

August 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 1903 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Present were Supervisors Dennis Howard, Daniel Netzler, James Sachar, Gary Truitt and Steven Walker and solicitor George Schroeck and Zoning Officer Ralph Breiding, and Acting Secretary Denise Benedict. Visitors present: Dennis Russin, Jim Carver, Diana Carver, Abbey Hudson, George Plavcan, Bob Herman, Dana Erdely, Eric Karrfalt, Karl Ebert, Steve Weston, Tara Miller, David Dows, Ben Sitek, Cora Bartosek, Kim Bartosek, Joshua Uhlig, Gary Gebhardt, Dot Gebhardt, and Jack Franks.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

MINUTES:

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

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Gary Truitt gave the road report. The tractor has been repaired. Berm work has been completed. The Cross pipe on New Road has been replaced. The Cross pipe on Silverthorn Road South has been replaced also. Darrell Copeland has been hired as the new part time road laborer, he does already of a CDL license and all is going well. On August 27, 2016 Mohawk Road will be closed for repairs. The Fry Road paving next year letter is being sent to Washington Township and McKean Township for budget purposes. Bids were opened for the Surface Treatment and the Intersection Paving. The bids received for the Surface Treatment at a quantity of 19,038 +/- SY. were SuitKote @ \$3.40/SY for a total of \$64,729.20 and Russell Standard @ \$2.82/SY for a total of \$53,820.42. Gary Truitt made a motion to award the bid to Russell Standard in the amount of \$53,820.42 for the Surface Treatment. Steve Walker seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried. The bids received for the Intersection Paving at 9.5MM Superpave Wearing Course 1.5"depth for 113 +/- Tons & 19.5MM Superpave Binder Course 3.0"depth were from Russell for a total of \$29,980.02 and McCormick Bros. for a total of \$33,768.00. Gary Truitt made a motion to award the bid to Russell Standard for Intersection Paving in the amount of \$29,980.02. Steve Walker seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried. All the bids received were for the same work and same quantities of materials.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – Gary Truitt made a motion to approve the August 16, 2016 bill list for a total of \$29,541.00. James Sachar 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 # 15 & 16 of 2016 as presented. Dennis Howard 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.

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

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

Ralph sent out the registered letter to the Vittorio's. The Zoning Officer can only enter someone's property with a warrant or if there is danger. Ralph has signed 2-3 zoning permits.

EACOG: The Township is looking into being part of an exploratory project through the EACOG to look at some WIFI options. Once more information is received it will be passed on.

ECATO: Dan Netzler gave an update from attending the last ECATO meeting in regards updating the UCC Bylaws and inconsistencies in the amendments. A new ECATO logo has been created. A geotextile class will be coming up. Erie County Planning will be making membership changes to try to get more attendees to the meetings. The next ECATO meeting will be at the picnic next Thursday August 25, 2016.

WECEMA: Is looking at purchasing a mobile antenna unit. Albion is currently very low on water and will be purchasing water from Edinboro.

DRY HYDRANTS: Dan informed that he has asked Ramona to look at revising the landowner contracts. Hopefully soon they will be able to start checking the hydrants.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: There were 6 EMS calls for July. 6 Calls were answered by West County. There were 6 Fire calls. There are 4 new fire police. Man power is still extremely needed. There are 4 new members, 1 new EMT being Danni Robinson. The Engine and tanker are paid for. There has been Engine Maintenance conducted. On truck 722 the pump has been overhauled. The department has gone through a Relief fund audit. Erie County Council signed a Next Generation Contract with EF Johnson. The department would like to add a 3rd phone line. Coax gives free internet and cable to the Fire department.

EMS- AMBULANCE: The ambulance is going through an application for BLS and QRS certification. The ambulance has been out of service since Sunday following ACT 37.

SOLICITOR: George Schroeck and Associates gave an opinion letter to Ralph and an opinion letter on the fire department being able to pay for volunteers. The fire department is taking this under advisement.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A discussion was held in regards to Fire Grounds. The fire grounds are still being requested for use by other departments. Dan Netzler would like to spearhead the management. Bob Hermann said the keys are an issue. A recommendation would be to see a development plan with the Supervisors on how to manage. Needs to have a coordinator possibly, Dan Netzler would be willing to volunteer for the first 3 months with the help of Justin Williams 1st asst. chief. Dennis Howard made a motion to give a set of keys to the Fire Department for emergency purposes. Gary Truitt seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, Daniel Netzler, Steven Walker and Gary Truitt. Nays: James Sachar. Carried.

Daniel Netzler made a motion to form a coordinating committee for scheduling and management with Dan taking the first 3 months. Dennis Howard seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, Gary Truitt, Steven Walker, Daniel Netzler and James Sachar. Nays: none. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Dows – Last month's meeting notes states he asked for information. He stated the FOI Act and Right to know law. Some records were not given. The rest of the information was redacted greatly. I have a right to appeal and he has filed one. Mediation will be scheduled.

A question was asked on wanting to know how the residents will be notified of when recycle day is.

Thanked the road crews on the conditions of the roads. There is a a lot of material that is building up.

A complaint on 98 & Old State has garbage in front of Old State and varmints are coming out of it. He was encouraged to file a complaint with Ralph.

A resident commented on Intersections missing on Old State for over a month.

A resident commented limestone is looking really good on New Road and the mowing crew is doing a good job at the intersections.

A resident informed that the WWII reenactment will be coming up this weekend in Conneaut Ohio and it is free to attend. They will also have a shuttle taking people to and from.

A question was asked what are the auditors looking for? Trying to figure out what he is specifically looking for. If the auditors that were in place at the time were not sufficient. By law they are limited Sec 917.

Dennis Howard made a final comment "We will not have success until we get past the caustic and accusatory dialogue from all sides."

Dennis Howard moved to adjourn. Gary Truitt seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2040 hours.

Denise Benedict, Acting Secretary