

June 18, 2019

The regular meeting of the Supervisors of Franklin Township was held in the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall, and called to order by James Sachar at 1910 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Present were Supervisors James Sachar, Daniel Netzler and Robert Simonelli and Solicitor Gery Nietupski.

Visitors present: Robert Leider (Lake Erie Traffic), Tim Gruzosky, Dee Engel, Bill Taylor, Mill Hill. Bob Soltis, Ben Sitek, Karl Ebert, George Plavcan, Tara Miller and Denise Benedict.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

MINUTES:

Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on May 21, 2019. Daniel Netzler seconded. Yea: Robert Simonelli, Daniel Netzler. Nay: none. Abstained: James Sachar. Carried.

Daniel Netzler made a motion to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing/Meeting on June 7, 2019. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Daniel Netzler stated that the Alcohol test strips that was voted on last year have been ordered. The Koman Road Project is getting close to being wrapped up. Bill and I rode around on 6/10/2019 to complete road inspections and look at various issues. We looked at a couple cross pipes that are very concerning, some of these the other Supervisors should be aware of. Monday morning meetings are designed for setting up the daily work for the week & to discuss any road concerns. Any Supervisors that have any concerns should either come to the Monday morning meetings or submit something to me to address at the meetings as this is when the plan is set up for the week. We have completed maintenance on various pieces of equipment. State Inspections have been completed on Trucks 5, 6 and the new Mack. We have installed a new cross pipe on New Road & were mostly completed in one day. Everything on the East side has been Graded at least once. Dust control has been applied on Eureka, West Stancliff and Fry Roads. I went to Conneautville to look at a Soy Bean Oil sample for dust control. That would be used for dust control & road stabilization on a boundary road with Elk Creek Township per their request. The cost is between \$2.15 - \$2.60/ gallon or up to \$2.75/gallon spread. The Grader has been needing maintenance but it is getting hard and almost impossible to find the parts for. The Road Foreman has looked into renting a mini excavator for a month to try to get more ditching completed. As it would work faster and more convenient than the Backhoe. We need to start to seriously look at some of our equipment and look at how much maintenance needs completed.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – James Sachar made a motion to approve the June 7, 2019 bill list with the exception of check # 1471 for a work boot reimbursement for a total of \$36,901.44. Daniel Netzler seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

James Sachar made a motion to approve the June 18, 2019 Supervisors bill list for Dennis Howard for a total of \$47.30 & Netzler Service & Repair for a total of \$67.00 & Dan Netzler for a total of \$28.42. Robert Simonelli seconded. Yea: James Sachar, Robert Simonelli. Daniel Netzler Abstained. Carried.

Payroll – James Sachar made a motion to approve Payrolls #11 & 12 of 2019 as presented. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

The monthly recap was given to the Board of Supervisors.

PLANNING COMMISSION: There was no meeting due to lack of an agenda.

ZONING: None

EACOG: None

ECATO: None

WECEMA: None

DRY HYDRANTS: None

TRAINING FACILITY: Tim Gruzosky is booking more tours for revenue. Bob Simonelli discussed giving tours also as there is no funding and money needs to be brought in.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: None

SR 6: Daniel referred to page 21 and read level 4.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION: Dan has been attending the meetings, and the chairman of the Millcreek Fire & Emergency Services attended the meeting and explained how the committee started and gave a brief background. They put 6 different proposals together and the one that was recommended to Millcreek Township was to create districts with one Fire Chief over the district.

SOLICITOR: Discussed a guide for the Training Facility use. Please review with changes and comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

The EMS & Fire Department contracts are still being reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Opened Sealed Bids for Seal Coating.

Russell Standard was \$32,168 & Suit-Kote was \$32,547.

James Sachar made a motion to award the Seal Coating Project for Eureka Road to Russell Standard in the amount of \$32,168.00. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Elk Creek Township wanted to discuss dust control for Ivoray Road from Crane Road to Carbury Road. Bill would like to top with soybean oil as Spring Township has been using it in Crawford County it has good drying time and would like to experiment on the road. It would be a 50/50 cost share as one application is supposed to last for around a year. The Supervisors opened to discussion to possibly try new ways.

A discussion was held on what to do next with the Brine Truck. The discussion was in regards to the cost of repairs versus replacing it. The discussion was that the truck is not inspected, Robert asked if it needs to be, James stated he is not sure as it is limited use or possible an exemption vehicle but he will look into this.

Dan Netzler brought up that he feels Alfred Smith and Bill Russin both deserve pay raises. Bill Russin as Road Foreman is only currently making \$0.26 more an hour than Joe the Senior Laborer. Daniel Netzler made a motion to increase the Road Forman from \$19/hour to \$20/hour. Robert Simonelli seconded. A discussion was held James Sachar stated we already pay 3 full time and 2 part time road employees now, Daniel stated Bill took \$3.00/hour cut to come work here and it has been 90 days now. James said Bill lacks experience, Robert said he is still on probation but we do need to keep him happy as we are in our busy season. Daniel said Bill is not a slacker and he motivates the crew. James feels he does not need a raise for at least another 30 days. Yea: Robert Simonelli, Daniel Netzler. Nay: James Sachar. Carried.

A discussion on the copier being out of contract was held. Daniel Netzler made a motion to approve the lease agreement with Ford Business Machines to include color copies at 30 ppm. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Ben Sitek Jr. has volunteered to step in as a Supervisor until the end of the year. Daniel Netzler made a motion to appoint Benjamin Sitek Jr. to fill the open Supervisor seat for the rest of the year. Robert Simonelli seconded. James Sachar stated the Board did not appoint anyone in the 30 day window so it goes to the vacancy board. Attorney Gery Nietupski stated the time frame has been passed and now if Mr. Sitek would like he could petition the court. Ben Sitek Jr. stated he would be willing to serve for no money, he is still certified with the Dirt & Road program and he is willing to do this till the end of the year. Attorney Gery Nietupski stated it is up to the Supervisors he would represent if it were challenged to fill the vacancy for the short term. Yea: Daniel Netzler. Nay: James Sachar, Robert Simonelli. The motion did NOT pass. It was decided to put on next month's agenda when the full Board of Supervisors is present. Robert Leider from Lake Erie Traffic Control (the old Russell Standard) wanted to ask about signs on Falls Road. He is requesting R5 -2-3 36m local delivery only signs so the drivers are not confused to come down the road to deliver. They are willing to donate and inspect the signs whatever the township decides. He is willing to schedule deliveries to what the board would like. James Sachar made a motion to put up local delivery only signs. Daniel Netzler seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried. Daniel Netzler brought up he has been looking at a mini excavator, it goes for \$65/hour. Daniel would like to rent one and test how much of the ditches they can complete versus using a backhoe to do the ditching. Daniel Netzler made the motion to rent a mini excavator in the amount of up to \$1,500 and use Liquid Fuels money to pay for it. Robert Simonelli seconded. James Sachar stated we don't have the money to employ 6 people at once. Yea: Daniel Netzler, Robert Simonelli. Nay: James Sachar. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Received a thank you card from the Edinboro Triathlon

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Thank you to Daniel Netzler for getting the State to fix Hollabough's driveway approach.

A question was asked about Seal Coating Eureka road.

Wanted to say Bill Russin is going a fine job.

Concerns about upper Silverthorn Road and the culvert on Silverthorn Road.

Concerns about New Road.

Concerns about ditching.

Daniel Netzler to adjourn. James Sachar seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2030 hours.

Denise Benedict, Acting Temporary Secretary