MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, JACKSON TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY

May 20, 2014

CAUCUS

The Jackson Township Board of Trustees met in the Township Administration Building, 3756 Hoover Road, Grove City, Ohio, in an Open Caucus session at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, for the purpose of general discussion with department heads and the public and to review the agenda for the Regular Meeting.

OPENING – REGULAR SESSION

The Board of Trustees of Jackson Township, Franklin County, Ohio, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, at the Jackson Township Administration Building, 3756 Hoover Road, Grove City, Ohio. Chairman Burris opened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. and invited those present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Burris gave the opening prayer.

ROLL CALL

David Burris        Present
Stephen Bowshier    Present
Jim Rauck           Present
Ron Grossman        Present

RESOLUTION 2014-44

Mr. Burris moved to delete the reading and to approve the minutes for the April 22, 2014 Regular meeting and the April 8, April 22 and May 6, 2014 Special Meetings. Mr. Bowshier seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2014-45

Mr. Burris moved to accept the following reports as prepared and presented to the Board by Fiscal Officer Ron Grossman: Fund Status, Fund Summary, Payment Listing, and Bank Reconciliation. Mr. Rauck seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2014-46

Mr. Burris moved to pay payroll, pay all bills, and to approve Regular and “Then and Now” Purchase Orders. Mr. Bowshier seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

OLD BUSINESS -

RESOLUTION 2014-27 – remains tabled.
NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2014-47

Mr. Burris moved to assess properties delinquent on trash hauling bills. Mr. Rauck seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

Presentation by Mr. Frank Harman, Ohio Insurances Services Agency, Inc. (OIS), Regarding the OPEC Healthcare Cooperative. Mr. Harman stated he had met with Mr. Lilly, Ms. Bruno, and the employee insurance committee. We were able to cut costs down a little bit during Medical Mutual renewal. For the last couple years OPEC has been working on a program that would help people alleviate some of the constraints with the ACA and even cut some of the taxes and fees that went into effect January 1, 2014. He spoke regarding this cooperative which is designed to help bring down costs and lock in a rate by saving the premium tax. OIS has partnered with the Jefferson Health plan. They have been doing these types of programs, largely with school systems, since 1985. It is the largest plan of its kind in the State, and they currently insure 12,000 employees and have a little over 100 million in assets and reserves. The OPEC is going to join all its member entities into one cooperative with a common renewal date. The first renewal date would be January 1, 2016. So, the current rate will not increase next June or July and will be locked in for 18 months. We were able to match the current benefits. We may restructure the benefit package a little bit starting January 1 when the deductible starts over. This year we will save the premium tax which is 2.4% currently and increasing to 3.3% as of January, a great savings. We can continue to provide all the coverage to our members at a very competitive price. There is an administrative savings in there as well. We can use the Medical Mutual network. It has the Caremark drug card. Mr. Burris wished to confirm with Mr. Harman that Jackson Township employees will see no changes in anything. Mr. Harman stated he can’t make that broad a statement, but there will be no substantial changes. There will be small differences, such as Medical Mutual Diabetes Advantage program will now be under a deductible and co-pay. But, there are not going to be any changes as far as the deductible and benefit level, usual and customary charges; networks are exactly the same; hospital will be the same; the substantial parts of the program will be exactly the same.

RESOLUTION 2014-48

Mr. Burris moved to apply for membership in the OPEC Healthcare Cooperative. Mr. Bowshier seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2014-49

Mr. Burris moved to authorize 2014 OEPA Scrap Tire Grant Agreement. Mr. Rauck seconded the motion. Mr. Lilly spoke about the Agreement, stating this was the third time we have accepted a tire grant with Liberty Tire. The first time was in 2010, a $240,000 grant in which they added equipment to improve the grinding up of tires and selling off that product. In 2012 it was a $46,000 grant that we received from the ODNR, again for more equipment, for a bagging operation. In 2012 the State changed the agency of control from ODNR to Ohio EPA. In 2014
we partnered again with Liberty and received a $350,000 grant that was just awarded last week. This will not only add to their business plan, but it will also add to more jobs to the Liberty processing facility on Jackson Pike. All the grant funds come to us. We get one-half of the monies up front. Once evidence of the equipment has been purchased, we submit that to the grant agency and they authorize us to pay Liberty Tire. VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2014-50

Mr. Burris moved to update the Township Personnel Handbook and Policies. This is an update to give across the board raises according to the CPI. Mr. Bowshier seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2014-51

Mr. Burris moved to hire seasonal road workers. Mr. Rauck seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2014-52

Mr. Burris moved to appoint Paul Richard Dawson as Fire Chief. Mr. Bowshier seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

RESOLUTION 2014-53

Mr. Burris moved to hire four new Fire Techs. Mr. Bowshier seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

SWEARING IN

Mr. Burris issued the oath of office to the four new Fire Techs.

Mr. Burris then issued the oath of office to the three full time firefighters who were hired on 4-22-2014.

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Mr. Burris introduced Greg Rudduck, who was voted as Firefighter of the Year by his peers. Mr. Bill Cady of the Kiwanis Club presented a plaque to Greg and a check for $250.00 to the Jackson Township Trauma Fund, which is a fund that is used to do some nice things for the fire department that we would not have otherwise.

Firefighter Rudduck thanked everyone who came, family, and fellow firefighters. Chief Dawson thanked Greg for the long list of things he does over and above what is required. Mr. Burris added, not only to the list of Greg’s accomplishments but
his attitude and the quality individual that he is.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ZONING & ADMINISTRATION
Mr. Lilly provided the Board with a written report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Chief Dawson provided the Board with a written report on fire and EMS items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Jackson Township Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, June 3, 2014, at 1:30 pm with Caucus to begin at 12:45 pm. Official swearing in of Chief Dawson will occur at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION 2014-54

Mr. Burris moved to adjourn. Mr. Bowshier seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Ron Grossman, Fiscal Officer

David Burris, Chairman