

As advertised in the Journal Herald newspaper, the Packer Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at the township building. Bob Selert called the meeting to order and roll call was taken. All were present.

The meeting was opened to the floor. Gary Gerhard discusses an article in the January 27th edition of the Times News and Packer Township residents with delinquent garbage charges and liens filed. He wants to know why they keep picking their garbage up. Bob said he doesn't think we can refuse to pick up the garbage. He asked Atty. Yurchak if they can be taken to court or go to sheriff's sale. Atty. Yurchak explains that a lien is placed and they have 30 days to appeal the lien. The problem with stopping pick-ups is the hauler doesn't know which property. Bob said he would rather go to municipal sale. Stephanie added that once the properties are sold we do collect from those liens. Gary added that the property won't get sold. Stephanie said right, not for a long time. Susie asked what has to be done to go to municipal sale. Atty. Yurchak said a percentage would have to be put up by the township to initiate a sale of real estate. It might be \$2000. Paul Bray asked if they can be taken to court for theft of services. You are providing them a service that they are not paying for. Atty. Yurchak responded that if they make even a small payment on it, the DA's office won't touch it. They say it's a civil matter. Gary said he doesn't understand how they left it go for like 12 years they didn't pay it. Atty. Yurchak says he wasn't here 12 years ago. We have collected some. Some of his letters have been successful. Gary asked who pays the bill for that. Susie responded that the township pays a fee to the garbage company. Atty. Yurchak added that the collection agency gets some of the recovered fees. Gary asked what would be suggested to do. Atty. Yurchak said we could file suit in magistrate court but the township will wind up with the same lien we are putting on. Gary-They can just get away with that, just not paying their bill? Terry-It's not fair to the rest of the township. Multiple conversations took place simultaneously for a few moments. Susie-There is nothing that we can do that won't cost us money. Bob-If we decide to take them to the court, would we get our \$2000 back that we put up? Atty. Yurchak said we are supposed to yes either that or you will wind up with the property. The thing is you could be behind the mortgage and tax liens. Bob asked Atty. Yurchak to research if there are mortgages on these places. Gary asked if for now could you take these 7 people and tell the garbage guy don't collect this garbage. Bob-And what are they going to do with their garbage, Gary? Gary-I don't care, let them put it in their living room. Susie-Well it will probably go along the road then. Bob-It's not going to wind up in their living room. It's going to be on Wetzel and Quakake and Roundhead. They're going to throw it in the bushes. Gary-Well I'm sure their name is in the garbage if they are that stupid which they probably are. Bob-Let's look and see which ones are free and clear that we stand a chance to get something. Terry-For the good of the Township I think we should keep picking it up. Gary asked Terry what he thinks they're going to do. Terry-They're going to throw it all over. Bob confirmed for Gary that Atty. Yurchak will check on the mortgages. Most of them are there awhile and should be close to being paid off. Atty. Yurchak-The ones that are not paid off, we come in behind them. We come in behind mortgages, real estate taxes, things like that. They would have to be paid off before we get anything. Terence Younker-If they took a reverse mortgage out on the home which you won't know about. Bob asked Stephanie if things are being turned over to Creditech. Stephanie-Yes, 2022 has not been turned over yet but everything else has. Bob asked when it gets turns over to the credit bureaus so it affects their credit and ability to get credit cards or things like that. Stephanie will find out the procedure that Creditech uses. Bob was asked what is his biggest issue and he responded the roads and the garbage. John Floyd asked about an article about Carbon County having money for blight buildings. Did the Supervisors go to any meetings or were they invited? Bob-My understanding that is for individuals to access this fund set up, \$1,000,000, the County wants an individual like the guy over here at the Homestead. They want him to come in and say I want to fix up the restaurant so I can rent it out again or have the restaurant and they are going to give him up to \$50,000 to rehabilitate the property. It's a total county thing. If you know somebody who needs money, tell them to call the county. Atty. Yurchak-They applied for that, it's about a \$1,000,000 and you're right, it's supposed to be for individuals up to \$50,000. There is a movement in various municipalities to try to get the Commissioners to approve Act 152 which would be to put up to a \$15 fee upon deeds and mortgages to use for blight. That could bring in another \$100,000 a year. I don't know where that is going right now. Bob-It's up to the Commissioners. There was a meeting last week at Nesquehoning. Atty. Yurchak-They were supposed

