

**SUPERVISOR'S MEETING
November 17, 2016**

The Jackson Township Supervisors held their regular meeting at 6:00 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. Solicitor Bill Barbin 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 all three Supervisors present.

Public Comments Concerning Agenda Items:

(None)

Minutes:

Motion Dreikorn, second Wallet to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meeting held on October 27, 2016. Vote-3 yes.

Township Financial Report:

FUND	Balance 10/27/16	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance 11/17/16
GENERAL	\$ 47,744.73	\$ 61,035.58	\$ 40,921.64	\$ 67,858.67
CAPITAL RESERVE	\$ 955,796.53	\$ 843.34	\$ 23,029.02	\$ 933,610.85
HIGHWAY AID	\$ 218,166.93	\$ 37.55	\$ 673.42	\$ 217,531.06
SR. CENTER FUND	\$ 82,904.53	\$ 2,628.18	\$ 2,353.93	\$ 83,178.78

Expenditures:

Motion Wallet, second Dreikorn to approve the bills for the period of October 28, 2016 through November 17, 2016. Vote-3 yes.

General Fund	Highway Aid Fund	Senior Center Fund	Capital Reserve Fund
\$ 40,921.64	\$ 673.42	\$ 2,353.93	\$ 23,029.02

Township Police Report:

The October, 2016 Police Report statistics were as follows: **911 Calls dispatched to Police: 267. Reportable Part I Crimes: 0 broken down as follows: 0 Reportable Part II Crimes: 9 broken down as follows: DUI (Driving While Under the Influence)-3, Drugs-2, Liquor-2, Weapons-1 and All Others-1. Disorderly Conduct-2, Drugs-1 and All Others-2 Calls Resulting in Cases: 3, Total Arrestees: 4, Total Suspects: 0, Total Victims: 0, DUI Arrests: 1, Traffic Citations: 25, Non-Traffic Citations: 0, Total Warnings: 0**

Correspondence:

We received a letter from **Tim Burkey** requesting that the Supervisors accept his resignation, effective immediately, as Jackson Township Emergency Management Coordinator.

Old Business:

(None)

New Business:

Motion to approve CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Program Funds for the Fiscal Year 2016. **Mr. Larry Custer**, Executive Director of the **Cambria County Redevelopment Authority** said, at the last Public Meeting held, we had talked about the possibility of continuing to make improvements at the Senior Center. I'm getting information now that the D.C.E.D. is going to take a much harder line as to what improvements can be made to Senior Centers and what can actually be defined as a Senior Center. Last year we had to do an income survey of all the members and people who visited the Senior Center and it was determined that about 56% who use the Senior Center are low to moderate income. The threshold we have to meet is 51%. They now define a Senior Citizen as a person 62 years of age or older and it appears that they will take a hard line on that, not making improvements to Centers unless it's only for those who are age 62 or older, and that's not the case at the Jackson Senior Center. They accept members who are younger than age 62. They are also taking a hard line on shared facilities, and as you know, the Senior Center Building is shared and there are other facilities throughout the Commonwealth that are also shared and my understanding is they're not going to allow those kind of improvements on shared facilities. They also made changes in making ADA improvements and the last

