

**January 16, 2017**

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, Gary Truitt, Daniel Netzler and Steven Walker and solicitor George Schroeck and Secretary Ramona Junkins. Visitors present: Karl Ebert, Dave Dows, Judy Sheffer, Diana Carver, Jim Carver, Heather Stroup, Michael Stroup, Bob Herman, Raymond Junkins, George Plavcan, Abbey Hudson, Timothy Aldrich, June Shelhamer, Gary Shelhamer, Matt Kerr, Steve Weston, Cindy Weston and Tim Gruzosky.

***A Moment of Silence was observed.***

An Executive Session was held tonight before tonight's meeting to discuss Legal matters.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

The Elected Auditors informed the Board of Supervisors they did pass a motion to leave the working supervisors pay the same as the previous year and they will have something submitted to the supervisors asap.

**MINUTES:**

Gary Truitt made a motion to approve the minutes from December 20, 2016. Daniel Netzler seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Gary Truitt, Daniel Netzler and Steven Walker. Nays: none. Gary Truitt made a motion to approve the minutes from January 3, 2017. Steve Walker seconded. Yeas: James Sachar, Gary Truitt, Daniel Netzler and Steven Walker. Nays: none. Abstain: Dennis Howard as you was not present for this meeting.

**REPORTS:**

**Roadmaster Report** – Gary Truitt gave the road report, stating the coolant hose on truck #6 was replaced. The air brake chamber failed on truck #5 and was replaced. Severely changing weather conditions have been problematic. Several sinkholes and washouts have been repaired at various locations throughout the township. Washington Township did borrow the Grader to help with ice removal. The 1 Ton dump truck transmission repair has been completed by Obriens Transmission at a cost of \$2,619.42 it includes a 1 year warranty. High winds caused multiple downed trees on Francis Road, Eureka Road, West Stancliff and Shadduck Roads. Just a reminder that the plowing of snow across the roadway is prohibited. If you see your neighbors doing this please remind them that it is prohibited.

**FINANCIAL AND TAXES**

**Bills** – Gary Truitt made a motion to approve the January 16, 2017 bill list for a total of \$ 20,048.48. James Sachar 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 # 26 of 2016 & #1 of 2017 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.

The Supervisors reviewed the real estate taxes 2016 Settlement and interim settlement annual report from June Shelhamer.

Resolution 5 of 2017

**A RESOLUTION TO SET THE COMPENSATION FOR THE ELECTED TAX COLLECTOR.**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** and is hereby resolved and enacted by Board of Supervisors of Franklin Township, Erie County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors set the compensation for the elected Tax Collector at a commission rate of 3.25% on all monies collected, which shall commence the first Monday of 2018.

Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.

Daniel Netzler moved to adopt Resolution #5 of 2017. Gary Truitt seconded. Carried.

The Elected Auditors have asked for the annual township report on the contrition or maintenance of roads or other matters to be furnished to them by February 1, 2017 as per Section 607 of the Second Class Code. Dennis Howard explained that no such report exists.

**PLANNING, ZONING, RECREATION, SAFETY, SANITATION/RECYCLING, HEALTH AND THE COMMON GOOD**

**Planning Commission:** The annual report for the planning commission for 2016 was given to the Supervisors. Daniel Netzler made a motion to appoint George Plavcan on the Planning Commission. Steve Walker seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt, and Daniel Netzler. Nays: James Sachar. Carried.

**ZONING:** No Update.

**EACOG:** The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2017 at Summit Township building.

**ECATO:** The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2017 at 9:00am at McKean Township Building.

**WECEMA:** Girard Borough and Edinboro Borough have asked to join the WECEMA. Dennis Howard made a motion to appoint Andrew Jarvi as the EMA Coordinator for 2017. Gary Truitt seconded. . Yeas: Dennis Howard, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt, Daniel Netzler and James Sachar. Nays: none. Carried.

**DRY HYDRANTS:** Two dry hydrants need to be put out of service until repairs can be made in the spring.

**TRAINING FACILITY:** The FTVFD has been using the training facility occasionally.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Would like to request use of the training facility in 2017 for all Wednesdays and Thursdays. Kevin Maston is the new chief. Ham radio classes will start on January 23, 2017 and the classes are open to the public and are free of cost. The department met with the Edinboro Fire Department and it was a very positive meeting. The department is asking if it would be possible to park the fire trucks in the heated township garage the last Saturday of January due to a very large rental that needs the truck bays at the social hall.

**EMS- AMBULANCE:** There were 5 EMS calls, more people are still needed. Another QRS kit is looking at being acquired; this will help with response time and is estimated to cost \$2,700.00. The agency is looking at having a health fair in the spring of this year.

**SOLICITOR:** The Township has received a subpoena from the Elected Auditors in which it was not signed by a judge making it invalid. The recommendation from George Schroeck is to take no action on this Subpoena due to it not having a judge's signature and the elected auditors do not conduct the audit.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Dennis Howard made a motion to appoint Bob Herman to the vacancy board for 2017. Gary Truitt seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt, Daniel Netzler and James Sachar. Nays: none. Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Dennis Howard made a motion to approve changing paydays from Tuesdays to Wednesdays due to holidays falling on a lot of Mondays. Gary Truitt seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt, Daniel Netzler and James Sachar. Nays: none. Carried.

A discussion was held on a training coming up on the Ethics Act.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the proclamation designation the month of April 2017 as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month." Yeas: Dennis Howard, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt, and Daniel Netzler. Nays: James Sachar. Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A letter from Platea in regards to EMS services.  
An invitation to attend the Erie County Firefighters Association public safety dinner.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

Gary Truitt moved to adjourn. Dennis Howard seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1950 hours.

Ramona Junkins, Township Secretary