

**SUPERVISOR'S MEETING  
October 11, 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 award bid to Sheetz for unleaded gasoline for a two year period. Vote-2 yes.

**Motion** Wallet, second Baker to purchase 2012 Dodge 5500 Truck from New Holland Dodge at a cost of \$29,379.00 on the Pennsylvania COSTARS State Contact after trade-in of 2005 Ford F550 Truck Cab and Chassis. Vote-2 yes.

**Other New Business:**

**Motion** Wallet, second Baker to award contract to Joe Kanuch Excavating for the Senior Center Sewer Project for \$11,500: There were no public comments on the motion. A vote was then taken. Vote-2 yes.

**Motion** Wallet, second Baker to award quote to Hercules Truck Equipment for taking off the bed from the old truck and putting it on the new truck and purchasing a new plow with the cost of the bed / hydraulic work at \$7,000 and the plow is \$6,995 for a total of \$13,995: **Solicitor Barbin** said, and that was done with three quotes. .correct? **Chairman Baker** replied, correct. There were no public comments on the motion. A vote was then taken. Vote-2 yes.

**Public Comments:**

**Jerry Thomas** said, I submitted a Subdivision as a Sketch Plan back in August to the Planning Commission for Gary Lubert. The Planning Commission looked at it and said it was fine but they wanted it on two maps. I did that and brought it in and it was omitted from the last Planning Commission Meeting but wasn't on the Agenda for some reason. **Chairman Baker** said, those plans were dropped off on Wednesday the week prior to the Planning Commission Meeting on Monday and it needed to be in two weeks prior. That's why it wasn't on the Agenda . . no one knew they were here or had a chance to look at them yet. **Thomas** said, I understand that. **Baker** said, Although they told you what they wanted, they haven't looked at the Plans to see if in fact, that's what you did. That will be on the Planning Commission's Agenda for Monday, the 15th. **Thomas** said, what brings this to a head is Gary Lubert needed this done by the 25th and that would give him a couple of days to do all the transactions. I know the Supervisors can over-ride and have the ultimate decision. **Baker** said, we never make that a practice and no one else does either. That would be setting a precedent. **Solicitor Barbin** said, the problem is the Supervisors don't meet till the 25th. **Thomas** said, when I was here they had a note to the Supervisors. **Barbin** asked, Did we receive a written note? **Manager Hirko** replied, no. **Barbin** said, the bottom line is we don't have a written note and if it was really important you could have got a copy of that written note and presented it to us. **Baker** said, the Planning Commission Minutes from September said, Don Knopsnyder said he didn't have a problem approving that being there was a prior Subdivision done before. I don't know how you can approve something without seeing that and Al wasn't at that meeting nor was I. **Thomas** said, I have always had a good rapport with Jackson Township. **Barbin** said, the problem you're describing could be easily solved by your guys signing the deed and leaving it with his attorney. **Thomas** said, I fully understand and will explain everything to my client.

**Ed Smith** said, I presented a Resolution to you last time and wondered if you had any responses to that. The citizens of Jackson and East Taylor are faced with a situation where they have an Authority where they have no input in the selection or addressing any grievances except to go to the JETSA Board. The Municipal Authority Act says that citizens who have a dispute can go to Court, but there should be some way of addressing grievances rather than going to Court. Citizens that were affected had to spend thousands of dollars to do work

that didn't need to be done and correct problems that didn't need to be corrected to achieve a goal that wasn't even there. JETSA forced citizens into private contracts with unknown costs. This was not an authorized act under the Municipal Authority Act. Then you have an additional problem of allowing JETSA to enter people's homes without a warrant which is against the 4th Amendment. I think the Supervisors should request JETSA to hear grievances from its customers. I think the customers should come before the JETSA Board and request an economic adjustment if they feel it's warranted. I've contacted the American Public Works Association and the International City Manager Association and asked both of them to prepare reports on the subject so we would have a full and complete understanding on just how common pressure testing is and how communities that put that into effect deal with that. **George Burkey** said, I don't understand where Ed's coming from. We have never stopped anybody from complaining at any of our meetings. We give anybody a chance to say whatever they want to. We have to do what we have to do. No matter which way we go, we would get it either way, so you just do what's right for the people and that's what we're doing. Instead of charging every customer we have for the inflow that flows into the city with a million gallons during a rainstorm that goes to Dornick Point plant. . how much is that going to cost . . .that would spread that to everyone's cost anyway. I'm not happy with what we had to do but we had to do it.

**Announcements:**

**Chairman Baker** announced, The Board of Supervisors next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Jackson Township Municipal Building. There will be a Halloween Parade held in Vinco on Sunday, October 28, 2012 at 2:00 pm followed by Trick or Treat until 5:00 pm. Anyone wishing to participate in Trick or Treat Night and welcome Trick or Treaters should leave their porch light on. Free treats will be given out by the Jackson Township Supervisors at the Senior Center form 2 to 5 pm.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion** Wallet, second Baker to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 am. Vote-2 yes.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Hirko, Secretary