to go to the Commissioners on Thursday. I don't know what happened from that. Bob-Said the person he spoke to calculated the fees out to total only about \$45,000. Do we have to pass a resolution to support this? Atty. Yurchak-I think that is what the other municipalities are doing. Catherine Grega asked about the status of a letter they sent in November regarding property stakes. Bob will get the phone number for Tom Wanick to the Gregas. James Grega doesn't feel it is their responsibility to do that. Bob responded that Tom wanted to get in touch with the Gregas to start the process to get the stakes back in place. James did talk to Tom from Franzosa and was told to get their surveyor out, re-establish the points, get the invoice and send it to him. And I said to him I don't think that that's the way that should be handled. We could be stuck with an invoice. Bob will give him a call. He asked James if he gave him Evans' name and James did. James-Tom said I know him; I'll give him a call. We haven't heard anything since before Christmas. Paul Bray asked how close to the road were they when they dug that pipe up were those markers. Bob-There was one at the end of the driveway coming down from Cherba's. There was one by Cathy's dad's house and there was one right across the street from Cathy's house. Those are the 3 that I remember. And I know that one across the street from the house; I re-set it 2 or 3 times myself. Gerry called me the week after and said it wasn't there so I don't know when it disappeared. I'll call Tom tomorrow.

Susie Gerhard made a motion to approve the minutes. Terry Davis seconded the motion and Bob Selert agreed. Vote 3-0.

Ordinances and Resolutions –Susie Gerhard made a motion to approve AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PACKER, CARBON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROVIDING FOR SERVICE COST RECOVERY. Terry Davis seconded the motion and Bob Selert agreed. Vote 3-0

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PACKER AND PROHIBITING NOISE DISTURBANCES ABRIDGING THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF PACKER TOWNSHIP. Bob said there are only 3 districts listed where there are regulations and asked Atty. Yurchack to look at it and bring it back for the next meeting.

Reports of Officials and Committees –

Barry Isett & Associates – Permit/Zoning & Code Enforcement officer- Absent. **ZONING** 1/04/2023 Spoke with Jeffrey Hinkle concerning getting a copy of the Stop work order issued to 374 Packer Dr. Also spoke with Bob Selert who gave me permission to share this information. 1/05/2023 Sent Copies Stop Work order and NOV to Jeffrey Hinkle concerning 374 Packer Drive. Compiled list of Properties adjacent to 1458 for the upcoming ZHB 1/10/2023 Received an email complaint concerning a structure being built at 366 Freedom Dr. Jeff Hinkle's property. Started a case in Iworq. Called Mr. Hinkle; he is willing to submit an application. 1/12/2023 Received a complaint of a building being built on the mountain that can be viewed from the White Church on Quakake Rd. I attempted a site visit and took photos; I will follow up with the complainant and try to ascertain if this is a new building. Received a zoning application for 366 Freedom Dr. I sent it back for more information and instructed him to get payment to Stephanie Stolpe. Court Summons documentation forwarded to Bob Selert for his review. 1/13/2023 Posted 1458 Hudson Dr for upcoming ZHB. 1/16/2023 Created packet for Zoning Hearing board. For 1458 Hudson Dr. Created packet for 1867 Wetzel Run Dr. for upcoming hearing. Created a packet for 374 Packer Dr. Created a zoning permit case for 366 Freedom Dr and called property owner to schedule a setback inspection. 1/17/2023 Phone call concerning upcoming Zoning Hearing Board from a neighboring property owner. Phone call with 366 Freedom Drive concerning Zoning Permit Application. 1/18/2023 Site visit 366 Freedom Dr., 1867 Wetzel Run Dr. and attempted to locate building that I saw from Quakake and confirm whether there is a building permit or if it was an existing building, it got too dark. 1/19/2023 Issued Zoning Permits for 336 Freedom Dr. and 227 Packer Dr. Researched complaint from building that can be seen from Quakake Rd. 1/20/2023 Compiled documents for rescheduled. ZHB for 1458 Hudson Dr. I will wait for a reply to Atty. Mousseau's email before sending and posting property. 1/23/2023 Emails to get updated advertisement from Solicitor. Mailings sent for ZHB 1458 Hudson Dr. 1/25/2023 Reposted 1458 Hudson Dr. and

