

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

Hawke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Jackson Township Hall with all Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Vaccaro, Boger, Brink, Hogue, and Poindexter present. He requested that all cell phones be turned off at this time.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Speaks – None

ATTACHMENT 09/12/17 A

Walters introduced Joseph Ball who has earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He read and presented the Certificate of Recognition.

Police Department

Hawke administered the oath of office to Ryan C. Mack. A brief recess was called to allow time for pictures to be taken.

RESOLUTION 17-114, ATTACHED

ACCEPTANCE OF FULL TIME POLICE PATROL OFFICER OATH OF OFFICE

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion that we hereby accept the attached oath of office for Ryan C. Mack as Full-time Patrol Officer and Police Constable for the Jackson Township Police District, Stark County, Ohio. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 09/12/17 B

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to approve the appropriation transfer request from account code 315.250.5702, Police Vehicles, to account code 315.250.5652, Police Equipment, in the amount of \$19,250.00. **3-0 yes**

Administration Department

ATTACHMENT 09/12/17 C

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to approve the appropriation transfer request from account code 329.110.5752, Property Purchase – Admin, to account code 329.110.5765, Amphitheater – Admin, in the amount of \$173,595.00. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 09/12/17 D

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to adopt and authorize the addition of DenteMax Network to the existing dental plan offered under the terms of the Jackson Township Non-Grandfathered Health Benefits Plan, as recommended by the Health Care Cost Containment Committee, effective August 1, 2017. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 09/12/17 E

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion that we request the Division of Liquor Control document our objection to the issuance of this permit but we do not request a hearing for the applicant Shree Harsiddhi Maa Inc., 5467 Wales Ave. N.W. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 09/12/17 F

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion not to request a hearing on the liquor license transfer to Shree Harsiddhi Maa Inc., 5467 Wales Ave. N.W., Massillon, OH 44646. **3-0 yes**

**RESOLUTION 16-115, ATTACHED
HALLOWEEN**

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion whereas, the Stark County Commissioners recommended that all political subdivisions within Stark County uniformly observe Halloween (door-to-door trick or treat activities) each year between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. on the afternoon of October 31 if it falls on Saturday or Sunday or on the afternoon of the preceding Sunday if October 31 falls on weekday (Monday through Friday).

Now therefore be it resolved that, in accordance with the recommendation of the Stark County Commissioners, the Jackson Township Board of Trustees hereby designates Halloween (Trick or Treat) on Sunday, October 29, 2017 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., in Jackson Township. **3-0 yes**

Public Works Department

Highway Division

ATTACHMENT 09/12/17 G

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to approve Budget Module No. 2017-35 for the Hensel Riverside Agreement in the amount of \$2,350.00. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 09/12/17 H

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to approve the appropriation transfer request from account code 204.310.5387, Discretionary, to account code 204.310.5496, Riverside Drop Off, in the amount of \$2,350.00. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 09/12/17 I

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to approve the appropriation transfer request from account code 204.310.5387, Discretionary, to account code 204.310.5396, Vehicle Repairs, in the amount of \$2,840.00. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 09/12/17 J

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to authorize the hiring of a new Leased Highway Worker, as attached, through a temporary service, subject to a negative drug screen, effective September 13, 2017, at the rate identified in the attached memorandum from Ralph Boger. **3-0 yes**

Park Division

ATTACHMENT 09/12/17 K

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to approve the appropriation transfer request from account code 214.510.5420, Park Maintenance, to account code 214.510.5762, Capital Improvements, in the amount of \$11,561.82. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 09/12/17 L

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to authorize the hiring of a new Leased Park Maintenance Worker, as attached, through a temporary service, subject to a negative drug screen, retroactively effective September 6, 2017, at the rate identified in the attached memorandum from David Ruwadi. **3-0 yes**

Fiscal Office

ATTACHMENT 09/12/17 M

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$2,177,844.01. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 09/12/17 N

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the August 22, 2017 Board of Trustees' meeting. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 09/12/17 O

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to approve the financial reports for August 2017. **3-0 yes**

Gonzalez explained that the assessments have been made at a rate that will allow installation of a new lighting district in an existing allotment. He said this will take the fund up to almost \$140,000.00 this year. He said next year we could look at capping the number. He recommended that we do it this year and next year freeze the assessments unless the Trustees would like to let the amount grow. He pointed out that Ohio Power will install street lights but other companies require payment up front.

