

**SUPERVISOR'S MEETING**  
**October 12, 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, John Wallet and Eric Dreikorn along with Secretary-Treasurer / Manager Dave Hirko and Solicitor Bill Barbin. 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 three Supervisors present.

**Public Comments Concerning Agenda Items:**

(None)

**Correspondence:**

(None)

**Old Business:**

(None)

**New Business:**

(None)

**Other New Business:**

(None)

**Public Comments:**

**Ed Smith** said, I want to congratulate all of you gentlemen. .it looks like we got another wonderful corporate citizen here with the new CPV Fairview plant It looks like they want to do a marvelous job of landscaping and making an attractive facility. I've managed two different gas fired power plants in different communities that were part of the municipal operations. I really appreciate what I see happening here and I congratulate and thank you gentlemen for all of that. That has to do with the present and the future but I'd like to look backward for just a minute and talk to you about historical sites in the Township. The obvious historical sites that we got are cemeteries. Some of them are abandoned and neglected. I would like to see the Township take a role in preserving those historical sites. They contain the remains of some of our ancestors and the dates go back to the 1800's and 1700's. I recently went to visit the Brown Cemetery. I have a couple of ancestors buried there. Their name was Singer and it was for their family that Singer Hill was named and I couldn't find the headstone. I was there 20 years ago and that cemetery was protected by a fence . . .there were about 100 headstones and it was donated by the Brown Family. Today, it's hard to find a headstone there. I know about 3 abandoned cemeteries in the Township. I'd like to suggest that you consider naming the cemeteries as historical burial places and I would further suggest that the Township accept responsibility for the burial places but see to their maintenance.

**Chairman Baker** asked, do you know where these are located. **Smith** said, the Brown Cemetery is at the end of Lyle Street. **Baker** said, it's on Dickert's property. .the other one is on Ditchcreek's property off Fords Corner Road. . .there's a lot of Civil War guys up there. . . and one's behind Mt. Olive Church. **Smith** said, there is also a Teeter Cemetery. . . I'm not sure where it is but I know there is one. One more thing. . .my wife and I donated about 50 acres of land to the Cambria-Somerset Authority to be part of the Hinckston Run Watershed. John Hinckston was really a scoundrel. He's famous for killing a peaceful Indian. The last Indian. . his name was Joe Wipey. Many American cities were previous Indian villages and that's true for Johnstown. The last Indian, Joe Wipey was peacefully fishing in a canoe in the Conemaugh River was murdered and shot in cold blood by John Hinckston and an associate. There was an outstanding warrant for their arrest and they fled to avoid prosecution and was never seen in the Township again but we continue to honor John Hinckston with Hinckston Run. I would like to see the separate communities for which Hinckston Run flows to change the name to Joe Wipey Run.

**Solicitor Barbin** asked, did you say something to the City of Johnstown. . .they have a major portion of the stream in the City? Are you going to approach the City of Johnstown about that? **Smith** replied not yet. . .there is also East Taylor and Middle Taylor. **Barbin** replied, I don't think one community can change the name of something that's in 4 separate communities.

**Sue Stevens** said, I want to thank you all for fixing the road on Pennway Drive. It really seemed to alleviate the water running down underneath my trailer. However, I still have an issue with water coming down by the Big Stone Inn. I have some pictures on my phone. There's a house behind the Big Stone to the left and across Pennway Drive and there's a lot of water comes from there. The house I'm talking about has drainage pipes coming right out towards Pennway Drive and it crosses the road and flows down by the Big Stone. They also have a paved driveway. The Big Stone just filled in the ruts in the driveway. . they're like gullies. **Chairman Baker** asked, all of that water comes from above? **Stevens** replied, yes.. you can see on the pictures. I don't want to cause folks trouble. I think it was the previous people who owned that home who put stuff in that started causing the water problems . . I

talked to Marie and that was her thought too. Before that it was fine but now her property is washing out and so is my driveway. **Vice-Chairman Wallet** said, We'll take it into consideration. . .we'll take a look at it.

**Announcements:**

**Chairman Baker** announced, The Board of Supervisors next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Jackson Township Municipal Building. A Halloween Parade will be held on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 1:00 pm in Vinco. Trick or Treat will be held immediately following until 4:00 pm. The Supervisors will be giving out free treats at the Fire Hall.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion** Dreikorn, second **Wallet** to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 am. Vote-3 yes.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David M. Hirko".

David M. Hirko, Secretary