

February 16, 2016

The regular meeting of the Supervisors of Franklin Township was held in the Social Hall in the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Department, was called to order by Chairman Dennis Howard at 1900 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Present were Supervisors Dennis Howard, Daniel Netzler, Gary Truitt, James Sachar and Steven Walker and Solicitor George Schroeck and Secretary Ramona Junkins. Visitors present: Jack Franks, Dana Erdely, Karl Ebert, Abbey Hudson, Diana Carver, Dennis Russin, Cathy Fabozzi, Tim McCamman, Sheri Erdely, Ralph Breiding, Randy Lawrence, Dee Engel, Frank Servidio, and Bob Herman

Dennis Howard announced an Executive Meeting was held on Wednesday February 10, 2016 at 6:00pm in regards to legal issues (in attendance Dennis Howard, Gary Truitt, Daniel Netzler, Steven Walker and Solicitor George Schroeck), and on Tuesday February 16, 2016 at 6:15 pm in regards to legal issues (in attendance Dennis Howard, Gary Truitt, Daniel Netzler, Steven Walker, James Sachar and Solicitor George Schroeck).

A Moment of Silence was observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Karl Ebert commented that letter f under financial and taxes is still being asked for by the elected auditors. They feel this is very important and that the supervisors really do not understand where and how much money is really spent on the roads and cost per mile.

MINUTES:

Gary Truitt made a motion to approve the minutes from January 19, 2016. James Sachar seconded. Yeas: Gary Truitt, Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

REPORTS:

ROADMASTER Report

Been plowing roads and trying to stay ahead. Truck 5 did hit a car going westbound on driver side of the car. The township has been forced to close Eureka Road due to a culvert issues. Mike Hammond from PennDOT and Mark Corey the engineer has already inspected the culvert issues at this time. Everyone is in agreement the road is unsafe and should remain closed and we are working on trying to resolve instead of fixing now suggestion it to replace not fix. As no one bid on the gravel project we are looking at spreading some limestone. Gary Truitt feels the township should consider purchasing a compactor unit.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – Gary Truitt made a motion to approve the February 16, 2016 bill list for a total of \$18,969.03. Gary Truitt seconded. A discussion was held in regards to Crystal Lakes doing the semi annual inspection. Yeas: Gary Truitt, Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

Payroll – James Sachar made a motion to approve Payrolls # 2 & 3 of 2016 as presented. Gary Truitt seconded. Yeas: Gary Truitt, Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

The monthly recap was given to the Board of Supervisors.

The Supervisors reviewed the Annual Audit and Financial Statement for the year ended December 31, 2015. All reports have been filed with the commonwealth.

The elected auditors have again asked for the annual township report on the construction or maintenance of road or other matters to be furnished by February 1, 2016. The Supervisors reaffirmed with the treasurer no such report was given to the commonwealth as no such report exists. Ramona stated all financial information was given to the CPA firm that conducted the audit and maybe they do something but nothing is done in the township office.

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

Planning Commission: The Supervisors reviewed the annual report submitted by the Planning Commission. The minutes were also reviewed. The Planning Commission also submitted the recommended changes of Ordinance 2 of 2016.

ZONING: None.

EACOG: Still working on the website that is coming right along. A new Facebook page has been created.

ECATO: The next ECATO meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2016 to be at Summit Township at 7:00pm.

WECEMA: Has signed a lease with West County for the space used for the WECEMA.

DRY HYDRANTS: Might need to be looking into a diver for this summer.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The new board of directors has assigned Bob Herman as the PIO (Public Information Officer) representative.

They had an election of officers that was delayed a month, all but one board of director is a life member. They had a major issue at the end of last year with QuickBooks as the online version was used and somehow got locked out for a couple months, good news we are back in now. Background checks are now required by State Law that requires the PA State Police Background check, Child Abuse Clearance and the FBI clearance. There are no fees for the State police background and Child Abuse checks at this time. The EMS Plan which is ACT 37 passed in 2009 now requires a staffing plan for 24/7, a 5 minute response plan. We have an EMT in training now. Criminal fines now apply to EMT's. There were 7 calls for the month of January. (Fire - 3, EMS - 2 and MVA - 2.)

SOLICITOR: George Schroeck read a motion (see attached). Gary Truitt made a motion to approve the read statement from George Schroeck. Daniel Netzler seconded. Yeas: Gary Truitt, Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Abstained: James Sachar. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Ordinance 2 of 2016 was tabled until next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dana Erdely asked if the township was interested in the possibility of participating in a community day along with the fire department to be held in the summer. Discussion was held and not sure about monetary support as no numbers were presented but the overall census was for general support.

Resolution 1 of 2016

Gary Truitt made a motion to designate the county liquid fuels project for 2016 to be used for the purchase of aggregates. James Sachar seconded. Yeas: Gary Truitt, Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Township received an application for a parcel to be added to the agricultural security area. Daniel Netzler made a motion to advertise for a public hearing at the next supervisor meeting to start at 6:45pm on March 15, 2016. Yeas: Gary Truitt, Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

Ramona will be attending 2 day training at the public safety tomorrow and Thursday. So the office will be closed tomorrow as Ramona will be at the training.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairman of the Auditors David Dows finds it to be upsetting that it was stated the Supervisors rate was reduced as this is inaccurate, as the auditors gave the supervisors at \$0.10 raise overall. The second class township code it states the township shall pay for the attorney for the auditors.

A comment was made this whole argument is over \$40 a week and what a waste of township money.

A question was asked why the auditor's addresses were posted in the paper.

A comment was made about McKean township auditors set separate wages for each working supervisors based on job and years on the job.

A comment was made that an address can be looked up in the phonebook so they don't see a big deal.

A comment was made about the Township possibly keeping the personnel files for fire department personnel being kept at the township office under lock and key. Just give it a little thought.

A statement was made in regards to information pertaining to grants for the township and inviting Mr. Fosnaught to come and speak to the Supervisors.

Dennis Howard moved to adjourn. James Sachar seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2031 hours.

Ramona Junkins, Township Secretary