did a site visit to 374 Packer Dr. and took photos of ongoing work. Could not locate the building on the mountain due to fog and snow. 1/26/2023 Uploaded and printed photos of Property Posting from 1.25.23 for Upcoming ZHB.1/27/2023 Prepared monthly activity report for January 2023 **PA UCC: 741 Wallace Way – Above Ground Swimming Pool**

Bill Brior – Sewage Enforcement Officer – Absent. One Subdivision review (Suravicz).
Citizens Fire Company annual report received.

Old Business – Bob-Atty. Yurchak emailed a letter to Bob for the School Board informing them that the Township is not asking for any financial support in regards to the appeal of HCA's tax exempt status but to be signatories to the complaint. Paul Bray asked about Samler having to get permits to store dumpsters, like they have on Grist Mill. Bob responded that it was a change of non-conforming use. That's why the neighbors have an issue up there. Paul asked if they had to get a permit for the ones on Grist Mill. Bob said he does not know. Paul said because that was a fish hatchery not a dumpster parking lot. The purchasing of a new security system is discussed because of the monthly \$20 fee (signal forwarding and app) which would negate any savings by switching to the County for monitoring services. The monthly fee can be reduced to \$15/month for signal forwarding. Currently, the Township pays \$300/year to Control Security and is monitored from New York. By installing a new system with Secure Technologies the Township would pay the County \$75/year and \$180/year to Secure Technologies for signal forwarding. The new system and installation is \$1,447. Paul Bray-When that alarm goes off here, it should be dialing the Comm. Center direct, not the monitoring company. Steph-Right now it goes to the monitoring company. Paul-Correct, but they want to upgrade the system and charge us \$15 a month to forward that call to the Comm. Center. Steph-I believe that is what that \$15 is for. Paul-The dialer in the system should call the Comm. Center direct not call them to have them call forward that call. John Floyd-The more steps you have the more time it takes. Paul-Is that the only people that gave us a bid? Steph-Yes. Paul-We just had a company from Allentown come up and look at the churches, to re-do the church at Zions. It's \$3500 for new heat detectors and upgrade that panel so that it works and calls to Comm. Center direct now. And they'll leave it that way. It's not going to go to a monitoring center. When the alarm goes off, it rings down here and they dispatch the fire or police. Bob asked Paul to get the name of that company for us. Paul-I will. Bob-Give it to Steph. Steph added that she had Secure Technologies come in because they said they might be able to service the current system. I couldn't get anyone else to come in to service the current system and that is why we ended up with them. We can look at other companies if we are looking to replace the system. Susie reported that she and Terry met with Tom Haskins from PennDOT and Chris Storm from the Carbon County Conservation District yesterday at 1:00 to come up with a solution for the water problem on Packer Drive. Tom reported that it was not in the PennDOT right-of-way and they are not responsible for the water issue created by the property owner. The problem stems from private property. PennDOT was notified a few months ago when they cut back along Packer Drive to alleviate the problem. He state that the problem is somewhat better and does not meet the fog line at this point when it rains. The problem has been improved. The last rain storm, we were over there, the water was almost to the yellow line in the middle of the road. When the temperature drops it is all ice. Chris Storm also stated that the problem does not fall back on the county therefore the water issue is the township's responsibility. A culvert was installed on the property; we walked on the property, by the property owner with a six to eight inch drain which is now covered with debris not allowing any water to go anywhere. It is Chris Storm's opinion that a trench was excavated by the property owner with a minimal amount of stone not capable of handling the water runoff. Chris recommended a French type drain be installed which would require the property owner to dig the entire length of the property and fill it with larger crushed stone to help the drainage. Chris will be writing a letter of recommendation to the Township which would then be discussed with the property owner of what should be done. He said that the Township should have a storm water runoff ordinance and the property owner should have done a soil survey to see what was needed to have the appropriate drainage. Susie thanks Al Labinski from PennDOT for setting the meeting up and Tom Haskins for being there along with Chris for taking the time to meet us. We will continue to work with this to get the problem corrected. Terry-A lot of water comes off that mountain. Chris was talking about the roof of the barn, that's minimal compared to what is coming off of the mountain. I'm sure the piping he put in wasn't put in correctly.

