

**SUPERVISOR'S MEETING
November 29, 2012**

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 and John Wallet along with Secretary/Treasurer/Manager Dave Hirko and Solicitor Bill Barbin. Supervisor Mark Westrick was not present. The meeting was called to order by Bruce Baker, Chairman with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Board Roll Call was taken with Supervisors Baker and Wallet present.

Public Comments Concerning Agenda Items:

(None)

Minutes:

Motion Wallet, second Baker to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meetings held on October 25, 2012 and November 8, 2012. Vote-2 yes.

Township Financial Report:

| FUND | Balance 10/25/12 | Receipts | Disbursements | Balance 11/29/12 |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|
| GENERAL | \$ 92,397.28 | \$ 72,719.12 | \$ 81,242.66 | \$ 83,873.74 |
| CAPITAL RESERVE | \$ 963,474.93 | \$ 77,924.96 | \$.00 | \$ 1,041,399.89 |
| HIGHWAY AID | \$ 243,311.00 | \$ | \$ 29,717.46 | \$ 213,645.48 |
| SR. CENTER FUND | \$ 32,003.79 | \$ 2,620.69 | \$ 2,391.10 | \$ 32,233.38 |

Expenditures:

Motion Wallet, second Baker to approve the bills for the period of October 26, 2012 through November 29, 2012. Vote-2 yes.

| General Fund | Highway Aid Fund | Senior Center Fund |
|--------------|------------------|--------------------|
| \$ 81,242.66 | \$ 29,717.46 | \$ 2,391.10 |

Township Police Report:

The October, 2012 Police Report statistics were as follows: **911 Calls dispatched to Police: 330 Reportable Part I Crimes: 3 broken down as follows:** Assault-2 and Burglary-1. **Reportable Part II Crimes: 29 broken down as follows:** Disorderly Conduct-9, Public Drunkenness-3, Drugs-2, DUI (Driving While Under the Influence)-1, Vandalism-1 and all others-13. **Calls Resulting in Cases: 7, Total Arrestees: 7, Total Suspects: 0, Total Victims: 0, DUI Arrests: 1, Traffic Citations: 43, Non-Traffic Citations: 2, Total Warnings: 0**

Correspondence:

(None)

Old Business:

(None)

New Business:

Motion Wallet, second Baker to approve Resolution 06-12 adopting proposed budget for Jackson Township for 2013 as follows: General Fund \$ 951,135.00, State Fund \$ 352,119.00, Fire Hydrant Fund \$ 13,000.00, Rescue Fund \$ 35,700.00, Capital Reserve Fund \$ 1,044,466.00, Senior Center Fund \$ 64,118.00; Total of All Funds \$: 2,460,538.00. Vote-2 yes.

Motion Wallet, second Baker to accept the resignation of William Gonzalez as a Part-Time Police Officer for Jackson Township. Vote-2 yes.

Motion Wallet, second Baker to accept Deed of Dedication of street from Jalko (Sirko Brothers) for Donjay Street. Vote-2 yes.

Motion Wallet, second Baker to approve Resolution 08-12 approving the transfer of a Liquor License from the Schooner Bar and Grill of 813 Front Street in Cresson Borough to the location of 2690 William Penn Avenue, Suite 4 (Sekerak Lounge in the Vinco Shopping Center) in Jackson Township. Vote-2 yes.

Motion Wallet, second Baker on approving the time sheets from October 14, 2012 through October 27, 2012, October 28, 2012 through November 10, 2012 and November 11, 2012 through November 24, 2012. Vote-2 yes.

Other New Business:

(None)

Public Comments:

