

December 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 1914 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Present were Supervisors Steven Walker, Dennis Howard, Daniel Netzler, Robert Simonelli and James Sachar and Secretary Ramona Junkins. Visitors present: Steve Weston, Tara Miller, D Carver, Dana Erdely, Dennis Russin, Dave Dows, Karl Ebert, Maryann Mook, Bob Herman, Dee Engel, Frank Servidio, Georgia Hudy and Gery Nietupski Esq.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

A comment was made on George Schroeck bill.

A comment was made on the minutes from November 21, 2017 in regards to rescinding the vote.

MINUTES:

James Sachar made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2017. Steven Walker seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Steven Walker made a motion to approve the minutes from November 30, 2017 meeting. Robert Simonelli seconded. Yeas: Steven Walker, Dennis Howard and Robert Simonelli. Nays: none. Abstained: Daniel Netzler and James Sachar. Carried.

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Daniel Netzler gave the report stating the Monday team meetings are still happening, in those meetings a discussion was held in regards to driveway markers. The 1 ton is having plow issues. Some residents are plowing snow across the road and this is a reminder that is not permitted as it can cause issues.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – Daniel Netzler made a motion to approve the December 19, 2017 bill list for a total of \$61,851.29. Steven Walker seconded. Yeas: Steven Walker, Dennis Howard, Daniel Netzler and Robert Simonelli. Nays: James Sachar. Carried.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the Special bill list which pays check number 5122 to Daniel Netzler for reimbursement for mileage. James Sachar seconded. A discussion was held in regards to Schroecks bill and he was not present to answer any questions on it so the bill is being tabled. Yeas: Steven Walker, Dennis Howard, Robert Simonelli and James Sachar. Nays: none, Abstained: Daniel Netzler.

Payroll – James Sachar made a motion to approve Payrolls # 24 & 25 of 2017 as presented. Steven Walker seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. 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 from the last meeting were reviewed.

ZONING: Actively working on the complaint. Also now has the ability to input zoning permits online.

EACOG: No update

ECATO: No update

WECEMA: No update

DRY HYDRANTS: Trying to keep the hydrants plowed out.

TRAINING FACILITY: Lots of tours have been given. Several people have looked at yearly rental. The bathrooms have been winterized.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Last month the calls were 4 EMS, 1 Fire, 1 Search and Rescue and 1 MVA. 96 calls to date. Last night elections were held. There has been a mailing issue within Franklin Township if you have an Edinboro zip code then you received a fund drive letter from Edinboro Fire Department, please throw it away, same with Girard Township you get the West County Paramedics fund drive letter. Please throw these away as we should be supporting CECPA.

There was a tragic situation in the township with a missing person. This Saturday at 6pm is a celebration of her life. At 7pm is Mountain Thyme music and it will be open to the public. An update on CECPA was given and he issues that they have encountered.

SOLICITOR: none

OLD BUSINESS:

Steven Walker made a motion to prohibit Category 4 Casinos in regards to Act 42 of 2017. Daniel Netzler seconded. Yeas: Steven Walker and Daniel Netzler. Nays: Dennis Howard, Robert Simonelli and James Sachar. Not carried – Failed

A discussion was held in regards to Act Nov 21, 2016 P.L. 1509, P.L. 1509, No. 172 Cl. 35 – Incentives for municipal volunteers of fire companies and nonprofit emergency medical service agencies. The board would like to see if other township already have a drafted Ordinance and then send to the Planning Commission for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #11 of 2017

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED EACOG 2018 BUDGET.

The EACOG budget was proposed for 2018 in the amount of \$424.00. Dennis Howard moved to adopt Resolution #11 of 2017. Steven Walker seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

RESOLUTION #12 of 2017

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT OF THE ERIE AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016.

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, 2016 is approved by Franklin Township, Eire County. Adopted this 19th day of December 2017. Dennis Howard moved to adopt Resolution #12 of 2017. James Sachar seconded and passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

RESOLUTION #13 of 2017

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2018 BUDGET AS ADVERTISED.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Franklin Township adopts the proposed budget for 2018 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 including vacation and holiday pay schedule. The balanced budget totals \$644,906 (including one-time large revenues). Adopted this 19th day of December 2017. Dennis Howard moved to adopt Resolution #13 of 2017. Steven Walker seconded and passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

RESOLUTION #14 OF 2017

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2017 BUDGET.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the 2017 Township Budget be amended to reflect the actual revenues received and expenses paid from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 including yearend adjustments made by the Township and/or the auditors. Adopted this 19th day of December 2017. Dennis Howard moved to adopt Resolution #14 of 2017. Steven Walker seconded and passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

RESOLUTION #15 of 2017

A RESOLUTION TO SET THE 2018 TAX LEVY.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Franklin Township sets the tax levy for 2018 at 2.7 mills: 0.79 mills, General Fund; 0.4 mills, Fire Department Fund; 0.26 mills, Municipal Building Fund; .5 mills, Road Machinery Fund; 0.5 mills, Permanent Improvement Fund; and 0.25 EMS Fund. Adopted this 19th day of December 2017. James Sachar moved to adopt Resolution #15 of 2017. Daniel Netzler seconded and passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

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

Another Recycle bin is going to be added to make a total of 5. If the bins are full please do not leave items outside the bins as when they come to empty the recycle bins the driver does not get out of his vehicle, he empty's the bins and then leaves sometimes running over items that have been left outside the bins. This can create a big mess when this happens.

Propane rates were discussed for 2018.

Dennis Howard made a motion to sign a 1 year contract with Ferrell Gas @\$1.499 not to exceed \$10,000.00 a year. Steven Walker seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Daniel Netzler made a motion to sign the contract with West County Paramedics but to amend Article 12 striking the 60 days down to 30 days. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

A discussion on creating a policy on what to do in emergency repair situations was discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Jefferson Education Society sent a letter inviting the Supervisors to a dinner.

A resume from Diane Olszewski was given to the Supervisors in regards to grant writing.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Weston wants to know if there is legal action against him from Karl Ebert as Mr. Ebert keeps publicly stating against him.

Is there is a solution to finding a better office space as it is really cramped in the township office.

When is the bridge getting done on Old State Road.

Is there a policy written or unwritten about asking questions.

Mohawk Road intersection was not paved when most other roads were.

Can the township enforce the Ordinance about the waterflow from the property located on Rt. 98 & Crane Road as it has caused high water signs to be put up, and created dangerous situations.

Thank you to the board for the last year.

James Sachar moved to adjourn. Robert Simonelli seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2055 hours.

Ramona Junkins, Township Secretary