Susie-Chris will get a letter to her. Bob-Regarding the issue they had at the Hinkle's, if you look at Bob's email from January 4th and from the SALDO, a soil erosion and sediment control plan to address the storm water issues is required. This comes from Chris Storm. Not us. Bob asked Atty. Yurchak if other municipalities are having problems with his work and Atty. Yurchak responded yes. Susie-PennDOT also said of questions on the rest of the road, they are going to be filling in where the pipes went across on Packer and it is going to be tarred and chipped in the Spring. James Grega asked what the address was. Bob responded-227, Katchur's at the S curve. Terry Younker said you mean the one who put the drains in, there are drains into the pile but he piled the dirt up there. Susie-Yes. Terry Younker-He has pipes in there because I saw him put them in but apparently they are not working. I don't think when he got that property, he doesn't realize that property there, and the middle of the field, there is two springs there. That's why the original family that built there their gardens grew real good. Bob-I don't know where the water went before, if it went behind where his new barn is, goes up in the back there by that little picnic grove. That is the way it used to go. He put the driveway and stuff in and now it is coming off there. I was looking at it. I think I could fix it real quick. A couple loads of stone, make the driveway a little higher and bring that berm up right up there by the road and it will take it on his, down around. That's for Chris Storm to get out there and do his job.

New Business –Susie Gerhard made a motion to accept the Packer Township/Carbon County Exoneration and Delinquent List for 2022 as presented by the Packer Township Tax Collector, Valerie Kane. Terry Davis seconded the motion and Bob Selert agreed. Vote 3-0

Susie Gerhard made a motion to approve the request of Valerie Kane, Tax Collector, to change the tax bill printer back to Mike Gavette. Terry Davis seconded the motion and Bob Selert agreed. Vote 3-0