few applications have been rejected. The bottom line is that they feel that the municipality should take care of ADA improvements to their facilities and not have to use CDBG money. There are some other activities that they're really looking at with a much closer eye, and the bottom line is they're not going to fund them. To file an application for the Senior Center now and not find out until March or April that they're not going to fund them. . they have questions and this is what happened with our last contract. . we filed one last December for Cresson Township for ADA improvements and in March or April, they had some questions, so I answered them and they said no, we can't do it. . you already have one handicapped accessible pavilion so you don't need a second one. The DCNR however says, yes. . make everything accessible within a playground or recreation area, but the DCED says no. If you got one accessible building, that's fine. . if you got two parking spaces, that's fine. They said we couldn't do the improvements we had scheduled last year for the Senior Center. . that's why we had to do an income survey. Your independent Senior Center is also a handicapped facility so you service people younger than 50. . they can join if they're handicapped. I think the age to join the Center is 60 but there's people who are around 55 or so using the facility, and that's what it's really all about. It's there to enjoy. . there to use. . pay your \$15 bucks to be a member and you can use all the facilities. It makes all the sense in the world, but we're talking about HUD and the government. So for next year, what I'm saying is it wouldn't even pay to try to go through all the trouble and then find out in March or April that it's rejected. **Vice-Chairman Wallet** asked, the current improvements we're doing there now are covered, right? **Custer** replied, yes. . they're already contracted. I proposed that as a dangerous situation. I'm not going to ask the Board to take any action tonight. We should have a Public Hearing before your next meeting on the 8th. These applications were actually due tomorrow, but we're getting an extension. We talked earlier about the Jackson Township situation and not having a low to moderate income area by Census results. For example, in Cambria Township, Colver is a low to moderate income community and in Adams Township, Sidman, Creslo and St. Michael are low to moderate income communities by Census, so we can do activities for street improvements, water, sidewalks in those low to moderate income areas, but you don't have one. So, anything done here in Jackson Township. . for example if you have a water line extension, you have to do an income survey of all the users and show the State that over 51% of the people who would benefit from that water line are in face low to moderate income. I worked with George Burkey a number of years ago about putting in some sewage extensions after the main line was put through here and we did income surveys and didn't have any luck. We have in the past though. . we did Loraine Road, Solar Street, Chickaree Hill Road and Wagner Road. If you come up with a project like that and we do an income survey, it could work out. Also a number of years ago we did housing rehabilitation and had a super program here in Jackson Township. We rehabilitated houses owned and occupied by low to moderate income persons and families, and that was successful because you're always bringing the standard of housing up. **Wallet** asked, with all that said, what's our options?. . what's in our best interest here? **Chairman Baker** said, we could do sanitary sewer, water, stormwater. . a bunch of things but wherever we decide to do that, we would have to do an income survey in that area and if it doesn't qualify, you have to move on and pick another project. **Wallet** said. . we got a challenge. . it's going to be hard to find an area that meets the criteria. **Baker** asked, what about your new project . . Fords Corner North?. . Pike or Whitetail Road? **Custer** said, I did look at Fords Corner and it was higher than 51% obviously. For a sewage line, it would have to be on the end so any section who is not low to moderate income wouldn't benefit. Perhaps you should just do housing rehab this year and do 3 or 4 houses with the 2016 money and that would give us time to sit down and look at what line extensions you have and go out there and do surveys and use the 2017-18 money for that purpose. **Baker** asked. . are we talking demolition? **Custer** said, it would be fixing houses up, and you already know that this money probably won't be spent until the Spring of 2018. **Manager Hirko** asked, so would demolition count on a low to moderate income property? **Custer** said, where some communities are using it, it's for clearing the land to construct new low to moderate income or senior housing. If you would demolish a structure on a lot adjacent to a low to moderate income household and that low to moderate income buys that parcel, then you could do that. So you can have some time to discuss this. **Wallet** said, so we can put our heads together. **Custer** said, if you want to do housing rehab, you could do that tonight. **Baker** said, we need to talk about it. **Custer** said, I'll get together with Dave and set up a Public Hearing. We will have to have an action for your next meeting. No action was taken on the original motion.

Motion Dreikorn, second **Wallet** to approve 5 (five) year contract with Waste Management for refuse collection service in Jackson Township. Vote-3 yes.

Motion **Wallet**, second Dreikorn to accept the resignation of Tim Burkey as Emergency Management Coordinator for Jackson Township. Vote-3 yes.

Motion Dreikorn, second **Wallet** on approving the time sheets from October 23, 2016 through November 5, 2016. Vote-3 yes.

Other New Business:

(None)

Public Comments:

