

November 15, 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, James Sachar, and Steven Walker and solicitor George Schroeck and Secretary Ramona Junkins. Visitors present: Dennis Russin, Jim Carver, Diana Carver, Georgia Hudy, Karl Ebert, Dee Engel, Denise Benedict, Andrew Jarvi, Tara Miller, Dana Erdely and Abbey Hudson.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS None

MINUTES:

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the minutes from October 18, 2016 & November 6, 2016. Steven Walker seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, and Steven Walker. Nays: none. James Sachar abstained from the October Meeting part due to not being present for the meeting. Carried.

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – James Sachar gave the road report. All the equipment is now ready for winter snow removal. We will do one more round of spot grading this week. Darrell Copeland the newly hired part time employee is going well. The flat tire on the grader will need replaced before it snows. Vandal continues to cause damage to signs and barricades at construction sites. They have cost an estimated \$2500.00 in damages and time. Please watch for vandalism and report any suspicious activity to the State Police immediately. Get the vehicle description and plate number if possible. Minor building repairs are being done before winter. (facia on south side of main building, air conditioner in main office covered etc...),

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – James Sachar made a motion to approve the November 15, 2016 bill list for a total of \$ 9,806.15. Steven Walker seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, Steven Walker, and James Sachar. Nays: none. Carried.

Payroll – James Sachar made a motion to approve Payrolls # 22 & 23 of 2016 as presented. Dennis Howard seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, Steven Walker, and James Sachar. 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 for the November were reviewed. Denise Benedict gave the update.

ZONING: The Zoning Hearing Board met tonight and signed the by-laws created for the Zoning Hearing Board.

EACOG: Will be hosting a training for Elected Township Auditors it will be held on Greene Township at their municipal building on December 6, 2016.

ECATO: The next ECATO meeting will be on November 17, 2016 at Millcreek Township building.

WECEMA: Started the process for the new hazard mitigation plan with the county. ACT 35 will be looked at in legislation in January 2017. If passed this could possibly mean big changes with unfunded mandates.

DRY HYDRANTS: No update at this time.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: There were 2 Fire calls for October, one was an outside burn and one was a structure fire. Georgia Hudy the treasurer for the fire department reported the fire department is in need of money from the township. The insurance, utilities and legal fees are all over \$31,000.00 and they are minus two fundraisers for this year. Georgia is requesting an amount of \$40,000.00 from the township to the fire department out of the millage collected.

Dennis Howard made a motion to transfer \$40,000.00 from the township to the fire department to cover the expenses as outlined this evening. Steven Walker seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar and Steven Walker Nays: none. Carried.

EMS- AMBULANCE: Three calls for October were made for EMS Services. Franklin Township showed up on scene to provide QRS services for two of the calls. Platea, West County and Edinboro each transported for the three calls.

TRAINING FACILITY: A gentleman did come from Harrisburg to look at and take pictures of the burn building. He met with Daniel Netzler.

A discussion was held in regards to a feasibility study being done on the training facility.

SOLICITOR: None

OLD BUSINESS: The newsletter bulk stamp is going to cost \$215.00 to renew it. The printing will cost around \$250.00 plus the mailing costs. More information is needed before the Supervisors can vote on the cost of the newsletter.

Dennis Howard made a motion to accept Ferrell Gas at a locked rate of \$ 0.999 per gallon of propane for a year. Steven Walker seconded Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar and Steven Walker. Nays: none. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: The EACOG budget was proposed for 2017. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the EACOG budget for 2017 in the amount of \$412.00. James Sachar seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar and Steven Walker Nays: none. Carried.

Dennis Howard made a motion for Franklin Township to pay the fee of \$215.00 dollars to renew the bulk mailing stamp permit for the Franklin Township Fire Department. Steven Walker seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, and Steven Walker Nays: James Sachar. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Township received a letter from the Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department with two options. The first option was to provide BLS transportable in the amount of \$500 per call, along with the insurance money received and paying for Workman's Comp. The second option was a long term proposal to take over all emergency services activities (fire/rescue/ems/fire police) currently being provided by the FTVFD. With acceptance of this option the Board of Supervisors and FTVFD would agree to the conditions listed in the letter.

West County Paramedic Association gave a proposal of \$30,000 to provide BLS transportable service to Franklin Township.

Fairview Volunteer Fire Department also verbally agreed to help Franklin Township with BLS transportable if we provided QRS and paid for the EMT on weekends. Then they would cover 24/7 for the township.

The magazine also was handed out On Common Ground.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

If a newsletter was available this would be a good way to get information out to the community about the fire department.

The township does not have the authority to dissolve the fire department or its assets.

Thank you for the work that was done on Eureka Road.

An emergency call was place the other night for a place on Rt. 98, 3 different agencies arrived, how does the billing go?

Last week a meeting was held here in the fire hall and the presenter was Jerry Ozog on not having the manpower.

Please contact your legislature to save the gaming funds and keep them locally.

Dennis Howard moved to adjourn. Steve Walker seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2006 hours.

Ramona Junkins, Township Secretary