Paul Bray reported on the situation with ambulance coverage. I spent 6 hours on the phone with people. I talked to John Reimold, Keith Heckman and Jared Yeastedt, all Supervisors from Lehighon Ambulance. I sent emails to all the municipalities that Lehighon covers asking them what their arrangement is with Lehighon Ambulance to cover their municipality. I've been doing this 30 some years with the ambulance, and the municipalities tell me they have no arrangement with an ambulance. The township has arrangement with an ambulance because you have to designate a provider. You are required to designate a provider so you have an arrangement. All the municipalities that I contacted, I got answers from Franklin, Penn Forest, Nesquehoning, Summit Hill, Jim Thorpe and Lansford. They do the membership drive in those municipalities. They still cover other towns that did not answer me. Jim Thorpe Borough gave Lehighon the ambulance garage that the Jim Thorpe ambulance had built on 10th Street plus they give them \$2500 a year. That is what they used to give the Jim Thorpe ambulance every year, I guess to offset their fuel bill. Lehighon is running twice as many calls in Jim Thorpe then Jim Thorpe did when they were running it. For us up here, as you saw in the paper, Mahoning Valley is shutting down as of April 30th. They are missing calls left and right. We can't count on White Haven because they are missing calls. To have a paid paramedic truck up here, we're short, between Weatherly Borough, the 3 township, 250 calls for a truck to break even. It costs about \$400,000 a year to have that paid truck on duty 24 hours a day. Apparently, Lehighon met with Weatherly Borough. Were any of you invited to that meeting? About 3-4 weeks ago Keith told me Weatherly don't want to hear nothing. They are just going to let the County dispatch whoever they want. You can't have that. In the process of doing all this, what has happened over the past year, you know Lehigh Valley took over APTS Ambulance. When APTS Ambulance was running, they had 4 medic trucks on around the clock plus a dozen wheelchair trucks during the week. Lehigh Valley took it over, within a year of taking that Ambulance Company over they got rid of all their wheelchair trucks. They don't do wheelchair service. You'll see Lehighon's trucks up here and Centronia from Allentown are doing all the wheelchair transports out of that hospital. They are not even doing their own. You'll see their ambulances coming up here taking those transports. Moving forward, after they got rid of all of the wheelchair trucks, the Lehigh Valley medic truck, Medic 11, that was APTS, is down to 1 truck around the clock. They eliminated the other 3 trucks. They have one truck to cover this whole area so that is why you will see, if they get White Haven to come, Lehighon's been up here a lot. We'll see Valley Regional which is out of the Butler Firehouse coming down here and Medic 37 out of Mt. Top because they don't have anybody to cover and they are not covering

their own calls up there. Penn Forest was giving Lehighton \$15,000 a year. Keith told me this past year they gave them \$55,000 he thinks. That is like their membership drive. They don't do the membership drive or something, however they are doing that. The Ambulance Association themselves, Lehighton, when they do the membership drive, any of your active volunteer firefighters, the membership for that house, if they were up here, I would pay \$10 so me and my wife and my daughter would be covered. The general people are paying I guess \$50. They are always calling the fire departments out to help them lift and do stuff for them so it is kind of their way of giving back to those volunteers that come out and help them that don't get paid. They are saving them \$30 a year if we do that. Any volunteers they have, the people that live in Jim Thorpe that volunteer with that ambulance are covered under Jim Thorpe's workmen's comp. The people that live in Penn Forest are covered under Penn Forest's workmen's comp. The municipalities do that for them down there. I know Weatherly weren't supposed to be charging the ambulance sewer, water, electric, garbage and heat in there. They were letting them there for nothing. Where, when Weatherly's ambulance was running, we paid those bills when I was running that ambulance. With everything that is going on and them shutting down April 30th and not making all these calls, since I've been doing this awhile, you asked me to look this up, I went through all of this, I am kind of making the same recommendation I made two years ago. Packer Township needs to acknowledge Lehighton as our primary ambulance company. They have 5 trucks on around the clock and maybe it will force Weatherly into doing something. We can't sit here and wait for them to decide who is going to come because if any one of us in this building or one of our family members needs an ambulance, we need to have somebody there. Lehighton has been coming up here and awful lot because Mahoning is not getting out or the Lehigh Valley truck doesn't have a medic truck around. They are coming from Jim Thorpe. Terry asked if they will have a truck up here then. Paul said no, they will be coming from Jim Thorpe if it's just us. Terry asked what that would cost us. Paul said they can do the membership drive. Susie asked would they do that or would we. Paul-They would. Paul asked if we got a membership drive from Mahoning. Bob and Susie responded said yes. Bob has his cards at home. Paul said he did not get one. Susie asked if he meant recently. For this year no. Bob said they run out February 28th. Paul-Lehighton sends theirs out for January because their membership drive goes from March 1st to February 28th so they send them out in January so that people can pay. They have it on their website that if you lost it or didn't get one you can go on their website and pay their membership drive. Susie-So they would be stationed in Jim Thorpe. Paul-Yes, Jim Thorpe, now if we can get Weatherly, would it force Weatherly's hand in designating them as the provider? Somewhere along the line, back when I ran Weatherly's ambulance, I did come to a township meeting, you guys weren't here. I went to a borough meeting and Lehigh and Lausanne and I asked them to put a tax on to offset the cost of the running of the ambulance. We were all volunteer at the time. But once we starting getting billing and everything, you guys know what that ambulance was like before it closed down, when I ran it. They couldn't put a tax on, the borough checked, I don't know who the solicitor was at the time, and they couldn't put the tax on for the ambulance because the ambulance wasn't owned by the municipality. It is a private entity. At that time the ambulance was willing to say here you go Weatherly, we'll sign the papers, you own it. We'll keep running it for you. They wouldn't do that and after I left there they started paying people to run it. You can't put out \$50,000 to have an EMT sit in a garage and not handle calls you know, that's what they were doing. I know how much money they were bringing in back when I was doing it. We were bringing in \$100,000-\$200,000. If we designate Lehighton, they are coming up here as ALS and BLS. ALS is the paramedic unit. BLS is without a paramedic but most of the times it's going to be a paramedic unit. The other option that Keith asked me to ask which I have to take to the fire company tonight, if they put a truck up here in Weatherly, if the Borough lets them put it in the old garage and we're able to staff it on the weekends or something so we have a truck up here all the time, but that would have to be ok'd by the Borough since they took ownership of that garage somehow and the EMTs we have around this area, are they willing to come back and handle calls on the weekend until they get the truck up and running. In order to have a full-time paramedic unit in this town, in Weatherly to cover all of this, Weatherly, Packer, Lehigh and Lausanne have to all be on board for this and then we would need to go after Beaver Meadows and probably this area of Banks Township so at least they handle the crashes on the Planes Road and everything. They have to have income and they are paying their people, they are all paid staff. The wheelchair people, their EMTs, their paramedics, they do everything. They started doing the EMT program at Lehighton Ambulance again. I went down

