

April 26, 2016

The regular meeting of the Supervisors of Franklin Township was held in the Franklin Township Municipal Building, was called to order by Chairman Dennis Howard at 1901 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Present were Supervisors Dennis Howard, Daniel Netzler, James Sachar and Steven Walker and Solicitor George Schroeck and Secretary Ramona Junkins, and Zoning Officer Ralph Breiding. Visitors present: Dennis Russin, George Plavcan, Jack Franks, Abbey Hudson, Bill Heald, Dave Demyanovich, Jim Carver, Diana Carver, Dave Dows, Bob Herman, Karl Ebert, JoAnne Markham and Raymond Junkins.

Dennis Howard announced an Executive Meeting was held on April 8, 2016 at 5:00pm in regards to legal issues (in attendance Dennis Howard, Gary Truitt, Daniel Netzler, Steven Walker, James Sachar and Solicitor George Schroeck and Ramona Junkins).

A Moment of Silence was observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Comments

MINUTES:

Steven Walker made a motion to approve the minutes from March 15, 2016. James Sachar seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

Steven Walker made a motion to approve the minutes from the ASA Public Hearing held on March 15, 2016. James Sachar seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

Steven Walker made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting awarding bids held on March 18, 2016. James Sachar seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

REPORTS:

ROADMASTER Report

The township has been incorporating limestone into road surfaces and is 75 percent complete. We rented a roller for compacting gravel for \$3,000.00 a month. Grading of all dirt roads is continuing. The Eureka Road pipe project has been completed ahead of schedule. Vandals continue to cause damage to signs and barricades at the construction site on Eureka Road. They have cost the taxpayers over \$2,500 dollars in damages. Please keep an eye out for vandalism and report any suspicious activity to the State Police. Get all pertinent information to give to the State Police when calling. Ditching will begin on May 1, 2016. 10 Ton weight limit signs will be removed on May 15, 2016. Bids were opened for Brooks Road pipe project on Friday April 22, 2016 at 11:30am. The low bid was BCK Construction at \$44,877.40. Dennis Howard discussed the Great American Cleanup Project that the residents took part in on Francis Road. It is sponsored by the PA Dept. of Transportation. The volunteer crew filled 14 trash bags, and also collected 1 dehumidifier, 4 containers of used cat litter, 30 empty vodka bottles and a 5 gallon drum of oil.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – James Sachar made a motion to approve the April 26, 2016 bill list for a total of \$44,189.92. Steven Walker seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

Payroll – James Sachar made a motion to approve Payrolls # 6, 7 & 8 of 2016 as presented. Daniel Netzler seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

The monthly recap was given to the Board of Supervisors.

PLANNING, ZONING, RECREATION, SAFETY, SANITATION/RECYCLING, HEALTH AND THE COMMON GOOD

Planning Commission: The minutes were reviewed.

ZONING: A couple of permits were issued and several complaints were addressed and have a couple complaints that are currently ongoing.

EACOG: The EACOG hosted a Zoning Hearing Board training in which all three of our zoning hearing board attended along with the zoning officer. The zoning hearing board all found the training to be very helpful.

ECATO: Ramona and Dennis attended the PSATS Conference held in Hershey. Lots of various classes were attended. Lots of information was gathered. The new website is just about done. The new email address is www.franklintownship.info. Any feedback that anyone wants to give will be considered. The annual ECATO scholarship dinner will be held on May 26, 2016. Anyone who is interested in attending please let Ramona know asap.

WECEMA: Bill Heald will be retiring at the end of June. The county is starting the new mitigation plan. Every county has to have one. It gets reviewed every 5 years. Each municipality must submit 1 mitigation project. (Examples of projects are, replacing one culvert with a bigger pipe, emergency generator or a storm siren.)

DRY HYDRANTS: A discussion was held for a diver to go into the fire ponds to inspect if everything is functioning okay. The diver will determine if anything needs done or if the fire pond is functioning the way it is supposed to.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: In March there were 5 EMS calls, 1 Fire and 1 Motor Vehicle call. The Junior Fire Fighters program at the fire hall has been terminated. All three background checks will be completed by July 1, 2016. The department is in dire need of EMT's. The EMS stipend program is currently on hold as there is something in Legislation in regards to how much you can receive and still be considered a volunteer.

Dennis Howard thanked everyone for all their hard work.

A discussion was held in regards to the fire department ordinance that was put on hold. Some of the Supervisors still feel that the ordinance should remain on hold as the newly elected board is still trying to figure everything out.

SOLICITOR: No business.

OLD BUSINESS: No business.

NEW BUSINESS:

James Sachar made a motion to award the Brooks Road Culvert No. 1 Replacement Project to the lowest bidder BCK Construction and Excavation located in Cranesville in the amount of \$44,877.40. Steven Walker seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the advertisement for a public hearing for Ordinance No. 2 Entering into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with the municipalities of the West County Recycling Group. Daniel Netzler seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

Dennis Howard made a motion to contact Ackerman Drilling to bail out the water well not to exceed \$600.00. Steven Walker seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The new website is www.franklintownship.info. Please go and check it out.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A comment was made that the minutes have a correction that got missed in the beginning of the meeting. Daniel Netzler made a motion to correct the minutes from March 15, 2016 that it mentions Benjamin Sitek Jr. instead of Steven Walker. So to replace the minutes to reflect Steven Walker and not Benjamin Sitek Jr. Steven Walker seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

A resident would like to see the Speed limit reduced on Fry Road down to 25 mph. This would prevent some of the dust. The resident gave the Supervisors a packet of information in regards to posting local roads at 25 mph.

A complaint was heard about the severe dust on Fry Road. It has become a health hazard as the residents are breathing in all the dust. The traffic on Fry Road is pushing 100 cars a day now. The Supervisors need to consider something for the dust control.

A question was asked when they plan on shutting down Rt. 98 for the bridge repair.

Daniel Netzler moved to adjourn. James Sachar seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2023 hours.

Ramona Junkins, Township Secretary