Mark Galli said, I live on Fords Corner Road. I'm here tonight. .it's my first meeting. . hopefully my last. I have a concern. Recently the woods have been stripped. . .my main concern is that they're starting at 4 am with sawing and everything else. My neighbor is 85 years old and I'm a little concerned being they are doing this about 200-300 feet from our house. I did talk to the Owner last night and in my opinion, I don't think it's going to help. He basically said he's paying them to take the woods off and he said he would try to talk to them but I don't know what's going to happen. I know in a couple weeks, they'll be gone but what's going to happen next. . are they going to take topsoil off. . .our concern is. . .is there going to be a strip mine come in? My other concern is the water runoff that comes down through. **Deanna Hobba** said. . I'm here for my Dad who is 86 years old and he's concerned about the runoff too and he's very upset that he wasn't notified that this was going to happen and that there is going to be a strip mine up there. **Chairman Baker** said, that's not zoned to be stripped. **Hobba** said, it looks totally different now and there's virtually nothing there anymore. **Baker** said, there's nothing against him clear cutting that. There are some issues with stormwater management and he said he would take care of E & S (Erosion & Sediment) Controls and as far as the noise goes. . starting at 4 am, are you starting at that time? **Mr. Cameron** said, we are starting then and the reason is that some of the employees have kids in school and their wives work and they have to start early enough to get their hours in so they can be home to get their children off the school bus. **Baker** asked. . . did the Police Department contact you? **Cameron** said, yes. **Baker** added, so there is a Noise Ordinance you're going to need to follow and I think the Officer told you from 9 at night till 6 in the morning there is no equipment. If you do, then we're going to file for excessive noise. **Cameron** said, all of our equipment have mufflers on it. **Baker** said, even the Officer who you were talking to was awoken at that time of the morning and he's on Finntown Road, so I think if we can agree that you don't start till 6 am, it's going to eliminate a lot of these problems between the neighbors and yourself. **Cameron** asked, do you think the noise is the problem? **Baker** said, I'm sure of the fact that the hillside trees are gone and there's nothing anyone can say or do about that. . that may be part of it. As far as the E & S and the noise, we got to deal with that. If you were out there tomorrow morning at 4 am, the police will be there and they'll listen and they'll make that determination that it's excessive noise and these guys are still sleeping, he can go over to one of the residents homes and if he can hear that noise and deems it excessive, he can cite you. If we could somehow get it to 6 am, that would help everybody out. **Cameron** said, we should be finished around Wednesday of next week. **Baker** asked, how long have you been up there. **Cameron** said, more than two weeks. There's no more cutting to be done. **Galli** said, if you can get to 6 am I am happy. . the kids are up. I'm not concerned with myself. .just my kids. **Hobba** added, my Dad's main concern is. . will there be any runoff problems? If we have a problem, who do we call? **Baker** replied. . start here. We've seen this before and in a few years, it will be growing back up there. If there's a water issue, come see us and we'll get it taken care of. **Cameron** said, I am a phone call away. . I will address it. I have no control over heavy downpours though. Water runs downhill. **Baker** said, so your intentions are to start at 4 am tomorrow morning? **Cameron** replied. . no. .I'll get ahold of them before I leave here. **Baker** said, I'm sure everyone would appreciate that.

Teala Dalfanso said, I live on Pike Road and this is my first time here also. I just want to know how we go about addressing speeding on Township roads. We've never seen anybody sitting there. **Chairman Baker** said, I live on that road and I can testify to the speeders. Bud Shoemaker was down last week one day and I spoke with him and then talked to the Department. We have a program called Buckle Up and that's where they enforce seatbelts, speeding. .things like that. They're going to set up the Enradd System and they'll catch people but as soon as they leave, it's going to start again. Speeding is a problem on every street in the Township. I see the police in the school zone which is fine but. . **Baker** said, that's the Golden Rule with these three Supervisors. **Dalfanso** said, I fully respect that but I'd rather seem them on our roads instead of Route 22. **Baker** said, besides speeding, what those officers catch on 22 would boggle your mind. Our officers are going to set that up on Pike Road. **Dalfanso** said, people are speeding and texting. **Supervisor Wallet** said, there's a lot of ATV's running up and down that road too. . we hear about that. **Baker** said, we'll do what we can do.

Clair Michaels asked, when did the noise ordinance go to 9 o'clock in the evening? It was 12 o'clock before. **Chairman Baker** said, a few years back, we adopted a Noise Ordinance that would allow our police officers to determine if it was unreasonable, rather than say, the PLCB enforcing their noise regulations for entertainment at a business establishment.

Ed Westrick said, thank you for doing the school zone patrols. .it does a lot of good! That's the best thing you ever did. . starting to patrol that. **Chairman Baker** said, it hasn't been as bad lately, but there were also times there where someone was stopped for speeding and found to have no license and a car full of drugs. **Vice-Chairman Wallet** said, they take turns patrolling between the Cambria County Christian School and Jackson Elementary. **Michaels** asked, do the police ever go in the school up there? **Baker** replied, every day. . . different times during the day and the kids love it. When they first started, the kids used to run and hide but now they love it.

Announcements:

Chairman Bruce Baker announced, The Board of Supervisors next meetings will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 7:30 am and Thursday, December 22, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Jackson Township Municipal Building. Jackson Township will hold it's 11th Annual Light-Up Night at Veterans Park on Sunday, November 27, 2016 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm.

Adjournment:

Motion Wallet, second Dreikorn to adjourn the meeting at 6:36. Vote-3 yes.

Respectfully submitted,

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

David M. Hirko, Secretary