

March 15, 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: Abbey Hudson, George Plavcan, Jim Carver, Diana Carver, Denny Russin, Jane Pontore, Bob Herman, Tara Miller, Joyce Berry, Tim McCamman, Raymond Junkins and Edward Fosnaught.

Dennis Howard announced an Executive Meeting was held on Wednesday February 23, 2016 at 6:00pm in regards to legal issues (in attendance Dennis Howard, Gary Truitt, Daniel Netzler, Steven Walker, James Sachar and Solicitor George Schroeck), and on

Tuesday March 15, 2016 at 5:30 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.

A Presentation by Edward Fosnaught, Pa Dept. of Community & Economic Development was given on the various programs that offered. Some of the programs are the MAP (Municipal Assistance Program), a planning program, local capital road program, early intervention program and a peer training program.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Have you checked into a compactor/roller as mentioned in last month's meeting?

MINUTES:

Gary Truitt made a motion to approve the minutes from February 16, 2016. James Sachar seconded. Yeas: Gary Truitt, Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

REPORTS:

ROADMASTER Report

We put Eureka road project out for bid and are to be received by Friday March 18, 2016. The project is to be completed April 30, 2016. Gary Truitt made a motion to put out for bid to purchase a used vibrator roller up to \$40,000 plus a cost of a trailer to haul it. Steven Walker seconded. A discussion was held about renting one for a month to see exactly what we are looking for, and the cost of a new one.

Yeas: Gary Truitt, Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

Phone bids went out for the purchase of the air compressor. An air compressor was purchased on the bill list from Jemko for \$2595.00. Truck 6 has been torn down for spring and summer road maintenance. Truck 5 will remain fitted for snow removal. Light planning is being completed weather permitted.

Gary Truitt made a motion to put out a bid for a vibratory compactor roller for up to \$40,000 plus the cost of a trailer. Steven Walker seconded. A discussion was held in regards to renting one for a month to see what they are looking for. Yeas: Gary Truitt, Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – James Sachar made a motion to approve the March 15, 2016 bill list for a total of \$17,393.81. Gary Truitt seconded. Yeas: Gary Truitt, Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

Payroll – Gary Truitt made a motion to approve Payrolls # 4 & 5 of 2016 as presented. Dennis Howard 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.

Dennis Howard made a motion to warrant the tax collector June Shelhamer to collect \$261,466.49 for 2016. Gary Truitt seconded. Yeas: James Sachar, Gary Truitt, Steven Walker, Dennis Howard and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

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

Planning Commission: The minutes were reviewed.

ZONING: Gary Truitt made a motion to approve the Pontore Subdivision. Steven Walker seconded. Yeas: James Sachar, Gary Truitt, Steven Walker, Dennis Howard and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried

EACOG: The website has just a couple changes left to be made. The website is up and running the calendar on the new website has been updated.

ECATO: Class for this week is on the Dirt & Gravel and Low Volume Roads, and the next ECATO meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2016 at the ECATO School at 6:30pm.

WECEMA: Everyone has signed the Radio Agreement.

DRY HYDRANTS: Dan will be gathering more information in regards to maintaining the dry hydrants.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: In February there were 13 calls (2 Fire, and 11 EMS). All members of the fire department must have 3 clearances (State Police, Child Line and FBI), They have gotten help with the QuickBooks problem. They are still working on a budget and trying to recreate years 2014 & 2015 in QuickBooks. They have temporarily adopted the 2015 budget for 2016 so that they have a budget in place. Kevin Maston has been appointed as the grant researcher and writer. The EMS has opted in to the Erie County Collaborative Agreement. The department has been trying to encourage EMT's to respond to the calls. A stipend has been approved to pay the EMT's \$50.00 per call and \$25.00 for EMR's/EMVO contingent on getting the paperwork done as the EMT is responsible for the paperwork. Volunteers are significantly needed!!!! The department is hoping to implement QRS (Quick Response) and BLS in the future.

SOLICITOR: George Schroeck's recommendation in regards to the declaratory judgement as per the Second Class Township Code requires a meeting between the Supervisors and Auditors. He recommends the Supervisors set up a meeting with the Auditors.

Dennis Howard made a motion whereas the Supervisors wish to attempt to resolve the issue of Supervisors wages and benefits, without excessive legal fees to the Township, and to do so, wish to meet in an executive session with the Board of Auditors to explore opportunities for such resolution. Whereas David Dows, the Chairman of the elected Board of Auditors has written, in part, in a letter to Judge Trucilla that; "However, if the Supervisors were to rescind their legal threatening motion, the Auditors would meet them."

Therefore I move that we rescind the resolution requesting the Solicitor to file a Declaratory Judgement Petition and set an executive session with the elected auditors for a date and time at a mutually agreed time. Daniel Netzler seconded. A discussion was held with the Auditors about having it on Friday March 18, 2016 at 6:30 pm or on Sunday March 20, 2016 at 6:30pm. Karl Ebert commented he did not feel Judy Sheffer would meet on a Sunday but he was available on Friday evening. Mr. David Dows commented he

was available on Friday evening also. Dennis Howard asked them to check with Judy and call Ramona and let them know about having the executive session on March 18, 2018 at 6:30pm.

OLD BUSINESS: Dennis Howard tabled the Fire Department Ordinance 2 of 2016 while the Fire Department is reorganizing and getting the financial accounts situated.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gary Truitt made a motion to approve the addition of Parcels 22-11-032.0-006.00 total acres 74.26 & Parcels 22-11-031.0-004.00 total acres 8.74 owned by Daniel P & Michelle L Koman to the Agricultural Security Area. James Sachar seconded. Yeas: James Sachar, Gary Truitt, Steven Walker., Dennis Howard and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried

Dennis Howard made a motion to participate in the West County Recycle Day this year. Daniel Netzler seconded. Yeas: James Sachar, Steven Walker, Dennis Howard and Daniel Netzler. Nays: Gary Truitt. Carried

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the participation of the Edinboro Triathlon on June 4, 2016. Gary Truitt seconded. Yeas: James Sachar, Gary Truitt, Steven Walker, Dennis Howard and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Ramona to attend the PEMA conference on May 14-18. Gary Truitt seconded. Yeas: James Sachar, Gary Truitt, Steven Walker, Dennis Howard and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried

The Annual Fireman's Conference Dinner is coming up on March 29, 2016 at the Ushers Club in McKean. Please see Ramona for whoever wants to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A memo from ECATO was read.

A discussion was held in regards to Mike Cain wanting to know the process for residents on how to get Eureka road paved between Crane Road and the Washington Township line.

A discussion was held in regards to several complaints that were in regards to explosives and rapid gun fire for several hours going off on Eureka Road between Old State Road and New Road.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Another resident on Carbury Road has been using what sounds like a .50 caliber and setting it off after 11pm on Friday and Saturday nights.

Dennis Howard moved to adjourn. James Sachar seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2105 hours.

Ramona Junkins, Township Secretary