

December 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 1904 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: Karl Ebert, Dave Dows, Diana Carver, Joyce Berry, Tim Gruzosky and Tara Miller.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Karl Ebert commented that he rejected the information that was taught at the Auditor Training.

MINUTES:

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the minutes from November 15, 2016. James Sachar seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar and Steven Walker. Nays: none. Abstain: Daniel Netzler & Gary Truitt due to not attending the November 15, 2016 meeting.

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Gary Truitt gave the road report. Several minor breakdowns in equipment have been repaired nothing that is out of the ordinary though. On Truck 6 it was the fittings and the hydraulic line and on Truck 5 it was a punctured outer air tank. The left side backhoe door was damaged while loading antiskid and had to be replaced. Snow removal has been difficult at times due to rapid changes in weather patterns. A reminder that there is a township Ordinance that prohibits the pushing or plowing of snow across the road. We will implement enforcing the ordinance as it is becoming a problem. Large mounds of snow have been causing our trucks to lose control. Any damage to equipment or to the road in any way due to large frozen snow piles the property owner will be held accountable. Washington Township has requested the use of the grader to help combat buildup of ice on certain roads. The transmission in the 1 ton dump truck is failing. The drive and overdrive are out. 1st and 2nd gear and reverse are still currently working. We are still waiting on estimates for either rebuilding or replacing. Plowing responsibilities for the road crew was discussed. A discussion was held on the fire department lot and the social hall lot plowing. The past policy was to make a few rounds clearing the bay doors and open the driveways for emergency equipment (this is not a problem and this policy will always be in effect). Although large shed is problematic and difficult to maneuver our big trucks around. We were never required to clear the lot for the social hall. It is very time consuming when heavy blizzards hit. The 1 ton will no longer be available in the near future and the big trucks are built to clear the roads not parking lots. We will reach out to the Fire Department to have them have a backup plan for the social hall. The township will continue to the best of their ability to continue plowing the fire department.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the December 20, 2016 bill list for a total of \$ 103,623.43. Daniel Netzler seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt, Daniel Netzler and James Sachar. Nays: none. Carried.

Payroll – Gary Truitt made a motion to approve Payrolls # 24 & 25 of 2016 as presented. Dennis Howard seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt, Daniel Netzler 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 December were reviewed.

ZONING: A couple new permits have been issued. The quarterly Zoning meeting was held in Greene Township on last Thursday.

EACOG: The last meeting was held on December 14, 2016. The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2017. Dennis Howard has been attending the meetings and they have been working on budgets and the audit report.

ECATO: No meetings were held in December.

WECEMA: The yearly budget was passed. Girard and Edinboro Boroughs have inquired about joining the WECEMA, a buy in amount has been added for any new municipalities who wish to join in the future.

DRY HYDRANTS: The Township did plow out the dry hydrants on the township property last Monday. A resident would like his dry hydrant taken out on Crane Road between I-79 and Fry Road on the south side. Dan will be taking Ralph and exploring what the options are.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Joyce Berry gave the update for the fire department. At the last fire department meeting the 2017 Officers were elected. They currently have three EMT's (emergency medical technicians), and one EMR (emergency medical responder) who are permitted by the PA department of health to respond to QRS (quick response service). QRS means that one certified person can respond to an emergency call with the QRS equipment in their personal vehicle. They then may join personnel from another EMS agency to make a legal crew for transport. Plans for the upcoming year includes a CPR/AED training, First Aid training, Combination CPR/AED and First Aid training in which those trainings will be open to the public with a special invitation to the township supervisors and employees. EMSVO (Emergency Service Vehicle Operation) required continuing educations credits can be earned by viewing training DVDs on drill nights and will be open to other fire departments. Joyce has agreed to serve as a tutor for students in the EMT classes in cooperation with Tim. This is open to students from any fire departments. The members of the Quality Improvement Committee are trying to plan a Health Fair for the community for children and adults including a variety of activities to take place in. The Quality Improvement Committee is trying to improve the QRS service. The chief and Joyce are currently planning training on the apparatus and equipment that they have. They will also conduct fire police training. Joyce is a Pennsylvania Master Field instructor Emeritus, and is certified to teach 30 different training courses including all fire police courses.

EMS- AMBULANCE: Tim Gruzosky brought in the QRS container kit which consists of 3 bags to show the Supervisors what all is required in a QRS kit.

TRAINING FACILITY: Daniel Netzler is continuing to work on this.

SOLICITOR: None

OLD BUSINESS: A discussion was held in regards to moving the propane tank. Dennis Howard made a motion to move the propane tank to the front of the township building. Gary Truitt seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt, Daniel Netzler and James Sachar. Nays: none. Carried. 4 people attended the Auditor training that was held in Greene Township.

A discussion on the newsletter was held. It was tabled as no cost of mailing has been presented and an editor in chief is needed.

NEW BUSINESS: RESOLUTION #4 of 2016

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2017 BUDGET AS ADVERTISED.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Franklin Township adopts the proposed budget for 2017 as advertised, including the Employee Pay and Benefits Schedule and recommends to the auditors that they set the Supervisor's wages as per the Pay and Benefits Schedule. The balanced budget totals \$628,137 (including one-time large revenues). Adopted this 20th day of December 2016. A discussion was held about differentiating between Supervisors that is an employee vs. part time as needed.

Dennis Howard moved to adopt Resolution #4 of 2016. Gary Truitt seconded and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #5 OF 2016

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2016 BUDGET.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the 2016 Township Budget be amended to reflect the actual revenues received and expenses paid from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 including yearend adjustments made by the Township and/or the auditors. Adopted this 20th day of December 2016. Dennis Howard moved to adopt Resolution #5 of 2016. Steven Walker seconded and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #6 of 2016

A RESOLUTION TO SET THE 2017 TAX LEVY.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Franklin Township sets the tax levy for 2017 at 2.7 mills: 0.663 mills, General Fund; 0.500 mills, Fire Department Fund; 0.500 mills, Municipal Building Fund; .357 mills, Road Machinery Fund; and 0.68 mills, Permanent Improvement Fund. Adopted this 20th day of December 2016.

Dennis Howard moved to adopt Resolution #6 of 2016. Gary Truitt seconded and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #7 of 2016

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT OF THE ERIE AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Franklin Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania that the Independent Auditor's Report for the calendar year ending December 31, 2015 is approved by Franklin Township, Erie County. Adopted this 20th day of December 2016.

Dennis Howard moved to adopt Resolution #7 of 2016. Gary Truitt seconded and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

A packet containing all the new insurance information was provided to the board of Supervisors.

A discussion was held in regards to plowing the fire department parking lot for Social events. If an event is scheduled for the use of the social hall the township is asking for prior notification to plow so they can plan accordingly. The township will continue to plow as needed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from CECPA was discussed and a couple dates are being sent out.

A discussion on a proclamation request memorandum that was received in regards to designating Jan 22-28 as School Choice Week. Nothing will be done at this time.

An application was approved by the Disabled Veterans for real property tax exemption certification for Mark Aulenbacher of Eureka Road.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The fire department will be having Ham operator classes held in the Social Hall.

The fire department is looking at possibly having a potluck dinner.

Dennis Howard will not be able to attend the organization meeting. He is still willing to act as the Chairman of the board and stay representative on the various committees.

Dennis Howard moved to adjourn. James Sachar seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2046 hours.

Ramona Junkins, Township Secretary