

September 19, 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 Dennis Howard at 1912 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Present were Supervisors James Sachar, Steve Walker, Dennis Howard, Robert Simonelli and Daniel Netzler and Solicitor George Schroeck and Secretary Ramona Junkins. Visitors present: Diana Carver, George Plavcan, Dana Erdely, Eric Karfalt, Karl Ebert, Bob Herman, Frank Servidio. David A Dows, Ben Sitek, Abbey Hudson, Douglas Anderson, and Tara Miller.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Karl Ebert asked about a letter confirming the leaving of a Supervisor and not being owed anything. Karl also asked about what roads were in the original document sent out for bid to McCormick on the paving intersections. Berms were mowed on Mohawk Road except for in front of Karl's house.

What is the township doing in regards to the Abandon house on Fry Road, it is a safety hazard.

MINUTES:

James Sachar made a motion to approve the minutes from September 19, 2017. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Daniel Netzler gave the report stating the township is now having weekly road team road meetings on Monday mornings at 7:00am. The Road Grader is back, spot road repair has been completed, and the mower was down, repairs have been made and continued mowing. In the Monday morning meetings a discussion was held in regards to breaking down silos, not wanting to share information and Behavior Based Safety.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – Daniel Netzler made a motion to approve the September 19, 2017 bill list for a total of \$196,686.19. Steven Walker seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Payroll – James Sachar made a motion to approve Payrolls # 17, 18 & 19 of 2017 as presented. Steven Walker seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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 from the last meeting were reviewed. The Planning Commission would like to do a long term plan of what the needs are and tie them into the budget.

ZONING: Quarterly meeting is scheduled for Thursday at 12:00pm in Summit Township.

EACOG: Dennis attended the meeting last week, a discussion was held in regards to trail initiatives as there is a grant for that and for recycling of old buildings.

ECATO: The next meeting will be held is at Girard Township on September 28, 2017.

WECEMA: Still working on wrapping up the Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

DRY HYDRANTS: No update

TRAINING FACILITY: Daniel Netzler gave an update that Tim G. has put together some nice things for review from the committee. A letter has been put together to send to people who might be interested. The committee has looked at a name change as it really broadens and moves this in towards the future.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Bob Herman stated there is a structural burn class that will finally be happening on September 30 – October 1, 2017. Fundamental firefighter training is being held every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday through December. The water system is now 1st class. The fire department is upgrading the security system. No Bingo on October 11, 2017. They are working really hard with the VFW for the Raffle being held Sept 30th, the fire departments raffle is going to be Octo 21, 2017. The fire department has purchased an ID Badge making device. CECPA update the ambulance is looking good, they are still waiting on Medicare for ALS transporting. CECPA medic 4 vehicle is in the building. Dana Ederly gave an update from the Recruitment & Retention committee; they would like to see ACT 172 which allows for an Ordinance to be created for property tax relief or Earned Income tax relief for active members in the fire department. Dana would like to sit down the Planning Commission and discuss the possibility of creating an Ordinance.

The fire department has asked for more money but an email was received from the Treasurer who shared some concerns. The Chairman Dennis asked for a meeting to be set up between the fire department and a couple board of supervisors which will include Daniel Netzler and Robert Simonelli, Dennis asked Bob Herman to find out who from the fire department would like to be there and to give some available dates to have the meeting.

SOLICITOR: Would like to look into ACT 172 to see who all qualifies if the resident must live in the township and volunteer in the township to receive the credit.

OLD BUSINESS:

A discussion was held in regards to the Cafeteria Plan that was promised to Steve Weston and Ramona but is no longer available due to the changes beginning on January 1, 2017 with the Obamacare Plan. James Sachar made a motion to pay the cafeteria plan money that was set aside to the employees that are eligible who are Steven Weston and Ramona Junkins as allocated, in their compensation and have taxes taken out. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote.

A discussion on the new employee Joseph Grimaldi was tabled till next month as more information is needed. This was tabled until next month as a recommendation is needed from the Road Foreman.

NEW BUSINESS: Steve Walker made a motion to approve Ordinance 1 of 2017 Speed Limits and Traffic Control but striking Fry Road until the residents come up with the funds to pay for the speed limit signs. The project will start after the funds have been received. Daniel Netzler seconded. Reading the Ordinance it does not address the cost and the residents paying. Yeas: Robert Simonelli, Daniel Netzler, Dennis Howard and Steven Walker. Nays: James Sachar. Carried.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the 2018 EMA Budget as presented at \$138.95 a month. Daniel Netzler seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Cathy Slayton to purchase a trailer on Crane Road Erie County Index Number 22-012-025.0-007.56-6994 for a sale of parcel from Repository for Unsold Properties in the amount of \$250.00. Steven Walker seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote.

A discussion was held in regards to ornamental trees being timed in front of homes. Please call the township office and let us know as Ramona can relay the information in the Monday Morning meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE: Armstrong is looking at expanding if residents are interested they can call 1-877-277-5711.

PennDot Erie County: SR 3014 Old State Bridge Replacement information was sent.

Recycle Day is this Saturday 9:00am – 3:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Please take a good hard look at future projects as far as roads and what works best with the base, ex: New Road.

When did the 35 mph speed limit get posted on Fry Road that Washington Township posted?

Along with the house on Fry Road and West Stancliff the one on the corner of Route 98 & Old State is looking really bad.

Does the local fire department have to pay to use the training grounds?

James Sachar moved to adjourn. Dennis Howard seconded. The meeting adjourned at 20:42 hours.

Ramona Junkins, Township Secretary