

May 17, 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, James Sachar and Steven Walker and Solicitor George Schroeck, and Zoning Officer Ralph Breiding. Visitors present: Dana Erdely, George Plavcan, Bob Herman, Diana Carver, Jim Carver, Karl Ebert, Tara Miller, Dennis Russin, Abbey Hudson, JoAnne Markham, Denise Benedict and Dee Engel.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

A resident asked about the fans making noise in the garage.

A question was asked about who is responsible and liable for the dry hydrants maintenance and repair.

A question was asked about what Ordinance #2 is.

A question was asked if we are allowed to reduce speed limits in construction zones as we are under construction most of the time.

A comment was made we don't need to survey or do a road study to post speed limits just contact Bill Smith from PennDOT.

A conversation about sharing information took place.

A question was asked about magazine housing for all.

A question was asked about the Muck boots on the bill list and if it is an employee benefit.

MINUTES:

James Sachar made a motion to approve the minutes from April 26, 2016. Daniel Netzler seconded.

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

Dennis Howard announced that the Supervisor's will be holding a special meeting to open bids for the purchase of a roller on May 25, 2016 at 6:00pm. It is open to the public.

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – James Sachar gave the road report. The road improvement project is still in progress. The Eureka road pipe project has been completed and the application for county emergency liquid fuels assistance has been completed. The guide rails have been repaired at Falls and Francis Roads. Guide rails have also been installed at both the Eureka Road projects. Ditching and grading will continue throughout the month of May. Ads have been placed seeking bids for the purchase of the roller. Bids will be awarded May 25th at the Township building. Brooks Road pipe replacement project bid came in at \$44, 877.40. The project will commence in early June.

A discussion was held on the culvert that needs repaired at the fire department.

Dennis Howard made a motion to have the township employees install the culvert that needs replaced if the fire department will pay for the cost of the pipe in the amount of \$337.20. Daniel Netzler seconded.

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

A discussion was held in regards to the application for emergency liquid fuels have been submitted to ECATO for approval on Eureka Road.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – James Sachar made a motion to approve the May 17, 2016 bill list for a total of \$123,975.01.

Daniel Netzler seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker and Daniel Netzler.

Nays: none. Carried.

Payroll – James Sachar made a motion to approve Payrolls # 9 & 10 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. Denise Benedict spoke about the bylaws for the fire department and that at the last meeting a discussion was held about the noise ordinance. We are looking into what other municipalities are currently doing.

ZONING: One zoning permit was issued. Ralph also dealt with a complaint about stuff lying around peoples yards.

EACOG: The EACOG will be opening sealed bids on May 13, 2016 for sign posts and culvert drainage pipes. Once the results are known we will have the amounts.

ECATO: Reminder that the ECATO yearbook and scholarship meeting is to be held on May 26, 2016 at 6:00pm at the Edinboro McKean VFW.

WECEMA: Several applications were received for the new coordinator for WECEMA. Ramona is currently a the PEMA (Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency) annual Conference.

DRY HYDRANTS: Dan spoke about the liability and the landowners. The solicitor stated there is no liability for the land owner. Dan mentioned he would like to start looking at and renewing agreements with the land owners. People working on them are covered by township insurance. Dana Erdely and Bob Herman did not pay for the installation on their ponds.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: In April there were 11 EMS calls, 0 Fire and 0 Motor Vehicle call. Out of the 11 calls 7 no one from our department responded to so West County answered them. The remaining 4 calls were responded to by our department. The department is in dire need of volunteers as over 20 members were present at the last meeting but most are over 50-60 years old. The fire department is suggesting having a Townhall meeting with pizza and brain storming on how we can get volunteers. The fire department is at a cross roads and does not know what to do next. The solicitor was asked to look into if the fire department can pay the EMT's without losing their nonprofit status.

SOLICITOR: No business.

OLD BUSINESS:

A discussion was held in regards to posting the speed limits to 25 mph on Fry road. Daniel Netzler will be looking into this matter more. Dennis Howard also asked the Solicitor George to look into this also. More definitions need looked into. Children going to school should be safe and neighborhoods need to be heard. Would the police enforce the speed limits? Bob Herman claims the school buses are the ones causing the most damage. Fry road is not the only road that could use speed limits.

The water well was cleaned out and now the water comes out nice and clear it is not grey water now. They did a really nice job.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dennis Howard made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2 of 2016 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 award the COG bids to the lowest bidder for each category as follows:
Girts Sand & Gravel Type C #57 Pick up \$8.50/ton or delivered \$15.70/ton
Girts Sand & Gravel Antiskid Pick up \$5.50/ton and delivered \$12.20/ton
Carmeuse Lime & Stone #67 Limestone Pick up \$21.74/ton and delivered \$26.24/ton
Russell Standard Cold Patch Pick up \$74.00/ton and delivered \$78.10/ton.
Steven Walker seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: A magazine (Housing for All) was sent to each Supervisor.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A copy of the Fire department report was handed out.

A resident spoke about an accident that happened several years ago involving his son and some of his sons friends.

A zoning hearing board member informed they would like to advertise for the Zoning Hearing Board to have a reorganization meeting on June 21, 2016 at 6:15pm after learning more from attending the training that was provided by the COG. Several positive comments were made about how much was learned at the training.

A resident recommends not grading the roads after the stone has been put down and rolled.

Daniel Netzler moved to adjourn. James Sachar seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2030 hours.

Steven Walker, Acting Township Secretary