**RESOLUTION 17-116, ATTACHED
STREET LIGHT ASSESSMENT LIST**

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion pursuant to ORC Section 515.11, we hereby authorize the Fiscal Officer to certify the street light assessments as per the attached listing for 2018 collections. **3-0 yes**

Routine Business

Announcements

- Next regular Board of Trustees' meeting, September 26, 2017, 4:00 p.m., Executive Session and/or Work Session, 5:00 p.m., General Session, Township Hall.

- CIC, September 21, 2017, 8:00 a.m., Township Hall.
- LOGIC, October 5, 2017, 9:00 a.m., Safety Center Chiefs' Conference Room.
- Jackson Recycling Board, September 27, 2017, 11:00 a.m., Buehler's Community Room.
- Zoning Meetings:
 - Board of Zoning Appeals – September 28, 2017, 5:30 p.m., Jackson Township Administration Building.
 - Zoning Commission – none scheduled.
- Farmers Market, Thursdays through October 5, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, September 23, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Jackson Police Department, Jackson Township Safety Center.

Chief Brink told the Board there is a box at the Safety Center for drug drop offs. He said it is full all the time. He said sometimes they have to have it emptied twice a week because of the amount of medicine that is not used and dropped off. He said Stark County leads the State in take back drugs. He said that from a police standpoint, they want the drugs out of the house. He said if you don't need them, turn them in, don't flush them down the toilet, don't let them get into the water system, bring them in and they will get them destroyed the proper way.

Gonzalez said one year he and his wife worked at the take back and what shocked him was that dozens of pounds of drugs were turned in from doctors' offices. He said the amount of drugs that are turned in is incredible.

Brink said he took back some drugs from a family who had a family member die of cancer and there were two and a half garbage bags of old drugs just from that one person. He said he has seen in his family where someone has had minor surgery and are given a ninety day prescription for painkillers.

An audience member asked if the drugs should be left in the container they were received in or just put them in a bag.

Brink said you can leave them in the container but it is preferred that any identification is removed.

Hawke called a ten minute recess. Hawke called the General Session back to order.

Zoning & Planning

ATTACHMENT 09/12/17 P

Poindexter told the Board this nuisance is at 6963 Harvey. She said that they have worked with the family and the issues have been resolved. She said they will not be going forward with the nuisance hearing.

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to withdraw the public hearing on the nuisance violations at 6963 Harvey Ave. N.W. **3-0 yes**

Work Session

ATTACHMENT 09/12/17 Q

Hawke thanked everyone for coming. He said he saw some comments on Facebook and other places about why was the Board of Trustees meeting at the same time that the Library meeting is at 6:00. He said the Board of Trustee meetings are set at the beginning of the year for the second and fourth Tuesday of every month and any type of hearing that is scheduled for a set time cannot be done prior to the time set. He said he offered to hold a joint work session with the Library and that the offer still stands. He said he would be happy to hold that at any time they want. He read the following quote: "During last week's meeting, the moderator said that much of the \$2.2 million in taxes that the SCDL receives from Jackson Township comes from the Strip and the Mall". He said that is false. He said the information received today from the Auditor's office said "that for Jackson Township as a whole which includes the Village of Hills & Dales, residential property taxes make up 68.77% of what goes out in property tax, commercial is 26.59%." He said that didn't show the majority coming from the Mall and the Strip. He said that public utilities pay 4.64% property tax on right of ways. He pointed out that is not a residential spent but it could be added to commercial/other. He said he and Mr. Gonzalez are trying to bring the percentage back to closer to 50 – 50 with economic development. He said he received an e-mail that there is now a Frequently Asked Questions page on the Stark County District Library's Board of Trustees page and some of the questions are there.

Mr. Gonzalez thanked everyone for coming. He said the picture being shown with a sign in the background was taken around 1991 or 92. He said the Board of Jackson Township Trustees representing the residents felt something more than a bookmobile was needed. He said they went to the Library Board and said they had purchased some land and would lease it to the Library Board for \$1.00 per year and the Township also put up \$500,000.00. He said then they started a funding drive. He said it was the residents, the CIC, and the Board of Trustees joined together and the thermometer rose until they had raised enough. He said it was a community effort to get the building. As part of that, our departed law director, Neal Fitzgerald, had the wisdom to say if the library ever moved, the Township wanted the half million dollars back. He said that is in the lease agreement. He said this Board of Trustees is taking the loss of the library building very seriously and during the Community Celebration all three Trustees were talking to people for four days getting input. He said they wanted to go to the Library Board and be able to back up what the heartbeat of the community is with documentation. He said the Board hired a professional pollster, Shane Jackson, with bachelors and master's degrees from Akron, has studied at the Bliss Institute in applied politics and has done many such polls.

