June 21, 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 1905 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Present were Supervisors Dennis Howard, Daniel Netzler, James Sachar, Gary Truitt and Steven Walker and Zoning Officer Ralph Breiding, and Secretary Ramona Junkins. Visitors present: Dennis Russin, Jim Carver, Diana Carver, George Plavcan, Bob Herman, Sherri Erdely, Dave Guianen, Stacey Guianen, Dana Erdely, Tara Miller, Abbey Hudson, Dee Engel, Eric Karrfalt, Karl Ebert, Harry Bland, and JoAnne Markham.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS
None

MINUTES:
James Sachar made a motion to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing held on May 17, 2016 for Ordinance 2 of 2016 for Entering into Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the Municipalities of the West County Recycling Group. Steven Walker seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Abstain: Gary Truitt due to not being present at the Public Hearing. Carried.
James Sachar made a motion to approve the minutes from May 17, 2016. Steven Walker seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Abstain: Gary Truitt due to not being present at the Meeting. Carried.
Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting held on May 25, 2016 to open bids for the roller. Gary Truitt seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Abstain: James Sachar due to not being present at the Special Meeting. Carried.

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Gary Truitt gave the road report. Brooks road project has been completed on time and is now open. Application for the emergency liquid fuels money in the amount of $45,000.00 has been reviewed and accepted by ECATO. It has been forwarded on to the County for their approval. A hearing has been scheduled for June 22, 2016 at 10:00am at the Erie County Planning department but has been rescheduled to a later date as they have received another application for the emergency liquid fuels. Berm mowing will continue through the month of June. We have had several break-down issues and hydraulics on the Massey tractor. Ads will be placed seeking bids for road improvement projects including crack sealing and seal coating of Eureka Road form New Road to Crane Road. Seal coating of Falls and Francis Road to Russell Standard. State approved 2RC for Silverthorn Road .74 miles from West Stancliff to Twp. Line. Crack sealing seal coating on Western Trail. Pipe projects will begin in July. Expect road closings in various locations throughout the township. We do not expect any pipe projects to be overnight situations. Need approval to run ad seeking part time employee. Brine is very difficult to get. We are presently out of brine. WE will spread brine for dust control when we have it available. Reviewed various studies on various dust control polymers based on a cost per square yard. Costs averaged around .90 cents per square yard. Studies have shown a 50 50 mixed reviews of successes and failures. Prices varied depending on delivery distance and different companies. Cost per mile @ .90 cents x 12,320 square yards per mile = 11,080.00 per mile.
Reviewed the road survey that Washington Township has completed on Fry Road. The average speed was 31.82 miles per hour. The total volume cars was 675 for six days. Average cars per day was 141.92.
Dennis Howard made a motion to place a help wanted AD in the paper for a part time road laborer for Franklin Township. Gary Truitt seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt, Daniel Netzler and James Sachar. Nays: none. Carried.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – Gary Truitt made a motion to approve the June 21, 2016 bill list for a total of $130,291.42. Steven Walker seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

Payroll – Gary Truitt made a motion to approve Payrolls # 11 & 12 of 2016 as presented. James Sachar seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt 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 temporary and permanent storage units. Dennis Howard made a motion to have the Planning Commission look further into the section on Temporary and Permanent Storage Units for more review. Steve Walker seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

ZONING: Several permits have been issued; one was denied due to not meeting the setback requirement and will be scheduled for a Public Hearing for a Conditional Use.
A discussion was held in regards concerns voiced on the Vittioro property on Eureka Road. Dennis Howard made a motion to send a registered letter to the property owner listing the issues and corrective actions requested. Gary Truitt seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.
Daniel Netzler made a motion to have the solicitor look into clarifying whether the township has the authority to go on private party for safety issues/concerns or public hazard issues to document issues on private party. Gary Truitt seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.
The Zoning Hearing Board held a public meeting tonight at the township meeting at 6:15pm to reorganize. The Zoning Hearing Board will hold another public meeting on July 19, 2016 at 6:00pm to be held at the township office.

EACOG: The new website is up and running great.

ECATO: Reminder that the next ECATO meeting is on Thursday June 23, 2016 at 7:00pm to be held at the North East Township building. Daniel Netzler is planning on attending.

WECEMA: A new EMA coordinator has been hired his name is Andrew Jarvi.

DRY HYDRANTS: Dan informed that no equipment has been checked yet due to Ralph Brieding's tank has been recertified at the dive shop. They will be starting at one end of the township and working their way around the township.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: In May there were 6 EMS calls, 1 Fire and 0 Motor Vehicle call. Out of the 6 EMS calls 5 were answered by West County and 1 call by Franklin Township. The department has reinstated the purchase order system. The 2015 IRS 990 submitted they did have a penalty as it was not submitted on time. The department has one new EMT.

SOLICITOR: After the solicitor reviewing case laws, he has found nothing that says you cannot pay EMS Personal.

OLD BUSINESS:
Posting of Speed limits without a road study has to be in a residential area. If a neighborhood gets a petition together the Board of Supervisors will know what is really wanted on which roads.
A discussion was held in regards to dust control and what can be done to reduce the dust as this has been a very dry year.

NEW BUSINESS:
Gary Truitt made a motion to approve Ramona Junkins to attend the PAMA (P.A. Municipal Administrators) conference in August to be held in Pittsburgh. Daniel Netzler seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.
Gary Truitt made to motion to award the COG bid to Green Distributor as they were the only bid for the Drainage and Culvert Pipes. Dennis Howard seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.
Daniel Netzler made a motion to approve the township to supply a backhoe with operator and the purchase of (3) $25.00 gas cards with (2) gas cards to be awarded for door prizes and (1) gas card to be awarded to a Volunteer who voluntees to work for Recycle Day. Dennis Howard seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.
Dennis Howard made a motion to advertise on our website for bids for mowing of the training facility. Gary Truitt seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from Washington Township was received in regards to setting money aside for the 2017 budget for seal coating of Fry Road from Koman to Angling in the amount of $9,387.00 and Fry Road from Crane Road to Old State Road in the amount of $25,813.00. A discussion was held and was tabled for next month.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
A resident commented that they have lived in the township for 63 years now and it is time for the township to make a 10 year comprehensive plan for the road improvement. It is great that the township has been working on putting a base down now.
Can someone fix the storm door on the township building because it is backwards with the lock on the outside, can we fix it so it looks right?
Can we mow the ditches and the intersections back please?
Why is Franklin Township the only one around using a shadow vehicle?
Does not want polymer put down in front of their house.
Why has Franklin Township not applied for any dirt road grants through the Erie County Conservation?
Has the township put any brine down on Fry Road?
According to the Second Class Township Code Township personnel are not allowed to go on private property.

Gary Truitt moved to adjourn. Steve Walker seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2155 hours.

Ramona Junkins, Township Secretary