26, 2014. Vote-2 yes.

Township Financial Report:

FUND	Balance 6/26/14	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance 7/31/14
GENERAL	\$ 63,292.78	\$ 76,358.88	\$ 95,290.18	\$ 44,361.48
CAPITAL RESERVE	\$ 1,044,438.40	\$ 15,286.35	\$ 16,411.00	\$ 1,043,313.75
HIGHWAY AID	\$ 253,823.25	\$ 43.92	\$ 83,555.16	\$ 170,312.01
SR. CENTER FUND	\$ 20,769.27	\$ 2,617.44	\$ 2,105.48	\$ 21,281.23

Expenditures:

Motion Wallet, second Baker to approve the bills for the period of June 27, 2014 through July 31, 2014. Vote-2 yes.

General Fund	Highway Aid Fund	Senior Center Fund
\$ 95,290.18	\$ 83,555.16	\$ 2,105.48

Township Police Report:

The June 2014 Police Report statistics were as follows: **911 Calls dispatched to Police: 193 Reportable Part I Crimes: 3 broken down as follows:** Assault-2 and Larceny-1, **Reportable Part II Crimes: 13 broken down as follows:** Prostitution-3, Disorderly Conduct-2, Stolen Property-2, DUI (Driving While Under the Influence)-1, Drunkenness-1, Fraud-1 and All Others-3. **Calls Resulting in Cases: 6, Total Arrestees: 6, Total Suspects: 0, Total Victims: 3, DUI Arrests: 1, Traffic Citations: 12, Non-Traffic Citations: 2, Total Warnings: 0**

Correspondence:

(None)

Old Business:

(None)

New Business:

Motion Wallet, second Baker to hire Joseph E. Marsh Jr. as a Part-Time Police Officer for Jackson Township effective July 19, 2014. Vote-2 yes.

Motion Wallet, second Baker to renew Amfire Mining road bond for a six month period to continue using 1.32 miles of Pike Road East. Vote-2 yes.

Motion Wallet, second Baker to approve Capital Reserve Fund bill list for the period of June 27, 2014 through July 31, 2014 and transfer \$ 16,411.00 from the Capital Reserve Fund to the General Fund. Vote-2 yes.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND BILL LIST (6/27/14 - 7/31/14)		
Vendor	Purchase Detail	Amount
Suit-Kote Corporation	Seal Coating Projects	\$ 13,800.00
Pa. Dept. of Labor & Industry	Fire Company Workers Comp. Insurance	\$ 2,611.00
TOTAL		\$ 16,411.00

Motion Wallet, second Baker on approving the time sheets from June 22, 2014 through July 5, 2014 and July 6, 2014 through July 19, 2014. Vote-2 yes.

Other New Business: (None)

Public Comments:

Ed Smith said, the Township Map that was recently distributed, I thought was very good quality and I wanted to congratulate whomever was responsible for it. Very good job. I had a suggestion that the historical comment section was for the most part authored by Betty Burkhart of the Nanty Glo Journal and it would be appropriate to give credit. Another thing I want to comment on is JETSA and I would like to congratulate JETSA because they've done a good job in eliminating odor in the pump stations with the charcoal filters. The odor at the Pump Station on Harmony Drive is very well controlled at this time and the staff at JETSA is to be commended. My next comment is spraying along the roadside. On Harmony Drive by the bridge abutment they are spraying and the weeds are all brown and on top of that it's by a stream and herbicides are very dangerous. Phosphate being marketed by Monsanto as "Round Up" is actually a very dangerous chemical. My final comment has to do with the driveway apron into 129 Harmony Drive which is Harmony House. The driveway is becoming difficult to access so I ask that the next time you do a paving job on Harmony Drive that the driveway apron could be improved and we'd be glad to pay the cost for it.

Clair Michaels said, I see that they're hauling logs again down there. **Chairman Baker** said, they're still bonded for hauling. **Michaels** said, that section from what we call White Gate right after you cross over the creek to where they are working. . it's getting pretty bad. **Baker** said, we're looking at doing some patch work down there. We have before pictures of the condition of the road and it was pretty bad prior to the logging.

Supervisor Wallet said, we have been diligently trying to move forward on the Fishing Pond. Our engineer returned responses for all the technical comments made by DEP and everything's been addressed. I've been calling Stacy Greenwald and I just get her message and I've left voice messages and she doesn't return my calls. She's the one that has the permit right now. I contacted their engineer, Charles Colbert. I called him and he did answer his phone and he said Stacy Greenwald's really too busy and hasn't had time to look at it. He assured me that they would look at it when they get time. It's very frustrating. We went to our State Representative to go to the DEP and help this along and they said, they don't want to burn any bridges with DEP. We also talked to our State Senator and nobody wants to engage DEP beyond us. We also had a meeting with a member of US Congressman Rothfus staff and have gotten no response. **Ed Westrick** said, a few of us might. **Wallet** said, I would welcome it and give you the phone number. There's been a lot of investment, effort and time by a lot of people to build something in our own community for our own benefit that the State of Pennsylvania won't act on. **Chairman Baker** said, soon it will be too late to get anything done for this year. **Wallet** said, we are entering prime time to get something done being August and September are usually the driest months of the year for digging a pond. Not only is this a fishing pond but it will be used for fire protection as well. The Fire Company will be putting a dry hydrant there and if anything happens on that end of the Township, they got a real good source of water. There's all kinds of people and businesses willing to pitch in and help with this but we need the permit.

Announcements:

Chairman Bruce Baker announced, The Board of Supervisors next meetings will be held on Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 8:00 am and Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Jackson Township Municipal Building.

Adjournment:

Motion Wallet, second Baker to adjourn the meeting at 7:24. Vote-2 yes.

Respectfully submitted,



David M. Hirko, Secretary