Shane Jackson said he spoke to Randy about a month ago but he didn't tell him much about it other than a poll was wanted regarding the library and the location. He said he didn't follow it and had to do his own research and put together what he thought was a good draft of questions, trying to make the questions as fair and reasonable as possible and to make the results as accurate as possible. He said his poll is a snapshot, it isn't predictive, it is the views of the people of Jackson Township as they were on August 25 and the week of the 28th when the calls were made. He said the poll wasn't intended to be predictive. He said the other goal was to make the poll statistically significant, meaning that the goal is 94 to 95 percent that you achieve statistical significance, not plus or minus five percent, literally 19 out of 20 times these results we can reject the null hypothesis, meaning the results could not have happened by random chance. He said a poll the sample size of Jackson with at least 20,000 people eligible to take the poll a 94% statistical significance can be reached with about 270 people. He said conversely you can take poll and get a statistical significance of about 96.5 with 800 people.

He read the first question and said that was the introductory, unbiased, gut instinct question. He read the other questions and the results of the polling.

He said "there are cross tabulations available, meaning that I can go back and look and say, okay, people who wanted to rebuild the library, people who are that 57% who believe they're library users, the library is important to them or their families use it or they believe their family would use it. Are they more likely to want to rebuild it in North Park or less likely? They're about the same. It was like, I didn't report it, it was like 61% or 61.5%. So there's no difference on that question number one between people who see themselves as likely library users vis-à-vis the total population. Those cross tabs do not throw in anything you need, sometimes they do. This time they didn't. They were so close to the aggregate population that it just wasn't worth reporting. It was like a point higher, which is a handful of people. So that 60.5% is everybody, it's the likely library users, the people who don't believe they have gone in the door in the last year, or it's not that important to them."

He said that question number two probably wouldn't change much if there was a third question he would guess that the percentage wouldn't change much and it is a hard 48.6%. He said with question number three only one person changed their position. He pointed out that the percentages on the 'Don't Know/No Answer' is not bad.

Someone asked how many people polled. Mr. Jackson said the goal was to contact 400 people and. . .

Gonzalez said the question asked was how many people were polled.

Mr. Jackson said the goal was to complete 400 names. He said they were looking for good statistical significance. He said he has done a poll in Jackson Township where he could get 94% significance completing about 270 questions. He said conversely he could do 800 responses and the math would show he would get to 96.5%. He said he could poll a million people, complete 378 surveys and have statistical significance of about 95%.

The question was asked how those polled were found. Mr. Jackson said they were registered voters.

It was brought up that a lot of people no longer have land lines and the Board of Elections wouldn't have cell phone numbers so a lot of people wouldn't have been contacted.

Mr. Jackson explained that over 300 surveys were completed out of a township population of 41,000 and the odds were that you wouldn't be called.

Someone asked if it wouldn't have been better to go public and set up someplace where people could complete the survey.

Mr. Jackson said you can do that but it wouldn't be representative. He said you need to ask people who this isn't an important issue to. He said if you pass out a poll at the Township Hall or the Library, for example, you are going to get the attentive public, the 15% or so who care passionately about any given issue. He said this isn't meant to advocate or to tell you what good or bad public policy is, it is meant to get a snapshot.

Walters said he has a Master's degree from Akron also and has also focused on survey research. He said from all the documents he has seen this was done correctly. He said he has as much confidence as you can have from a snapshot in one of these polls.

A lady asked how many attempts were made to reach the 400. Mr. Jackson explained how polls were done by working a cluster of names. He said someone then goes back and tries to contact those that refused the first attempt. He said that on this poll there was a statistical significance of 94.5 to 95 with a margin of error of 5.5 points. He said the worse case, the methodology is strong, the people making the calls are professionals.

A lady asked if this study told him that the people of Jackson Township want a separate building? Walters said the answer is yes. Hawke said he personally wanted the building put back, as a trustee he wanted what the residents want.

It was asked what the people need to do next, she asked where the power was. Gonzalez said they have been in negotiations with the library for over a year. He said Todd has told the library board that all four elected officials of Jackson Township want to do what the residents want. He said the numbers from this poll is staggering, it's resounding that the people want their building back. He said they could have said that but now they have something to prove the point. He said the library will be going for a levy and 30% of that levy comes out of Jackson Township. He said 2.2 million dollars a year comes from Jackson Township to the Stark County District Library. He said this poll should be telling them to give the voters what they want. That was the whole purpose of the poll.

