

**SUPERVISOR'S MEETING  
October 29, 2015**

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, John Wallet and Eric Dreikorn along with Secretary/Treasurer/Manager Dave Hirko and Solicitor Bill Barbin. The meeting was called to order by Bruce Baker, Chairman with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**Board Roll Call** was taken with all three Supervisors present.

**Public Comments Concerning Agenda Items:**

(None)

**Minutes:**

**Motion** Dreikorn, second Wallet to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meetings held on September 24, 2015 and October 8, 2015. Vote-3 yes.

**Township Financial Report:**

FUND	Balance 9/24/15	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance 10/29/15
<b>GENERAL</b>	\$ 38,776.21	\$ 89,882.15	\$ 104,160.25	\$ 24,498.11
<b>CAPITAL RESERVE</b>	\$ 1,085,055.18	\$ 31,487.59	\$ .00	\$ 1,116,542.77
<b>HIGHWAY AID</b>	\$ 197,684.07	\$ 35.05	\$ 14,904.83	\$ 182,814.29
<b>SR. CENTER FUND</b>	\$ 18,226.12	\$ 2,617.04	\$ 1,713.71	\$ 19,129.45

**Expenditures:**

**Motion** Wallet, second Dreikorn to approve the bills for the period of September 25, 2015 through October 29, 2015. Vote-3 yes.

General Fund	Highway Aid Fund	Senior Center Fund
\$ 104,160.25	\$ 14,904.83	\$ 1,713.71

**Township Police Report:**

The September 2015 Police Report statistics were as follows: **911 Calls dispatched to Police: 193, Reportable Part I Crimes: 1 broken down as follows: Larceny-1. Reportable Part II Crimes: 2 broken down as follows: Disorderly Conduct-2. Calls Resulting in Cases: 5, Total Arrestees: 2, Total Suspects: 0, Total Victims: 2, DUI Arrests: 0, Traffic Citations: 4, Non-Traffic Citations: 7, Total Warnings: 0**

**Correspondence:** (None)

**Old Business:** (None)

**New Business:**

**Motion** Dreikorn, second Wallet to approve the subdivision and resolution for plan revision for new land development of Claire & Helen Laughard to John Carrick. Vote-3 yes.

**Motion** Wallet, second Dreikorn to approve three year Labor Agreement between the Laborer's District Council of Western Pennsylvania - Local 910 and Jackson Township. Vote-3 yes.

**Motion** Dreikorn, second Wallet to approve a Highway Occupancy Permit with CPV Fairview LLC and the Cambria Somerset Authority. Vote-3 yes.

**Motion** Wallet, second Dreikorn on approving the time sheets from September 13, 2015 through September 26, 2015, September 27, 2015 through October 10, 2015 and October 11, 2015 through October 24, 2015. Vote-3 yes.

**Other New Business:** (None)

**Public Comments:**

**Karen Stephens** said, I live on Swan Drive and I talked to Mr. Baker one or two times and I feel that as a resident, I feel strongly that we should think or talk about limiting the open burning of garbage. We have our screens open in the summer and when I cut the grass and go in the house, it is eye stinging, throat stinging from this constant seven day a week burning of garbage. I can't think of a good reason why anyone would burn garbage seven days a week. We also have another neighbor on our lane who burned an entire camper and even tires. I shouldn't have to run to call the police every time someone is burning. When he was burning his camper, I first thought his house was on fire. **Chairman Baker** replied, the unfortunately part about it is if we

don't know they are burning campers or tires, we can't do nothing about it. Somebody has to call us or the police. We follow the State laws on burning. We have a Solid Waste Ordinance too. If it's not household generated garbage, you can't burn it. When there is an incident where something is illegal, you can call the Police or the Zoning Officer but you have to notify someone. Most of the time when the Police go out and tell someone, they listen because they'll get a warning and the next time, they'll get fined. **Stephens** said, we have recycling facilities here and we get a landfill pass once per quarter for free. I just feel we are so lucky in this Township. Unfortunately you probably know what burning plastic smells like and it's unhealthy. . .that's my life. I would like be able to have my screens in the windows and sit outside in the summer. I know if there was just one day a week where we didn't have to close all the windows, it would be a step up in my life. **Baker** said, the Police don't mind coming out if it's a legitimate complaint or concern. **Baker** said we have a diverse township with some little communities and also wide open spaces. **Clair Michaels** said, I have to burn brush every now and then. You're not allowed to burn on Sundays either. **Baker** replied, yes. . there is an Ordinance that prohibits burning on Sundays except a campfire. **Stephens** said, I grew up in East Taylor and they at least had some rules as to when you can or can't burn and I would just like you to think about that. **Baker** said, we had the same issue with outdoor furnaces where some people couldn't go out of their homes. If neighbors would have a little more compassion and decency we wouldn't have to have half the rules we have. If the smoke's going straight up and not bothering you, fine but if it's going sideways and in your windows, call the police. **Stephens** said, we have a complaint in with Mr. Burkey. Our neighbor a has ripped apart pick pickup truck and 30 plus tires stacked everywhere. I don't want to live that way. **Baker** said, the Property Maintenance Code takes care of that. **Supervisor Wallet** said, he'll get a letter about that from George Burkey.

**Jim Gallagher** asked, what about junk cars. I filed a complaint about that. **Chairman Baker** said the Police Dept. is handling that. **Gallagher** replied, I'm glad you told me that. **Baker** replied, I believe Officer Vaught told you that already. You filed a complaint and we sent her a letter and the police went down and told her what she needs to do and she's making arrangements. **Gallagher** said, they're putting more junk in there today. **Baker** said, we'll have to go down and look but the Police Dept. are handling that complaint. **Gallagher** said, they put a junk car from the front and put it in the back. **Baker** said, the Police will follow up.

**Clair Michaels** said, I see the Capital Reserve Fund is back up there. . that's good and you didn't have to spend any. **Chairman Baker** said, we're good at pinching pennies. We even shop three places to get a price on a battery.

**George Burkey** said, we met with Pennvest and Dan Carbaugh and Mr. Cunningham was there from our engineers and they presented a request for funding for Fords Corner and Leisure Village and according to them, we have a fundable project. It looks good. We've been working on this for years. **Chairman Baker** asked, any idea if we are 1, 5 or 10 years? **Solicitor Bill Barbin** added, if they said it's a fundable project, that's basically saying for you to file an application for Pennvest funding. It generally takes the engineer 6 to 10 months to get the permit. . .get the application and then the application goes before the Pennvest board. If they approve it, it takes 1 ½ to 2 years to complete the project. . .between 3 or 4 years total to have working sewage.

#### **Announcements:**

**Chairman Bruce Baker** announced, The Board of Supervisors next meetings will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 8:00 am and Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Jackson Township Municipal Building. A Halloween Parade will be held on Sunday, November 1, 2015 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. Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd. Please take time to vote in this important election. A Veterans Day Program will be held on Wednesday, November 11th at 11:00 am at Veterans Park to honor all veterans past and present. The program will feature special guest speaker, Sgt. Matthew A. Dubovecky from Jackson Township who served in the U.S. Army. Also participating will be the Menoher VFW Post 155 Honor Rifle Team and other groups and individuals from the community. Come out and show your support to honor our veterans.

#### **Adjournment:**

**Motion** Dreikorn, second Wallet to adjourn the meeting at 7:15. Vote-3 yes.

Respectfully submitted,



David M. Hirko, Secretary