

**February 20, 2018**

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 1901 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Present were Supervisors Daniel Netzler, James Sachar, Dennis Howard, Robert Simonelli, Steven Walker and Solicitor Gery Nietupski and Secretary Ramona Junkins. Visitors present: Dave Dows, Frank Servidio, Raymond Junkins, Karl Ebert, Timothy Aldrich, Maryann Mook, D Carver, George Plavcan, Dee Engel, Georgia Hudy, Denise Benedict and Eric Karfalt.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

A question about an update on a zoning complaint.

A couple questions about bills on the bill list.

**MINUTES:**

Daniel Netzler made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2018 Steven Walker seconded. Yeas: Dan Netzler, Dennis Howard, Robert Simonelli and Steven Walker. Nays: none. Abstained: James Sachar. Carried.

**REPORTS:**

**Roadmaster Report** – Daniel Netzler gave the report stating the Koman Road project is still moving forward and the total of the Grant requested for that road is \$117,504.00. Two tractors with boom mowers are available for purchase. The township is still looking at them to see which one is a better fit for the township. The township will be looking at drain issues and road plans. Francis Road is currently not holding up well but it is still too wet to do much with until it dries out a bit.

**FINANCIAL AND TAXES**

**Bills** – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the February 20, 2018 bill list for a total of \$26,650.01. Steven Walker seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

**Payroll** – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve Payrolls #2, 3 & 4 of 2018 as presented. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

James Sachar made a motion that the Settlement for the 2017 Tax Duplicate that has been submitted by June Shelhamer, Tax Collector for the total accountable taxes in the amount of 263,280.69 which includes exonerations and interim billing. Steven Walker seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Daniel Netzler made a motion to warrant the Tax Collector to collect for 2018 Real Estate taxes with adjustments as authorized through the Erie County Assessment Office by means of interim tax billing, exonerations, and refunds. Steven Walker seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

The monthly recap was given to the Board of Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors were given the completed 2017 Annual Audit.

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** For the month of January there were 12 calls total, 5 fire calls, 5 EMS, 1 MVA and 1 wires down. They responded to all fire calls. One EMS call was not responded to but the Fire Police did go. They are currently hosting two classes: Hazardous Materials and the 4<sup>th</sup> module of Essentials. More classes are being planned for later in the year. They would like to extend a very large “Thank You”

to the township and the Supervisors for all the support and assistance they have provided to the fire department. They greatly appreciate all that has been done for them.

Jim Pyle – CECPA. The ambulance is very close to being in service. They have passed EMMCO certification to become a transporting unit. Just waiting on documentation to send to Medicare for the rest of the certification to be able to do ALS transporting. Jim Pyle (McKean Volunteer Fire Dept.) and Darrell Parker (Edinboro Volunteer Fire Dept.) and Jim Davis have all met to discuss McKean & Edinboro Fire Departments taking over ALS transporting instead of West County. Daniel Netzler made a motion for the Solicitor to create an agreement with the Edinboro & McKean Fire Departments and any other parties needed for ALS transport for \$300 per call. Robert Simonelli seconded. A discussion was held in regards to the boundary lines and if we divide the west part and leave West County Paramedics to respond to the west side of the township. Yeas: Daniel Netzler, Dennis Howard, Robert Simonelli and Steven Walker. Nays: James Sachar. Carried.

**Planning Commission:** The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. The documents the planning commission has been working on Bridges & Culverts and the Road Data documents were also given to the Supervisors.

**ZONING:** None

**EACOG:** Dennis Howard attended the workshop on Incident Management.

**ECATO:** The next ECATO meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 22, 2018 at Elk Creek Township at 9:00am. Daniel Netzler did attend the last meeting.

Dennis Howard made a motion that the Supervisors and Secretary/Treasurer are authorized to attend the ECATO schools. Steven Walker seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Dennis Howard made a motion that the Supervisors, Secretary/Treasurer and up to 5 firemen are authorized to attend the ECATO Firemen's Conference. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

**WECEMA:** The WECEMA is looking at appointing a new coordinator at the next EMA meeting, his name is Chuck Kanarr and his resume was supplied to the Supervisors. There was a special meeting held on Friday morning in which Ramona and Dan attended and it has been decided not to amend the bylaws at this time to allow Fairview Township to join the WECEMA.

**DRY HYDRANTS:** Still continue to have ongoing checks; some residents are doing a great job on keeping them plowed out.

**TRAINING FACILITY:** A little progress is being made.

**SOLICITOR:** Just day to day things.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION #4 of 2018**

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SMALL FLOW TREATMENT FACILITY FOR ELLSWORTH MCKNIGHT LOCATED AT 6365 WEST STANCLIFF ROAD, EDINBORO, PA 16412.

Dennis Howard moved to adopt Resolution #4 of 2018. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

**RESOLUTION #5 of 2018**

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ERIE COUNTY 2018 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AS THE OFFICIAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP.

Dennis Howard moved to adopt Resolution #5 of 2018. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

**RESOLUTION #6 of 2018**

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2018 AS SAFE DIGGING MONTH.

Dennis Howard moved to adopt Resolution #6 of 2018. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

A situation has presented itself that the township was working on a piece of Fire Department equipment and who covers the liability if something happens to a vehicle after the township works on it. The Solicitor is going to look into this and draft an agreement up for the Supervisors to review.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** MacDonald, Illig, Jones & Britton are the attorneys that handled the Tax Claim Bureau for the sale of property due to unpaid taxes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Does anyone have any idea how many residents belong to CECPA that live in Franklin Township?

An elected auditor asked about an updated ECATO book.

Is the township still considering the possibility of speed limit signs on Fry Road?

Daniel Netzler moved to adjourn. Steven Walker seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2035 hours.

Ramona Junkins, Township Secretary