A lady asked about an auxiliary community building. Hawke said that was one of the discussion points in the meeting with Tena when she first told them she would be making the recommendation to stay with the storefront. He said that started the process of the half million dollars. He said he asked if there was an option C. He said they were working on some projects in the park and the

library board was asked if they would consider, if they didn't want to move, adding something in the park for community space. He said that it didn't show up on Shane's poll and it wasn't the reason people wanted to use the library. He said what was interesting to him was if you stay there and keep the library service there but build a community center area for tutoring and those things under the library's name, would the library board consider that. He said he was told they hadn't thought of that, it was a good idea and they would talk about it. He said he wasn't willing to take the answer he was given that the library was staying where they are. He said there has to be other options.

A lady said before the library came down they had the money and were going to rebuild. She said then she wondered why the speaker snickered at her at the meeting when the week after the building comes down, they don't have the money and they aren't going to rebuild, they're going to stay over there, they're going to get another bay. She said who's going to get sued when those little kids get hurt. She said she had several experiences this summer taking her nine year old grandson who was trying to get books off a six foot shelf and little kids crawling on the floor. She said Tena thinks another bay is her solution. She said if the library intends to stay over there, the point was made at the first meeting that the building has an occupancy limit of 49 people. She asked if anyone was enforcing that 49 people during the week? She said it was also questioned if the building was ADA compliant. She asked "if she would be forced to live with the rules if she stays here"? She said what most of those in attendance probably wanted to know, she has all the power.

Gonzalez said her board has the power.

She asked if the board is going to see things, if she doesn't have the money, she doesn't have the money.

Hawke read the additional questions he asked. He said the questions about the occupancy limits bothered him and he questioned her about that. He said her answer was "I'm confident there was a (indecipherable) because the building (indecipherable) with (indecipherable). He explained the process to request a change in the occupancy limits.

She asked about being ADA compliant. Hawke said he couldn't answer that. He said that would have to be answered by the building department.

She asked what the occupancy limit was on the old building. Gonzalez said he didn't know and the Fire Chief was trying to find the information.

A man asked how they could get copies of the survey to the people at the meeting being held at Kent State. Gonzalez said there are paper copies available and it will be posted on line on the webpage.

Hawke read the first question that was on the library's Frequently Asked Question site.

Gonzalez said he wanted to show those in attendance where things stood before negotiations broke off. He said this started about a year ago. He explained that the Township has received a million

dollar grant to build the amphitheater. He showed approximately where the library had been on the conceptual drawing on display. He said the library, school, YMCA and the Stark Parks met to discuss working on the entire area together. He said at the public meeting Tena came in, the money was there and the plan was pretty much what is shown on the conceptual drawing. He said one of the other key issues is further away with Stark Parks agreeing to build a tunnel under Fulton Road which will allow North and South Park to be connected with a safe crossing under the roadway. He said a major problem is if Tena stays and they have talked to her several times about this, “we have to take three schools, there’s an elementary, a middle and a high school, that will be crossing a state highway. Wales Road is a state highway which means that myself, Mr. Vaccaro, and Mr. Pizzino went to the State and said if they wanted to build designated crosswalks, one would have to be built at Mudbrook and Wales, and one at Caritas and Wales.” He said it’s a lot of money for the Township to put in designated crosswalks. He said Mike has suggested making bridges to get all those kids across the state highway. He said the poll is a big deal because now the Trustees know and now have the data to back up how the residents feel and they have an active voice and they can go out and fight for.

A lady said she was at the meeting at the library and it was said that at one time when it was being decided what library to go with, whether an independent library or. . .

Gonzalez said not in the beginning. He said that was when the original building was built.

She asked if they could go as an independent and why not.

Walters said the library promised a year ago they were going to rebuild the facility. He said the Township residents pay more than their share for the County library. He said ‘decisions have consequences and if the library board decides not to rebuild this library branch, there will be significant consequences.’ He said they are looking into whether they could go independent and some other issues. He said there doesn’t seem to be a way in the State laws for the township to establish a community library.

Gonzalez explained that it would be a three step process. He said the first step which is attainable is they have a levy to renew. He said the second step is seceding, if you can do it and the third would be creating another district. He said both of those would take law changes.

A man told the Trustees they are a blessing and that he is proud.

A man asked if partnering with North Canton possible?

Walters said those are all things that are being looked into to see what opportunities are available.

