

SUPERVISOR'S MEETING
September 13, 2012

The Jackson Township Supervisors held their regular meeting at 8:00 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 Mark Westrick 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 all Supervisors Baker and Wallet present.

Public Comments Concerning Agenda Items: (None)

Correspondence: (None)

Old Business: (None)

New Business:

Motion Wallet, second Baker to hire William Gonzales as a Part-Time Police Officer for Jackson Township with a 12 month probationary period. Vote-2 yes.

Other New Business: (None)

Public Comments:

Ed Smith said, you've heard about the wastewater treatment plant proposed by the Gas Industry where the old Rosedale Coke Ovens were located. This facility would take toxic frack waste from the Gas Industry in probably all of Pennsylvania and maybe other States as well. This brochure says the site has all the services necessary for this facility and the site is in the service area and capacity of the Dornick Point Waste Treatment Plant and it is also owned by the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority. There is also concern from the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Officials or PSATS. There will be a lot of pressure to build this facility put on the DEP. Since they have capacity, where is that capacity coming from? **Supervisor Wallet** asked, if they are treating this fracking water at this facility, why would they send it to another facility to treat it further? **Solicitor Barbin** said, clean water can be sent to a Sewage Treatment Plant under certain circumstances. **Smith** said, while we in the JETSA system are asking people to spend money to pass the pressure test, these people proposing this plant are taking advantage by building this facility to use capacity at Dornick Point. The DEP on which the 19 communities of the Johnstown Regional Sewage are operating is not the same DEP today that is operating under a Governor that was elected with campaign contributions from the gas industry of over a million dollars. According to the Associated Press, this DEP is approving permits for gas wells in 35 minutes or less. While Jackson and East Taylor Township comply to a high standard to free up capacity at Dornick Point, they are promoting using that capacity for the gas frack water plant. **Barbin** said, you're implying that Dornick Point would be taking millions of clean water from the facility a day and that's not true. That's a false implication. **Smith** said, I know that my properties are not contributing to infiltration to the System. I had them pressure tested on the exterior and haven't done any interior yet. I recognize that's it a violation of my Constitutional rights. I think that's given what happened here that you should address a letter of concern to the DEP and the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority holding them to a level to which the citizens here have complied concerning infiltration into their System.

George Burkey said, we're down to about 300 customers now that haven't pressure tested. About 1,500 people did the test and flows are way down and we're meeting our goal and we're happy. **Supervisor Wallet** asked, you're not getting any additional charge from the Redevelopment Authority? **Solicitor Barbin** said, they are going to send a "sample bill" with the charge within the next year.

Announcements:

Chairman Baker announced, The Board of Supervisors next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Jackson Township Municipal Building.

Adjournment:

Motion Wallet, second Baker to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 am. Vote-2 yes.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Hirko, Secretary