

The Fork Township Supervisor, Jack Bark Sr., called the regular meeting of the Fork Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was recited.

Roll call of board members: Jack Bark Sr., Cathleen A. Martin, Patti McNeilly, Penny Huffman and John Singer all present.

Approval of the Minutes: Patti McNeilly moved to approve the minutes of 05-18-09 as presented. Penny Huffman seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurers Report:

General Fund	\$221,503.26
Fire Department	\$ 41,699.91
Fire Equipment	\$162,349.87
First Responders	\$ 13,799.67
Flake Cemetery	\$ 16,500.00
Tax Collection	\$ 387.57
West Chippewa	\$ 7,177.20
Merrill Lake Roads	\$ 2,177.63
Merrill Lake Park	\$ 408.51

Penny Huffman moved to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. John Singer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Approval of the Bills: Cathleen Martin moved to approve the following checks;

General Fund	checks # 8751-8791	
	(voids 8758, 8759, 8783, 8784 & 8785)	totaling \$ 13,842.26
Fire Department	checks # 3547-3559	
	(voids 3547, 3548, 3549 & 3550)	totaling \$ 11,581.65
First Responders	checks # 2200-2202	totaling \$ 1,350.82
Merrill Lake Park	checks # 598	totaling \$ 13.86
West Chipp. Vista	checks # 599-601	totaling \$ 952.05

Patti McNeilly seconded. Roll call vote: Cathleen Martin-yes, Patti McNeilly-yes, Penny Huffman-yes, John Singer-yes and Jack Bark Sr.-yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Patti McNeilly moved to adopt a Hold Harmless Agreement and attach to all current contracts for Fork Township and incorporate it into all new agreements. John Singer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Cathleen Martin moved to authorize the payment of Hyder Lawn Mowing from 4-27-09 thru 5-21-09 in the amount of \$528.00 for mowing at East Fork Cemetery. Patti McNeilly seconded. Roll call vote: Cathleen Martin-yes, Patti McNeilly-yes, Penny Huffman-no, John Singer-no and Jack Bark Sr.-yes. 3 ayes, 2 nays, motion carried. Jack Bark inquired whether Hyder Lawn Mowing has Liability Insurance and if so the

Township needs a copy of their Liability Insurance also requesting the Township be named as an additional named insurance on their policy.

Richard Nader from Public Works was present at the meeting to do a demonstration of Public Works Cemetery Software for the Board and East Fork Cemetery Association. Richard gave Jim McNeilly a business card and told him to call with a total number of gravesites at East Fork Cemetery so he could give an estimate on how much it would cost to add East Fork Cemetery to the existing software or a stand alone version. If the Board makes a decision within a month and a half Richard stated he would cut us a good deal.

Public Comments:

No public comments at this time.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Fork/Barryton Community Fire Department** – Fire Chief, Terry Vogel presented the monthly Chiefs report to the board. John Singer moved to authorize the Clerk to pay annually for refuse pickup at the Fire Station through Dent Refuse, paying \$324.00 from July thru December 2009. Patti McNeilly seconded. Roll call vote: Cathleen Martin-yes, Patti McNeilly-yes, Penny Huffman-yes, John Singer-yes and Jack Bark Sr.-yes. All ayes, motion carried.
2. **Fork Township Rescue:** Supervisor of Rescue, Terry Vogel presented the monthly Rescue report to the Board.
3. **Community Center:** Community Center Grounds update was given by Cathleen Martin on behalf of Katie Bazaire. Cathleen Martin moved to authorize a key for the Township Hall be made and given to Katie Bazaire, Community Center Grounds Manager so she can drop off deposit and rental fees for the Treasurer. Jack Bark Sr. seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Manager, Sabrina Greenspan presented her monthly report to the board. Cathleen Martin moved to authorize the purchase of Kills for painting the kitchen ceiling, Hallway ceiling and paint for painting the Main Hall walls. Purchase not to exceed \$300.00 from Remus Lumber. Patti McNeilly seconded. Roll call vote: Cathleen Martin-yes, Patti McNeilly-yes, Penny Huffman-yes, John Singer-yes and Jack Bark Sr.-yes. All ayes, motion carried. Penny Huffman offered to donate to the Community Center some extra epoxy paint she had left over, to be used for the walk-in cooler floor. Discussion on the new tables and the selling of the old. It was suggested that we hold a sale at the Community Center on a certain date, selling the tables for a certain price and for only a certain length of time. After the time limit the remaining tables would be auctioned off as one lump sum. Board was in full agreement of this idea and set a date of July 18th, 2009 from noon to 3:00p.m. Price of the tables would be \$20.00 CASH per table, also to include the piano and smoke eaters. Clerk to notify other organization to see if they would like to contribute anything they have stored at the Community Center for the sale.
4. **Cemetery:** Amended Contract for the Operation and Maintenance of East Fork Cemetery was signed by Cathleen Martin, Clerk and Jack Bark Sr., Supervisor on behalf of the Fork Township Board. Copies were made of the signed contract and given to each Board member and the President of the East Fork Cemetery

