

September 20, 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 1901 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 Secretary Ramona Junkins. Visitors present: Dennis Russin, Jim Carver, Diana Carver, Abbey Hudson, George Plavcan, Bob Herman, Dana Erdely, Eric Karrfalt, Karl Ebert, and Tina Skinkis.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

A comment was made in regards to a couple residents that live in Franklin Township that have joined the McKean fire department, we need to find out what is going on in our own fire department.

MINUTES:

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

Gary Truitt made a motion to approve the minutes from September 1, 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. Road stabilization projects for New Rd. and Silverthorn Rd. have been completed. Paving of intersection of Eureka Rd and Old State Rd and Silverthorn Road and Crane Road will be completed next week. Two calls were made to the Pennsylvania State Police for vandalism to road surfaces. PSP is now working with Franklin Twp to stop the rutting up of our road surfaces. We have several suspect vehicles we are watching for. The fines can be as much as \$500.00 for criminal mischief plus restitution. When caught we will prosecute. Anyone witnessing road damage being done should contact PSP or the township office. All info will be kept confidential. Final round of grading for the season has begun. We have begun working on the budget for 2017. The township attended an emergency liquid fuels meeting and the township was awarded \$20,000.00 reimbursement towards the Eureka Road Culvert application that was submitted.

Gary Truitt had a conversation with Dave Anthony from Washington Township in regards to Fry Road. Dave Anthony met someone from the Dirt and Gravel Program to discuss the possibility of Fry Road being a candidate for a grant through the Dirt and Gravel Program.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – Gary Truitt made a motion to approve the September 20, 2016 bill list for a total of \$. 44,023.55. 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 # 17, 18 & 19 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: Ramona gave an update on the Planning Commission minutes.

ZONING: Ralph and Ramona will be attending the quarterly zoning meeting to be held at Summit Township. Several permits have been issued for a zoning permit.

EACOG: The Township has been testing 4 T-Mobile unlimited data hotspots. If the township chooses to keep the units there will be a monthly fee of \$30.00 per month billed to the township for each unit.

ECATO: The next ECATO meeting will be held on Thursday September 22, 2016 at 7:00pm at Girard Township, in which the guest speaker will be the department of health.

WECEMA: Open houses for the EMA are scheduled for Saturday September 17, 2016 from 10:00am to 2:00pm, Tuesday September 20, 2016 from 6:00pm-8:00pm and Wednesday September 21, 2016 from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Trainings for the EOC staff are scheduled for Wednesday September 28, 2016 from 6:00pm – 9:00pm and Thursday October 13, 2016 from 6:00pm – 9:00pm.

DRY HYDRANTS: A few hydrants still need to be checked. Upon checking some this month 2 were found that need attention. One is on Mohawk Road North of Francis Road that pond looks like it has been infested with Zebra Mussels and they need to be removed. The second pond is located at West Stancliff and Silverthorn Road.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: There were 4 EMS calls for August. 2 Calls were answered by West County, 1 by Cranesville and 1 by Edinboro. There were 2 Fire calls. The Fire Department has had a multitude of meetings in regards to the EMS licensure. The board of directors for the fire department has sent a letter to West County Paramedics Association for a request for a quotation for BLS Service in Franklin Township. The fire department is still in dire need of manpower. Even Emergycare Ambulance Service is struggling with EMT's at this time. They are paying \$10.00 an hour and that is not enough, as they are still losing EMT's that end up going back to school to be a nurse to make much more money. The fire department only has 1 EMT in service at this time and that is Dan Netzler. A question was asked if the board of directors for the fire department have a plan B if West County Paramedics says no and Bob Herman said yes they do. The fire department board of directors can meet with a 2 day notice.

EMS- AMBULANCE: BLS Licensure is definitely not going to be renewed at the end of the month. The QRS Licensure is going to be close and it is hopeful that the department gets that but it still requires a staffing plan.

SOLICITOR: The Board of Supervisors did hold an executive meeting tonight before the meeting for the Solicitor to advise the township's legal responsibilities.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Recycle Day is scheduled for this Saturday September 24, 2016 in Platea at the former SKAT gas station to be held from 9:00am – 3:00pm.

Ramona discussed a grant opportunity for placing an Antenna on the township building for better coverage, with the COG paying for half of the project. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the \$1,100.00 for the installation of the antenna on the township building with the COG paying half the cost minus the 10% administration fee. Daniel Netzler seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, Gary Truitt, Daniel Netzler and Steven Walker. Nays: James Sachar. Carried.

A resident of the township is renting the fire hall social hall for a wedding and wanted to know if the wedding party could use the roadway going back to the pavilion as an aisle as they would like to put bales of hay down both sides. They did agree to remove all the bales of hay after they were done. The Supervisors had no problem with this and said yes to the resident.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A resident commented on the BLS Licensure and the fire department agreement.

A resident commented it is nice to hear the township is trying to do something in regards to better cell service.

A resident commented that the township has the right to raise millage if needed to provide EMS services.

A resident commented the township could get ahold of Millcreek Paramedic Association or Emergycare for ambulance service.

Daniel Netzler moved to adjourn. Steve Walker seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2035 hours.

Ramona Junkins, Township Secretary