for classes and helping them teach classes. We cannot be without an ambulance. The ambulance is far worse shape than the fire company was and you know what you went through with the fire company and what it cost us to run that fire company a year. And we're volunteer at the fire company. The taxes are bringing us, what John, \$80,000 between Packer and Lehigh. Anything above that for our social club, the painting of the building, all of that was fund raising money. None of that came out of tax money. The tax money is paying for the upkeep of those trucks and keeps them available and ready to respond 24 hours a day. The trucks, all the equipment on the trucks is fundraising. The ambulance, they have paid staff on around the clock because the Department of Health requires it. In order to do that these days, you have to have paid people. And somewhere along the line Weatherly is going to have to have a paid driver for a fire truck. We have a good response with our people but there are fire companies, there're lucky if they get two guys to come out anymore. There's fire companies are merging. Bloomsburg merged 5 fire companies to make sure a truck gets out. The ambulance is down the same road as the fire companies is going. But they need the support and we can't have, and I know this from doing the fund drive at Weatherly ambulance, we have 1000 people in the township and 500 pay and 500 don't pay and take the free ride all the time. All of us have to pay. It wouldn't be right if everybody in this room is paying for the ambulance and all your neighbors, say I'm not going to use it, I'm not going to pay it. Just like you're having a problem with the garbage fee. Everybody has to pay. It's part of our community. We all have to support this. I recommend that tonight you vote and that we notify the Comm. Center that Lehigh is our ambulance service effective immediately because they might not even answer calls until April 30th. We don't know that. John Floyd-That's what they said. They are going to be limited on the calls they are going to be making. They had to give a notice of when they were going out of service but that doesn't say that they still have to make calls. So the County is dispatching them, they don't get out, then they are calling White Haven or they are calling up for Medic 11 and they are busy on a call. Bob- So Lehigh's ready? Paul-I talked to Keith, I asked him, I said I will ask the Supervisors to appoint you tonight. Because the fund drive is ready, if your fund drive is ready to go, I didn't get there's. They are pulling out April 30th, who knows we might have 50 calls until April 30th in the coverage area and they answer 12 of them. Do you want the call to your house to be the one they don't come on? And now 30 minutes into the call they are dispatching Lehigh to come up here because a Luzerne truck is not available. Terry asked Atty. Yurchak if the township can enforce something to make everyone pay something toward ambulance. The answer is no. Bob Selert responded that if you look at Banks or Freeland instead of everybody paying their \$115 a quarter, they put a tax on for municipal services and it comes right out of your property taxes, that way you get it all. The same thing with this here, we're going to have to look into this. In the meantime until we can figure out how we are going to get these guys so that they can stay viable, I make a motion that we appoint Lehigh Ambulance as our primary responder for the Communications Center to dispatch. Susie Gerhard seconded the motion and Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0 A letter will be written to Gary Williams and sent to the Comm. Center. Terry asked Paul about the territory of Packer Township. Paul- Carbon County has a District 20 PACK zone for Packer so Ambulance 20, which was Weatherly's old number, there is a run card for that township. The run card that says 20W for the borough, so they would take this township and make it Lehigh. The way things are going, if Lehigh is not available the County is just going to have to go next due because you can't tell them, hey, we want Tamaqua next, now they call Tamaqua and Tamaqua is unavailable. The dispatcher that is on duty they know if they, hey, we just called an ambulance out. They know who is around in their county and who might be around out of county. Luzerne drags their feet when Carbon calls Luzerne for an ambulance. Ok, we'll dispatch them. Ten minutes later they are calling them back saying they don't have a truck available. Why didn't you tell us that in the beginning? That is why we are seeing these out of town trucks that never came down here come down here because Luzerne is going further and further because they just keep going next due next due but all in Luzern County. They don't let Carbon know. This is a beneficial move that you are doing. Susie-So now they will handle the membership drive? Paul-The ambulance will. Now Keith said they are going to check. We have to check and see if Mahoning sent it out yet because Lehigh does not want to send a membership drive out if it was already done by Mahoning in the township and they are going to double it up because Mahoning is not going to be here. If Mahoning didn't do the fund drive Lehigh can work on doing that. If they did they will honor what was done. Bob-Can you let them work that out? Paul-Yes, Keith will take care of that and find out what they did or didn't do. You shouldn't get

