

March 21, 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 1900 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, Zoning Officer Ralph Breiding and Secretary Ramona Junkins. Visitors present: Karl Ebert, Abbey Hudson, Diana Carver, Dennis Russin, George Plavcan, Brian Cooper, Mike Sanford, Dana Erdley, Bob Herman, Dave Dows, and Steve Weston.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Just a question about how many township personnel are listed for PSATS on the bill list.

MINUTES:

Gary Truitt made a motion to approve the minutes from February 21, 2017. Daniel Netzler seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Gary Truitt, Daniel Netzler and Steven Walker. Nays: none.

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Gary Truitt gave the road report; the Massey Ferguson tractor mower needs replaced. We are nearing 20,000 hours and there is very limited amount of time left on this piece of equipment. Washington Township has not indicated that they will be selling their unit this season. Two front tires on the grader were replaced. High winds downed several trees throughout the township. Logging operations caused minor damage to Brooks Road, and a small segment of Francis Road. The logging company will reimburse the township for the repairs in the amount of \$250.00. The Grader will be out of service for routine maintenance for 2 weeks. Winter snow removal equipment will be removed from Truck 5 in order to start with road repairs. Roads designated for Improvement fund money for 2017 will tentatively be West Stancliff from Fry Road to Eureka Road, Silverthorn from West Stancliff north to the township line. The intersection designated for paving is West Stancliff and Fry Road., Silverthorn Rd at Old State and Crane Road, New Road and Rt. 98, New Rd and Carbury and Eureka and Crane Road. We are working with PennDot to resolve the issue at Eureka Road and West Stancliff. Salt from their trucks is being spread on our dirt roads causing mud and poor road conditions at the intersection. Light surface planning will continue weather permitting.

A resident called the township this afternoon wanting to know if Western Trail is in the budget to resurface as it has been over 20 years and potholes are forming at the end of the road. We will have to see what kind of money we have this summer.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – Gary Truitt made a motion to approve the March 21, 2017 bill list for a total of \$16,036.68 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 # 5 & 6 of 2017 as presented. Steven Walker 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.

Gary Truitt made a motion to warrant June Shelhamer to collect Real Estate Taxes of \$267,639.18 along with exonerations and interim billing. James Sachar seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt, Daniel Netzler and James Sachar. Nays: none. Carried.

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

Planning Commission: The minutes from the planning commission were reviewed.

ZONING: A discussion was held on a proposed controlled burn on a barn that is falling down on Brooks Road. There are no issues with the controlled burn as long as they call the fire chief at the FTVFD and the 911 call center.

EACOG: Is currently in the process of bidding out aggregate pricing.

ECATO: The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2017 at 6:00pm to be held at the Greene Township building.

WECEMA: A discussion was held in regards to Andrew Jarvi asking for a pay raise from the EMA.

DRY HYDRANTS: Daniel Netzler called Fire Control this morning and put the dry hydrant S12-03 at 10029 Silverthorn Road which is Denver Ireland's property Out of Service.

TRAINING FACILITY: Daniel Netzler has presented the framework to the board of directors for the Municipal Training Facility.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Bob Herman gave the update and informed the board that Joyce Berry is the ambulance captain, a founding member and a member of the board of directors. She has stomach cancer and is terminal. In February there were 4 EMS calls and 2 Fire calls. On March 8, 2017 there were high winds and the fire department had full crews out and running with downed power lines. Chief Maston has implemented heavy training classes. The blood born pathogen class was held last week. Skywarn training will be held this upcoming Thursday. The department will be starting a new fundraiser in April and will be selling a card for \$15.00 for discounts in various places. The QRS license is good for 3 years. The FTVFD general meetings are held the 2nd Thursday and the previous Monday are the Board of Director meetings. Both meetings are open to the public.

SOLICITOR: Dennis Howard made a motion for George to draft a letter and then distribute it to Ramona, for Ramona to send to the Board of Supervisors, in which if a special meeting need called then it will be to approve the letter. Gary Truitt seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt, Daniel Netzler and James Sachar. Nays: none. Carried.
George received a letter from the District Attorney that the elected auditors sent in regards to misuse of the Gravel Fund money. The District Attorney has declined to prosecute.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Gary Truitt motion to approve the Supervisors and Firemen to attend the Annual Firemen's Conference Dinner. Steve Walker seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt, Daniel Netzler and James Sachar. Nays: none. Carried.

Gary Truitt motion to approve the Conditional Use Application for David Osterberg Sr., for a setback relief of the side yard from 25 feet to 19.2 feet and a rear setback from 50 feet to 25 feet. James Sachar seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt, Daniel Netzler and James Sachar. Nays: none. Carried.

Gary Truitt motion to approve the Osterberg Subdivision plans as presented. Dennis Howard seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt, Daniel Netzler and James Sachar. Nays: none. Carried.

Resolution 6 of 2017.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Franklin Township designates Winter Road Maintenance 432 expenses and the purchase of Aggregates and Antiskid as the County Liquid Fuels Project for 2017.

Gary Truitt moved to adopt Resolution 6 of 2017. James Sachar seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, Steven Walker, Gary Truitt, Daniel Netzler and James Sachar. Nays: none. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Karl Ebert discussed the gravel fund and misusing the Gravel Fund money and that it should be in a separate fund.

Brian Cooper hopes we can resolve and figure out a way to help CECPA.

Gary Truitt moved to adjourn. James Sachar seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2025 hours.

Ramona Junkins, Township Secretary