Gonzalez said before the original building came down the Township told Tena not to rent anything, don’t move twice, stay in the building and when the new one is built, move into it and then tear the old one down.

Vaccaro read the e-mail making the offer.

Gonzalez said they have met with the library (Tena) many times and thought they had a great plan. He said they brought in their architect who sat in with the Township's architect and came up with the conceptual drawing on display. He said from the start they wanted to wait until the end of the year so everyone would have a chance to use the storefront and see how they liked or disliked it, then do a poll. He said she jumped the gun when he said that at the last meeting. He said she didn't tell him or Todd. He said she called Mike Vaccaro and said she was making a recommendation that the library enlarge and stay where they are. He said that is why they rushed and had the poll done.

Shane Jackson told the audience that he was not being paid, directly or indirectly, for his services only the people who actually made the calls were being paid. He said he has done this enough to know that demographically how things should come back. He said he is satisfied that the results came back in the manner that they should.

Mike asked if he could speak to the efficacy of the questions.

Mr. Jackson said the idea was to write questions to get an honest answer not to write a question that you know what the result will be. He said the idea is to write it as objectively as possible and to not lead anyone. He said the first question is as neutral as possible and then get into the plan, this plan is this and this plan is that. He said the idea is to get an accurate weight, good, bad or indifferent.

Gonzalez said the five million dollar figure could sway people to say maybe for five million dollars maybe they shouldn't. He said it was included because, 'and in all fairness, the way this started we said we were going to do a poll together, we were going split the cost of it, we were going to share this poll and then when she released that she was going to make a recommendation to the board before we ever did the poll, we basically said the 'heck with you, we'll do our own poll'. He said Tena said the Township poll would set her up for failure. He said they tried to be as fair as they could and actually put her cost to rebuild in the poll.

A lady said that at the meeting the library board wouldn't talk about the cost at all. She asked if the library had the money to build a building.

Gonzalez said that Jackson Township pays 2.2 million dollars a year. He said for 2.2 million dollars a year, Mr. Pizzino is a heck of a businessman, and he'll build you a heck of a library and pay for it at 2.2 million a year.

Another lady said that somewhere it said \$4 million to build and by the time it was outfitted and staffed it would be up to \$18 million.

Hawke referred to another question regarding the funds being available on the Frequently Asked Questions site. He read the answer as 'The 4 to 5 million dollars to build a new library has never been allocated or set aside. We do and continue to have access to the funds through a combination of the library capital fund and bonds on the Ohio Public Library fund. We set up a capital reserve fund after our facilities study showed that it cost approximately 1 million dollars a year to maintain all of our library buildings. We have been working to maintain a balance there for expected and

unexpected buildings/capital issues. I've said that there was enough money in the fund to build Jackson, yes, but I would never have expected the library board to drain the capital fund when there are other capital expenditures. Important and necessary part of the truth is that the library capital plus the PLF bonds would fund a new Jackson library'. Hawke said his interpretation of that is that the money is there they just have to file the bond to do it.

Someone asked how much it cost to put the Smart Store over there. She said she hasn't seen any of the items that were in the main library over there.

Someone said they gave that stuff away to other libraries and to the Global Library Fund.

Gonzalez said he went over to the Perry Library and started talking with the staff. He said he asked them if they have been getting swamped since the Jackson branch closed. He said they told him people are being sent there all the time. He said he was getting phone calls about how you could get a book but you had to call and order it, then go get it, so it's sometimes easier to go to Perry.

Hawke said the bricks have been saved and are being stored by the Township.

Gonzalez said there was a large donor who contacted him and said there was an entire room named in memory of his deceased son and he said he donated a lot of money and asked why no one had called to tell him they were taking his son's plaque down. He said the donor wanted to have it or go see it. Gonzalez told him it was too late, that the building was gone. He said the donor didn't even know the building was gone and asked how could no one have called him and told him his room was being torn down?

A lady asked how much it cost to have the building torn down. Vaccaro said Gibbs Demolition out of Youngstown.

A lady wanted to confirm that we didn't know how much was in the capital budget and asked if that could be found out.

Gonzalez said that in going forward, the library board is probably looking at how the numbers fit together for all of Stark County. He said he will set some meetings one on one with their board and all the Trustees will probably try to do that. He said their board hasn't voted. We need to inform their board on what our side is in the issue.

