

October 18, 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, and Steven Walker and solicitor George Schroeck and Secretary Ramona Junkins. Visitors present: Dennis Russin, Jim Carver, Diana Carver, George Plavcan, Bob Herman, Eric Karrfalt, Karl Ebert, JoAnne Markham, Dee Engel, Denise Benedict, Dave Dows and Stephanie Schroeck.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS None

MINUTES:

Daniel Netzler made a motion to approve the minutes from September 20, 2016. Steven Walker seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, Steven Walker, and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Ramona Junkins gave the road report. Final round of grading has been completed. There are several areas where ruts were spun up due to vandalism. The State Police were contacted. Trucks are being fitted for winter maintenance. We have been in contact with Washington Township about purchasing their tractor mower. Our tractor has nearly 16,000 hours and needs replaced. Initial cost to purchase Washington Township unit is approx. \$25,000.00. A new unit will be in excess of \$100,000.00. There is no agreement at this time. We did do an inspection of the unit and found it to be in very good condition. Exact purchase price has not been discussed at this time. Need approval from the Board of Supervisors to pursue this purchase further with final price to be approved by the board. Dennis Howard instructed for Gary to continue looking into the purchase of the used tractor from Washington Township. Pavement of intersections has been completed. Road stabilization projects on New Road east of Eureka and Silverthorn Road south of Crane have been completed. All equipment is being gone over for any needs repairs and winterized for winter storage.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – Steven Walker made a motion to approve the October 18, 2016 bill list for a total of \$ 118,878.46. Dennis Howard seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, Steven Walker, and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

Payroll – Steven Walker made a motion to approve Payrolls # 20 & 21 of 2016 as presented. Daniel Netzler seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, 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: No planning commission was held in October.

ZONING: Several permits have been issued and the property on Eureka Road has fixed the recommendations made Ralph.

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. Daniel Netzler has not had a chance to try the unit yet. He is taking one home and will report back on November 6, 2016 at the budget meeting.

ECATO: The next ECATO convention is scheduled for Thursday October 27, 2016 at Nick's Place in Edinboro Dennis, Dan, Ralph, Ramona and June will all be attending.

WECEMA: Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the WECEMA budget as presented in the amount of \$2,450.00 Steven Walker seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, Steven Walker, and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

DRY HYDRANTS: Daniel Netzler discussed zebra mussels at last month's supervisor meeting. Good news is it is not zebra mussels that have infested one of the ponds.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The fire department did give a financial report for last year and the expenditures. For the month of September there were 2 fire calls, 1 motor vehicle call, 1 wire down and 6 medical calls. 16 members attended a CPR class. Currently there are 3 members in EMT class. On November 3, 2016 Jerry Ozog from VFIS will be presenting on Building and Maintaining Relationships between the Fire Departments and Public Officials. The fire department also received a grant in the amount of \$12,000 for a Gear extractor (washing machine).

EMS- AMBULANCE: The Township has sent a letter to West County Paramedic Association to see if they are interested in providing BLS ambulance service to Franklin Township. The township has not heard back from West County Paramedic Association yet.

SOLICITOR: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: The Budget Workshop that was advertised and is a public meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2016 at 1:00pm.

The Township did receive a propane quote from Ferrell Gas for a locked rate of \$0.99 per gallon for one year. Ramona has called Harned but has not received a quote yet. Dennis Howard asked Ramona to add this to the November 6, 2016 agenda and see if Harned gives a quote by then.

The recycle day numbers were reviewed and 89 residents from Franklin Township did utilize recycle day this year.

A discussion was held in regards to a joint newsletter going out between the fire department and the township. A question came up if the fire department still had the bulk license stamp. Daniel Netzler made a motion to approve the newsletter if less than \$200 is spent. Dennis Howard tabled this until the November 6, 2016 meeting as more information is needed.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A resident commented on allowing the Auditors to do their job especially since the incident happened in our neighboring township.

A resident commented on the intersection of Carbury Road and Route 98 as there is a big hole on Carbury Road and wanted to know if some gravel fund money could be used for asphalt for paving that little section. PENNDOT does have money for paving why is the township not looking at them for some grant money.

A resident wanted to know what happened to the lease that George Schroeck was working on with the training facility.

A resident wanted to thank the road crew for the nice job on New Road.

Daniel Netzler moved to adjourn. Steve Walker seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2013 hours.

Ramona Junkins, Township Secretary