

July 19, 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 Vice Chairman Gary Truitt at 1901 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Present were Supervisors Daniel Netzler, James Sachar, Gary Truitt and Steven Walker and solicitor George Schroeck and Zoning Officer Ralph Breiding, and Secretary Ramona Junkins. Visitors present: Dennis Russin, Jim Carver, Diana Carver, Abbey Hudson, George Plavcan, Bob Herman, Sherri Erdely, Dana Erdely, Frank Servidio, Dee Engel, Eric Karrfalt, Karl Ebert, Andrew Jarvi, Curtis LeSuer, and Nevearin LeSuer.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

What was the check for to Girard Township that says for boundary road?

MINUTES:

Gary Truitt made a motion to approve the minutes from June 21, 2016. James Sachar seconded. Yeas: James Sachar, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none.

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Gary Truitt gave the road report. Mowing will continue throughout July. We have had multiple setbacks. The hydraulic deck motor failed on the Tiger Mower and the engagement cylinder has failed. Replacement of the Fire Dept. driveway pipe is scheduled for Thursday July 21st. We would like to surface treatment from New Rd to Eureka Road to pavement. Would need to follow up with a surface treatment in 2017. The cost for this would be approximately be \$37,074.00. Would also like to do a surface treatment on Silverthorn Road from Crane Road South to Twp line, with a follow up surface treatment in 2017. The cost would be approximately \$39,615.00. Would like to also pave intersections of Eureka Road north and south of Old State Road, Silverthorn south from Old State, Fry Road north of Old State. James Sachar made a motion to put out for bids the surface treatment on New Road to Eureka Road and Silverthorn Road from Crane Road South to the twp line. Also to bid out the paving of intersections of Eureka Road north and south of Old State Road, Silverthorn south from Old State, Steven Walker seconded. Yeas: James Sachar, Gary Truitt, Daniel Netzler and Steven Walker. Nays: none. Carried.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – James Sachar made a motion to approve the July 19, 2016 bill list for a total of \$28,442.80. Gary Truitt seconded. Yeas: James Sachar, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

Payroll – Gary Truitt made a motion to approve Payrolls # 13 & 14 of 2016 as presented. Steven Walker seconded. Yeas: 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. The Planning Commission will be working on the Comprehensive Plan and all the Supervisors were invited to attend the monthly meetings. The Planning Commission also made a recommendation to amend the Zoning Ordinance in regards the Temporary and Permanent Storage Units. Copies of the Planning Commission Bylaws that were passed at the Planning Commission were provided to each Supervisor.

ZONING: Several permits have been issued; along with a couple storm water management plans were submitted. Ralph informed the Board of Supervisors that someone has mowed the Vittioro property on Eureka Road the other concerns of safety issues with the doors missing on the trailer have not been addressed yet.

The Zoning Hearing Board will hold another public meeting on August 16, 2016 at 6:30pm to be held at the township office.

EACOG: No update

ECATO: Dan Netzler gave an update from attending the last ECATO meeting in regards to township officials attending the Erie County Planning Commission Board meetings and not many officials have been attending the meetings. Reminder that the next ECATO meeting is on Thursday July 28, 2016 at 7:00pm to be held at Raccoon Park in Springfield Township. Daniel Netzler is planning on attending.

WECEMA: The new EMA coordinator Andrew Jarvi gave the update, there are many concerns with dry conditions and some municipalities have enacted a burning ban, EMA is currently looking for staffing as if activated many volunteers will be needed.

DRY HYDRANTS: Dan informed that Ralph's equipment is now ready to go.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: All accounts are current. The 990 tax form has been completed but the department did have to pay \$3,800.00 fine. Manpower is a big issue. The department has signed up three new members at the last meeting. EMS – ambulance is will be up for re-licensure on Aug 2. The relief fund audit needs completed every 3 years, it is very time consuming. In June there were 10 EMS calls (1 Edinboro, 1 Fairview, 4 West County, 4 FTVFD), and 2 Fire Calls. Dan Netzler is currently the only EMT who is answering calls.

EMS- AMBULANCE: Dan Netzler is trying to let the public know how important everyone knows the state of EMS at this time. This is a statewide problem not just Franklin Township. Lack of staffing and manpower are some of the reasons the department might not make re-licensure. The township needs EMTs to go out on calls. Dan wanted to know what the public wants, options could include EMS leaving the fire department but that could cost the tax payers more money or getting more volunteers to help out.

SOLICITOR: A discussion on paying the Fire Department still working on if the zoning office can go onto private party.

OLD BUSINESS: A petition to reduce speed limits on Fry Road to 25 mph. A discussion was held in regards to what the speed limits are and if we can reduce down tot25 mph, and which is more important on Fry Road, the speed limit or the dust.

The letter that was received from Washington Township in regards to budgeting money in next year's budget. Steve Weston is going to address the letter with Washington Township as other issues with Fry Road need to be addressed.

NEW BUSINESS:

An Executive Session was called. Recessed at 8:10pm.

Called to order by Gary Truitt at 8:21pm.

James Sachar made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Application by Randall Lawrence of 7122 Old State Road, Edinboro, Pa 16412 for a side yard relief from 30ft to 15 ft. to build a single family dwelling. This situation provides extreme hardship on the individual. Steven Walker seconded. Yeas: James Sachar, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

Resolution 2 of 2016

Gary Truitt made a motion to approve the Small Flow Treatment Facility for Kevin King, 8240 Iair Wright Road, Girard, Pa 16417. James Sachar seconded. Yeas: James Sachar, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

Only one bid was received for mowing of the training facility which was JCE Services. Gary Truitt made a motion to approve JCE Services for mowing of the training facility grounds in the amount of \$280.00 not to exceed 7 hours. Daniel Netzler seconded. Yeas: James Sachar, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

A discussion was held in regards to amending the Zoning Ordinance. This was tabled until later in the year.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter/ Right to Know request was received from Auditor David Dows. Ramona asked the Board of Supervisors if she should complete the request for free as Auditor requesting information or as a Right to Know request which she would charge for. Mr. Dows asked for 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 for copies of all invoice and copies of checks for George Schroeck and Associates. Gary Truitt made a motion to charge the Auditor and process the request as a Right to Know and charge the \$0.25 cents per page per copy. Referencing article 917(c) form the township code. Daniel Netzler seconded. Yeas: James Sachar, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dee Engel wanted to follow up on the zoning complaint on the Vittiro property. She drove by and did not find the property to be that bad. There are two campers that have been there before the nice house was built and does not find any problems with the property, we live in the country for a reason. She also wanted to know about the training facility as it was used last month, and if it is used and someone gets hurt whose insurance is responsible?

A question was asked exactly what is the violation on the property on Eureka Road?

The Auditors are elected by the people and are very talented people.

Karl Ebert read a letter that was submitted to the Board of Supervisors. He also brought up issues on mowing on his and David Dows roads.

A question was asked about the property on Eureka Road and if they have a camper on their property what is wrong with that.

Gary Truitt moved to adjourn. Steve Walker seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2106 hours.

Ramona Junkins, Township Secretary