Jeff Carmel said, I'm a 65 year resident of Jackson Township and I own a property on top of Pergrim Hill and I've seen the dirt, garbage and everything else come and go over all these years. The last couple of years, I'm sure everybody is aware they're hauling that refuse out on both sides of the highway. It started and the dirt wasn't too bad and I could sweep once a week and keep ahead of it then they started hauling across the highway and that's where the real problem starts. These trucks are coming out on this highway and they're bringing dirt, dust, coal. . you name it, out on the road and then the other traffic. . the cowboys that are hauling coal in and out of Vintondale. It's just throwing dirt and dust everywhere. At my Mother's house down there, I can clean up on a daily basis and try to get the coal dirt off the house and on the sidewalks or carpeting going into the house. . it's a mess and nothing's been done on their part by using sprays, a good wash. . maybe a sweeper or duster or something to clean this dirt up with. I have to say that over the past Summer, the State was down there because they were working on Route 22 and when they were there, things weren't so bad. . they were cleaning up or using water because the State wasn't going to put up with the dirt but now they've left and it's even worse so I'm asking if something can't be done about it? I was a Coal Miner for 32 years so I'm no stranger to coal dirt, believe me. You drive off the road if it's raining or wet and it's just mud in the driveway. . it's tracked in the house and it's getting to the point where we just can't put up with that. I've been putting up with this for 3 years and it's taken this long to make this complaint. . this is not a fun thing for me and I know this project's going to go on for many more years. I'm not asking for anything extreme. I'm not beyond a little dirt. . I understand what's going on there. **Chairman Baker** said, we had the opportunity before the meeting to review your complaint and we talked about it and we directed the Solicitor to write DEP. **Carmel** said, hopefully we'll get some satisfaction. I can only conceive over the next five years what this is going to be. You can't go out and sit on the back porch or do anything there. I heard a couple of neighbors complaining and I walked down my neighborhood and some of the people are elderly and may not realize how bad it is because they don't sit on their porch. I stuck my hand on her porch and I could write my name in the dirt. **Baker** said, you're breathing it too and then people driving in it. We get complaints about that too. **Carmel** said, look guys, there's times when those trucks come up the hill or over the hill. . that dust is so thick you can't see. I put up with it, try to deal with it. . every weekend I'm down there. .you've probably seen me with a broom and a shovel cleaning that up. I think what am I doing cleaning the State highway up? **Supervisor Wallet** said, we think we can get some satisfaction Jeff if we have our Solicitor write a letter to DEP on behalf of the Township. **Solicitor Barbin** said, DEP has made them use sprays in other places with similar problems. **Carmel** said, I travel all around and anytime I've seen another facility similar to this, those highways are watered down. .you don't see this problem. Even down on Rose Hill. .they have a strip mine down there and that road is soak and wet on a daily basis. I appreciate anything you guys can do to help. **Baker** said, we'll get a letter out right away and we'll keep you apprised as to what's going on.

Chairman Baker said, before we go any further, I'd like to welcome Tom Cherninsky, Cambria County Commissioner, who stopped in to see us this evening. **Commissioner Tom Cherninsky** said, in my travels, I just wanted to stop in and show support. If there's anything we can do. . the County, to partner with you, will provide it. If there's anything you can think out of the box, we do have a Grant Writer. . he's paid by the County. . he works for the County. If there's anything you think that a Grant Writer can help you with, let us know. If there's something going on in another part of the County that you think you would like to pursue too, let us know. If there's anything we can help you with and move the County forward, just call me. I just wanted to touch base with you on that. I just wanted to show support and thank you for everything you do for us here in Cambria County.

Eugene Kist said, in the last six months, we lost over 6 businesses here in the Township. I just see here where we're getting one back. Do you people do anything to entice people to come into this Township instead of out of the Township? **Manager Hirko** asked, what businesses are you referring

to that left? **Kist** replied, a pizza shop. **Hirko** replied, that's a rented structure. **Kist** said, you lost the one across the street at Direct Value. **Hirko** said, that's owned by a private owner. **Kist** said, it doesn't matter. .it's a business. **Hirko** replied, but it's not our business. Somebody owns that building. **Kist** said, it's the Township's business to try to entice people to come in. **Hirko** said, yes but we can't tell the owner of a property what to do. **Supervisor Wallet** said, we're doing what we can. We support businesses coming into the Township although we don't have control over businesses when they close. Businesses are free enterprise and it's also the climate of the economy. If the economy is bad, small businesses struggle and believe me, I want businesses to move into the Township as much as the next guy. It's all good for us.

Announcements:

Chairman Bruce Baker announced, The Board of Supervisors next meetings will be held on Thursday, December 13, 2012 at 8:00 am and Thursday, December 20, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Jackson Township Municipal Building.

Adjournment:

Motion Wallet, second Baker to adjourn the meeting at 7:14. Vote-2 yes.

Respectfully submitted,

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

David M. Hirko, Secretary