two different membership drives from 2 ambulances. I didn't get one for this year, so that is why I didn't think they did it. I don't know when Mahoning's drive starts and ends. Terry Younker asked if the membership drive is per family or address. Paul-I think they have it per person and per family. Weatherly used to do it per family. That way if you get a bill, whatever your insurance pays, is what the ambulance accepts as long as you are a member. Just like what we are doing with the fire company. If there is an insurance claim we bill the insurance, we accept that, the Township resident doesn't have out of pocket money. The ambulance does the same thing. It is beneficial to use it and even if you don't use the ambulance it's beneficial to pay for it because they are going to go out of business if they don't have the income. It's just the way things are going. Susie-Paul, say for instance someone decides he is not going to pay his and he needs the ambulance, will he get charged for that? Paul-Yes. They will bill his insurance and if the insurance doesn't cover it, it's probably going to be a \$6000-7000 bill. You would be responsible for paying that bill. An ambulance, in the news, in the paper that, down by Lancaster someplace, people weren't paying their ambulance bill, not the membership but they would transport you and then they wouldn't pay the bill. The ambulance took them to court for theft of services because they provided a service and they didn't want to pay it, they took them to court for theft of services and they were winning their cases. That's why I suggested that for the garbage bill. Providing a service.

A letter from the Carbon County Commissioners offering an opportunity to present a "State of the Municipality" was received.

Bob Selert made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Susie Gerhard seconded the motion and Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

Bob Selert made a motion to sign and approve the checks drafted. Susie Gerhard seconded the motion and Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

Bob Selert made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Susie Gerhard seconded the motion. Terry Davis agreed
Vote 3-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m. A total of 10 residents attended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Stephanie Stolpe
Packer Township Secretary/Treasurer