Association, Jim McNeilly. Jim McNeilly was presented to inform the Township Board of an increase in mowing for the East Fork Cemetery. Hyder Lawn Mowing would like and increase of \$50.00 per mowing. Discussion followed. Cathleen Martin moved to authorize the increase in mowing of \$25.00 per mowing. John Singer seconded. Roll call vote: Cathleen Martin-yes, Patti McNeilly-yes, Penny Huffman-yes, John Singer-yes and Jack Bark Sr.-yes. All ayes, motion carried. Jack Bark Sr. informed the board of a change that he would like to have made on the new lawn mower. He would like to change it from a dual rear wheel to a single rear wheel mower. Cathleen Martin moved to authorize the changing of the new lawnmower from a dual wheel to a single wheel with the cost not to exceed \$200.00. John Singer seconded. Roll call vote: Cathleen Martin-yes, Patti McNeilly-yes, Penny Huffman-yes, John Singer-yes and Jack Bark Sr.-yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Pubic Comments:

No public comments at this time.

New Business:

- 1. Cell Phone Tower Update-** Cathleen Martin discussed correspondence she had received from Tim Romanowski, P3 and Kimberly Hardy, Prime Tower Development. Kimberly stated to Cathleen that she had only one Cell Phone Company so far that showed a remote interested in locating a cell tower in the Barryton area and that Company was T-Mobile. Cathleen stated that T-Mobile was not building any towers this year though. Kimberly was still working hard at contacting the other major cell companies. Cathleen discussed correspondence she received from Geotech, Inc. on high speed wireless broadband systems. As of the meeting, Cathleen hasn't heard back from Geotech, Inc. Cathleen stated she would keep working on this project and report back again next month.
- 2. Census 2010-** Cathleen Martin stated she would like the board's permission to order advertisement on Census 2010 to better inform the residents of Fork Township the importance of being counted and how this effects how much money is distributed to Fork Township. Board agreed this would be beneficial to Fork Township. Clerk to handle ordering material.

Reports:

Jack Bark Sr., Supervisor- Jack reported that he had Jeff Trucking drop a load of gravel (from the township's stock pile) to the west end of the Community Center parking lot. Jack discussed with the board on having the remaining gravel taken to the Fire Station parking lot area. Cathleen Martin moved to authorize the remaining 26 yards of gravel from the Fork Township stock pile be trucked and spread at the Fire Station. Penny Huffman seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Jack reported on attending the Supervisors meeting. Jack reported on the storage racks and made his recommendation to the board. John Singer moved to authorize the purchase of (8) shelving carts from Standard Equipment for \$2472.00 plus shipping and handling. Penny Huffman seconded. Roll call vote: Cathleen Martin-yes, Patti McNeilly-yes, Penny Huffman-yes, John Singer-yes and Jack Bark Sr.-yes. All ayes, motion carried. Jack reported on the Mecosta County

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Road Commission schedule of blacktopping 20 Mile Road between 50th and 60th Avenue and seal coating 10th Avenue from Coleman Road to 21 Mile Road. Jack stated he talked with Joyce Kuiper, Managing Director of the Mecosta County Road Commission on the Township paying to have the blacktopping of 10th Avenue from Coleman Road to 21 Mile Road and the Road Commission to seal coat another road in the Township. Jack expressed his concern that 10th avenue has gone too far for seal coating. Board suggested that Jack meet with the Road Commission and report back to the board on his findings.

Cathleen A. Martin, Clerk- Cathleen reported on the new tables for the Community Center being in and the selling of the old ones. Cathleen updated the board on the Mobile Food Pantry. Cathleen brought up the MTA Principals of Governance and stated she would put this on the agenda for next month. Cathleen stated she would like the board to consider purchasing a lap top computer for the clerk's office. This lap top would be used for working with the cemetery software and aid in the selling of lots at the cemetery besides other uses for the clerk's office. Cathleen stated she would like to get specs from Richard Nader on what she would need in a lap top to run the software and get estimates and report back to the board by next month.

Patti McNeilly, Treasurer- Patti stated she would like the clerk to check with a Supervisor at Consumers Energy on only issuing only one check when paying for all our account we have with Consumers. In the past this practice was done with no problem and only recently did they request the change. We currently have 5 accounts in the General Fund and it would save us in writing so many checks. Clerk stated she would check into this.

Penny Huffman, Trustee- nothing to report.

John Singer, Trustee- nothing to report.

Adjournment:

John Singer moved to adjourn the meeting. Penny Huffman seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:24p.m.

Cathleen A. Martin, Fork Township Clerk

Approved:

Jack Bark Sr., Fork Township Supervisor