

November 20, 2018

The regular meeting of the Supervisors of Franklin Township was held in the Franklin Township office, and called to order by Dennis Howard at 1900 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Present were Supervisors Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Daniel Netzler, and Robert Simonelli and Solicitor Gery Nietupski, and Secretary Ramona Junkins.

Visitors present: Todd Zonna, Maryann Mook, Bob Herman, Denise Benedict, Karl Ebert, Dee Engel, George Plavcan, David McIntire, Jason Kerr, Kathy Netzler, Tara Miller, Georgia Hudy and Dave Dows.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Did you budget any money to pave the intersection of Mohawk and Crane Road?

The Auditors should get a copy of the Treasurer's Bond when requested.

Is the gravel ordered from Tucci Penndot approved?

A question about the solicitor bill in regards to the Second Class Township Code was asked.

MINUTES:

James Sachar made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2018. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the minutes from the Budget Workshops. Daniel Netzler seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Daniel Netzler made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special meeting held on October 30, 2018. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the minutes from the Curative Amendment hearing. James Sachar seconded. Yay: Robert Simonelli and James Sachar. Nay: None. Abstain: Dennis Howard and Daniel Netzler. The motion does not pass.

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – The trucks have been dressed for snow. We picked up the new Mack Truck from Summit Township on Friday, it is now in the shop getting looked over. Most of the Supervisors were present for the special to bid on the millings. We did not get the millings but we did buy the Mack truck from Summit Township.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – Daniel Netzler made a motion to approve the November 20, 2018 bill list for a total of \$143,557.91. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the Supervisors Bill List for November 20, 2018 for a total of \$23.98. Robert Simonelli seconded. Yeas: James Sachar, Dennis Howard and Robert Simonelli.

Nay: None. Abstain: Daniel Netzler. Carried.

Payroll – Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Payrolls #22 & 23 of 2018 as presented. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

The monthly recap was given to the Board of Supervisors.

Dennis Howard announced during the budget workshops, we held the line on property taxes. The budget is balanced with no tax increase. James Sachar made a motion to advertise the proposed balance budget for 2019. Daniel Netzler seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Reviewed the minutes.

ZONING: Ralph has stopped at the location doing the logging on Route 98 to see if they have obtained a permit. He is still working on this.

DRY HYDRANTS: The firemen are continuing to check them.

TRAINING FACILITY: Did consider a significant change to the way it has been going. Robert has spoken with a couple different municipalities about the possibility of forming a West County Association for West county fire departments and municipalities, with everyone signing a lease as they are responsible for providing of Emergency Services. Robert Simonelli made a motion to pursue a formation of a West County Committee consisting of Fire Departments to essentially but not exclusive to West County for the possibility of applying for grants for the Training Facility. Daniel Netzler seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: During the last month we had a very successful gun raffle. We have a designer purse bingo coming up on December 2, 2018. We have a lot of training activities planned in the upcoming future. Could the Township possibly fill some of the deep potholes for the fire department at the end of the driveway. We are also asking if the Township if they will snowplow as they did last year.

SOLICITOR: Has helped with drafting some Ordinances, looked at parts of the Zoning Ordinance. I took part in the millings meeting that was held at the end of October. It has been a busy month.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Ordinance 1 of 2018 amending the SALDO Ordinance. James Sachar. Robert Simonelli started asking some questions about the current SALDO Ordinance. This Ordinance was tabled until next month for more review.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Ordinance 2 of 2018 amending the Stormwater Management Ordinance. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Dennis Howard tabled Ordinance 3 of 2018 as it goes along with Ordinance 1 of 2018.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the Conditional Use for Jason Kerr for a side yard relief to 16'. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Resolution 11 of 2018. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 11 of 2018, Approve the Annual Budget of the Erie Area Council of Governments for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2019. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Resolution 12 of 2018. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 12 of 2018, Amendment to the By-Laws of the Erie Area Council of Governments. Daniel Netzler seconded.

Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

A discussion was held on the possibility of getting millings.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Millcreek Township has adopted tax reduction Fire Department members; we would like to ask the Supervisors to consider something like this for our community.

Dennis Howard moved to adjourn. James Sachar seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1953 hours.

Ramona Junkins, Township Secretary