Hawke read another question 'Why aren't we building a new library.' He said her answer is 'Perhaps we are. The library board made a decision more than a year ago to replace the former library in North Park. They've been asked to consider expanding the current library because a significant number of people are using the library as significant sales and because not building provides more funds for materials and service innovations. The library board will take the quantitative analysis of the library administration add the underlying qualitative analysis of the residents and make a final decision to stay on course and build or consider expanding the temporary location.' He said that answer tells him that it is an open discussion.

A lady said the main thing she wanted to make known tonight is that the Trustees have been working behind the scenes and a lot of people may not know that. She said she feels blindsided. She said she appreciates what the Trustees have done.

Hawke said the Trustees have been trying to make things work for over a year and are trying to build a first class area in North Park for the residents. He said they want to be sure they are offering things to as many as possible and that was the idea behind the amphitheater/activity complex and adding all the other things in. He said the library was another piece of that, to have that all there together and do it in a safe manner with potentially having the tunnel underneath Fulton Road.

A lady asked if there was a way to get more comprehensive reporting in the newspaper. She said the only thing that has been in was on September 1.

Kody Gonzalez told of his experience taking his sons to the new library and worrying that they would walk out the front and get hit by someone leaving the bar. He said when he taught in Jackson they used the library for everything. He said they would walk over to tutor the kids, there were private meeting rooms available, and the more they went over, the more frustrated we got. He said during the Summer Read Program they had to take the kids to the downtown library. He said the frustration for him is if you look at Jackson Township, that Jackson pays the most for Stark Parks, the most for the library and the most for the schools, than any other place in Stark County, and they receive the least amount of services from all of them. He said he found that as of January 1, they library had two capital funds, one had \$3.3 million in it and the other had over a million in it.

A lady asked if the Township trustees met with the library board or just with Tena.

Gonzalez said he and Todd met with just Tena until she said she was making the recommendation. He said when they heard she was making that recommendation they scheduled a meeting with her Board President and Todd, Mike and myself went to his office. He said the Library Board President was emphatic about the fact that she might make a recommendation but the Board hadn't decided anything. Gonzalez said they wanted to let the residents know that they are trying to stay on top of things and the more letters and phone calls they make to the Library Board could help.

Hawke explained that the Township Trustees and the Library Board could not meet together in private, the laws in Ohio require those meetings to be open to the public.

Vaccaro said he had the cost of demolition but didn't have the information with him at the time.

A lady questioned how her numbers have changed. She said how she ended up with \$18 million and suggested that maybe they could have used some of the same books.

A lady asked what the consequences would be.

Walters said the immediate consequence would be that the levy to be renewed and beyond that would be things they would have to. . .

She asked what are the chances of getting the \$500,000.00 back.

Gonzalez said they went through the lease agreement with them about two or three months ago. He said suddenly Mike's getting calls from the Prosecutor's office. He said he "didn't think they had a clue that they had to pay the \$500,000.00". He said the Prosecutor's office is calling and asking, pretty much agreed, they know they're on the hook for the \$500,000.00.

Pizzino said they would rather have the library.

Hawke said four of the library board are appointed by the Stark County Commissioners and three are appointed by the Court of Common Pleas.

Gonzalez asked of those in attendance if they would be in favor of the plan showing on the board. A lady said they are lucky to have what we have. She said she walks the park a lot and it is so busy with many different things going on and it's nice to have the opportunity to have something like this so close.

Gonzalez said there are hundreds of thousands of dollars that are brought into the Township because of the Park. He said the baseball tournaments that are hosted by Jackson fills every hotel for four and five days because people come from all over. He said these tournaments bring in thousands and helps the economy, hotels, restaurants and shopping. He said that brings in tax dollars and helps not to raise the taxes. He said he visited his daughter in Dallas and they have a park in downtown. He said right in the heart of that park is a library. He said there were hundreds of kids at different stations – that the library had a huge presence in that park. He pointed out that they want them to utilize that more than they were before and are giving them a bigger opportunity to do it.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Public Speaks – Open Forum

A man asked about bike lanes or ways to provide children with safe ways to cross major state routes in the neighborhoods. He said there are no designated bike lanes in the township and asked if they can't do better.

Pizzino said with the state highway that would have to be up to the State.

Gonzalez said they went to the State just to get crosswalks. He said they didn't ask them for bike lanes but they could ask. He said they could get an answer although it may not be what you want to hear. He said they don't move too easily.

The man told the Board that Joe's Eagle project was to build and provide funding for a bike repair station outside of the Township. He told the trustees that they are doing a great job.

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to adjourn.

3-0 yes

Todd Hawke

Randy Gonzalez