

**JACKSON TOWNSHIP, YORK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2025**

A. CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Jackson Township was held on February 4, 2025, in the municipal building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Holmes at 7:00 P.M. followed by the pledge to the flag. Others present were Supervisors Emily Miller and Bradley Dunham, Manager Florence Ford, Solicitor Dave Jones, Engineer Jeff Shue, and several people in the audience. Secretary Linda Eaton was absent.

B. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Hoke House Wilson Tavern, Inc. – Seth Hildebrandt came before the Board on behalf of the Hoke House. He had sent the Board a copy of the Organization’s Business Plan for their review. The reason for his presentation was to request a “Pledge Letter” from the Township to the Bank in the amount of \$400,000.00 payable over a five (5) year period. Seth indicated to the Board that he was short of the fundraising goal required to move the house. He indicated that he sent the same request to Spring Grove Borough. Seth stated that he had financial commitments from several entities, however, the funds pledged can only be realized after the house is moved and located on the site. He mentioned that Met Ed pledged to disconnect the power and reconnect the power in lieu of a cash \$150,000.00 pledge. Chairman Holmes opened the discussion and stated he thought this project was an admirable, and noble undertaking. He stated that he knew that Seth was very passionate about making this a reality. He asked how the debt service to the Bank would be paid. Seth replied with grants and fundraising. Chairman Holmes stated that he would not feel comfortable committing taxpayer funds to this project. Vice Chairperson Emily Miller concurred with Chairman Holmes’ sentiments, but, she too would not be comfortable committing tax payer dollars on the venture. She did ask Seth if this pledge in effect a “guarantee” of payment for the debt from the bank. Seth replied it is. Ms. Miller stated to Seth that the Township does donate to organizations in the Township with the donation pledged to the YMCA being the largest in the amount of \$50,000.00 to give him an idea of scale concerning donations. Board Member Dunham indicated that grants are highly competitive and not a guarantee. He said grants typically do not fund debt service. Mr. Dunham stated that he has not seen letters from other organizations committing funding. He agreed with his fellow Board Members that he would not be comfortable committing tax money to this project. The Board wished Seth well.
2. Lieutenant Gregg Anderson of the Northern York County Regional Police Department reviewed the monthly police report with the Board. Crime numbers have been trending downward in the Township. He reported that an Uber driver suspected that his customer was a victim of a scam. He checked the package that he was to deliver, and discovered it was \$7500 in cash. He called the Police.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The meeting minutes of January 6,2025 were approved on a Dunham/Miller motion. Motion carried 3-0.

D. FINANCIAL REPORTS/APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The January 2025 financial reports, and all bills were approved for payment on a Miller/Dunham motion. Motion carried 3-0.

E. OPENING/AWARDING OF BIDS:

There was no opening or awarding of bids.

F. SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR ACTION:

1. Minor Final Subdivision: Applicant – Charles R. and Catherine C. Brown located on Orchard Road.

The applicant's engineer reviewed the minor subdivision plan with the Board of Supervisors. Included with the Plan is a Planning Module that is required by DEP due to a nearby high nitrate well.

The Board voted on the Planning Module first and then voted on the Plan.

The Planning Module was approved on a Miller/Dunham motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Minor Subdivision Plan for Charles R. and Catherine C Brown was approved on a Dunham/Miller motion. Motion carried 3-0.

G. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to discuss.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Board approved the Volunteer Fire Tax Credit Lists for the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Property Tax Credit on a Miller/Holmes motion. Motion passed 2-0 with Member Brad Dunham abstaining.
2. The Board had a discussion concerning the issue of Friday Penn Waste trash pickups continually being canceled due to weather/holidays. Over the course of two winters the residents with Friday scheduled pickups have been negatively impacted. Dave Brown was a resident who had felt the impact of the trash delays. He was asking the Board and Penn Waste to work towards a solution. Penn Waste Representatives Ron Tuder, District Manager and Jackson Township Resident and Anrea McFadden participated in the discussion. Several scenarios were discussed such as if a storm disrupts Tuesday customers, then allowing the Tuesday customers to put out double the trash on their next scheduled day. It was also discussed if there is a potential to move the Friday customers to a midweek trash pickup and leave Friday available for the "catch up" day if the service moves to a holiday schedule. The Representatives stated they will investigate the options and get back to the Manager with possible solutions. The Board thanked the Representatives for attending the meeting.
3. The Board approved the close out expenditures for Spring Grove Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$20,000.00 from ARPA funds on a Dunham/Miller motion. Motion carried 3-0.

I. SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS:

Emily Miller reported the following:

- Reported that the first meeting of the new Y Branch took place in January. Betty Stein is the Chairperson of the Board and Emily is the Vice-Chair of the Board. There is a continuation of childcare services and as well as Park and Recreation Services.
- Attended the Northern York County Regional Police Commissioners Board meeting.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS (continued):

Also noted that Dave Lash is the President of the PA Chiefs Association.

Jon Holmes attended the following:

- The Farm show Elected Officials Lunch
- Attended the YATB Executive Committee Meeting, the Tax Collection Committee Meeting and the full YATB Board Meetings.
- The YCRT Operations Committee was cancelled.
- Attended the Stock and Leader's Municipal Law 101 Conference and Dinner. He was happy to see that all staff participated in the session. Manager Ford stated that they enjoyed it and hope to go back.

Brad Dunham reported the following:

- Nashville Fire Department ran 59 calls. There was 1 structure fire in the Township, 6 calls were Mutual Aid. 2 calls were in Spring Grove Borough and Spring Grove Borough responded to 6 calls in Jackson Township.
- The final checks from the Ambulance dissolution were distributed.

J. ENGINEER'S REPORT:

A written report was provided by Jeff Shue. He mentioned that the Land Development Plans for the Y and School District were submitted on Friday, January 31st. Jeff also highlighted that he had conversation with Elwood Kimmel, concerning the Labott/Big Mount/Rt. 30 intersection. He asked whether the plans called for the replacement of the culvert on Labott. They are not replacing the culvert. Jeff stated that the Township should replace the culvert during the road closure. He will be working with staff on the budgeting and finance of the culvert. He also mentioned the meeting with PennDOT and the Dollar General Engineers. Staff is working on getting a third turn lane installed from the House of Brew to Farm Lane Estates. Staff will be working to get all the players together at a Staff Planning Meeting.

K. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Dave Jones highlighted information from the Municipal Law 101 session concerning 1st Amendment Rights and "Audits."

L. MANAGER'S REPORT:

M. ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:

A written report was provided by Ray Dietrich who was not in attendance. There was no discussion his report.

N. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to transact, Chairman Holmes adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Florence A Ford
Florence A. Ford, Township Manager/Assistant Secretary