

October 15, 2019

The regular meeting of the Supervisors of Franklin Township was held in the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall, was 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, Secretary Ramona Junkins.

Visitors present: Tara Miller, Alan Hauser, Brian Alicea, George Plavcan, Kevin Henry, Frank Servidio, Barbara Kantz, James Carver, Maryann Mook, Christine Mahany, Todd Zonna, Robert Soltis, Karl Ebert, Georgia Hudy, Denise Benedict, Dee Engel.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

Dennis announced there was an executive meeting held on September 30, 2019.

Christine Mahany from the Erie County Land bank gave a presentation about what the land bank can do for the community. They deal with vacant, abandoned property, they receive \$1,000,000 a year from Gaming Revenue. The properties that can participate are either donated to the program or accumulated through the tax sales.

Barbara Kantz also spoke regarding budgeting for the 2020 and the municipal building flowers. She is willing to continue donating the flowers and the upkeep to the flowers if we will please consider repair/replace the wood around the FT sign, ideally making it a bit deeper. Repair/replace existing landscape timbers on the west side of the building. Secure outdoor, weather lasting brown and yellow paint for the FT sign, she is volunteering to paint it, she will also paint the existing cement planter currently there and the new ones with the same brown paint. Add landscape timers to the south sides of the building where the cement pots are currently located. Add two large truck/tractor tires (currently laying in the field) as planters to the right side of the door. (If the tires are gone then can use 3 more cement planters.) 2 Loads of natural mulch (not dyed) and large stones piled somewhere for use around the mailbox and the Verizon box out front.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Can the website please be updated with the Monthly Financial Recaps.

MINUTES:

Daniel Netzler made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on September 17, 2019. Dennis Howard seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, Daniel Netzler, Robert Simonelli. Nay: None. Abstained: James Sachar. Carried

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Daniel Netzler stated that vehicle maintenance is ongoing, the road crew is getting equipment ready for winter, some defects have been found in our current tires, in which one was in the steering tire. We have had some issues with the Grader of the 4 hubs on the rear drive 2 hubs on the rear drive are leaking 1 of them has a tremendous amount of play on the right front. One of the drive tires on Truck 5 had sidewall damage into the cord. The Athey Loader tires were replaced after it had a tire blowout and it took several hours to replace it. All the antiskid that was ordered has been delivered which was 1,000 tons. A sample of 2A slag that we got was used to experiment with the potholes in the driveway between the fire department parking lot heading towards the Recycle bins.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – Daniel Netzler made a motion to approve the October 15, 2019 bill list for a total of \$56,882.74. Robert Simonelli seconded. A discussion was held regards to the purchase of tires. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the October 15, 2019 bill list for Supervisors for Daniel Netzler in the amount of \$5.80. Robert Simonelli seconded. Yeas: James Sachar, Dennis Howard, Robert Simonelli. Nays: None. Abstained: Daniel Netzler. Carried.

Payroll – James Sachar made a motion to approve Payrolls #20, & 21 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: The minutes were reviewed.

ZONING: We did a couple zoning permits, one complaint on Gudgeonville Road. I spoke with the landowner and he is going to work on this. I have received a couple more complaints about cars.

EACOG: None

ECATO: The meeting is next Friday at the VFW for the convention.

WECEMA: None

TRAINING FACILITY: The solicitor sent Sadsbury the contract, they had a couple questions about the contract.

EMS REPORT: Tim Gruzosky stated the QRS is relicensed for 3 more years. He brought the QRS bags out to show everyone what they look like. WE have 1 more EMT but he lives in Millcreek. A staffing plan was approved by EMMCO.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Are answering the calls, still short staffed. The Gun Raffle is coming up on Saturday October 26, 2019.

SOLICITOR: We had a right to know request for a wage format that our township does not have. Tomorrow will be a conference call with mediation.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Supervisors reviewed of the Recycle Day numbers from 2019.

NEW BUSINESS:

A discussion was held regarding appointing someone to the Planning Commission as we now have an opening, with the resignation of Danielle Birch. No one has come forward yet to volunteer to serve on this Commission.

Grader Specifications we reviewed. A discussion was held regarding where the scar fires should be. To have a them in the back it will cost approx. \$5,500.00 more. Dan likes the scar fires on the front, and Jimmy prefers them on the back. Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2020 John Deere road grader for the amount for \$266,368 with the township putting \$66,368 down payment from the Road Machinery Fund, securing a loan \$100,00 from the DCED at 2% interest rate and \$100,000 at 4.25% interest rate through John Deere, this being contingent on financing with the DCED with rear scar fires. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Brief recess at 2038.

Reconvened at 2042.

A discussion was held regarding to an Oshkosh that McKean is getting rid of It is in the late 70's and they are asking \$10,000 for it. The consensus is we are not interested.

A discussion was held regarding the Brine we have in our tanks and cannot use and if the township is interested in disposing of it. Bear Lake said they could take the brine it would be \$0.075 cents a gallon, but Microbac would need to test it first. We have three tanks @ 9,000 gallons each tank. It will cost \$150.00 a sample one out of each tank. Daniel Netzler made a motion to set aside \$450.00 to send to Microbac for testing of the contents of the brine tanks. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

A discussion on the Multimodal Grant held place with Daniel discussing the possibility of getting DSA material to put down on the roads. The township would need to match 30% of the cost. The project can take up to 3 years with the current rate for DSA being \$25.00/ton. Daniel Netzler made a motion to apply for the Multimodal grant for road material to be put down on Francis & Fry Roads not to exceed \$300,000 with Franklin Township putting in the 30% match. Robert Simonelli seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, Daniel Netzler, Robert Simonelli. Nays: James Sachar. Carried.

Elk Creek township – DCED Grant Ivoray Road. Elk Creek township has mentioned the possibility of applying in the spring for a DCED grant for Ivoray road for drainage issues and replacing of culverts. They wanted to see if Franklin Township was interested at all in applying for this grant as it is a boundary Road. A discussion if ACT 13 monies could be used was discussed for the one bridge on Ivoray Road that was inspected by the engineer Mark Corey and he has serious concerns with the condition of that bridge. There are also concerns with Ivoray Road north of Crane Road and immediately south, they believe a squash pipe could be put in.

A discussion was held regarding Fry Road and after grading was completed a lot of stone remained on the road. The township received several calls regarding the stones, and it is causing tire damage. The township did receive one invoice for tire repair. Another resident said if the township could do anything that would be grateful. Consensus was the township is not responsible.

A discussion on the EMA Proposed budget for 2020. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the proposed EMA Budget for 2020 in the amount of \$1,812.63. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

A discussion was held regarding the drain issues at the municipality. The floor drains in the township building need to be looked at.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carbury Road looks the best I have seen in a long time. Keep up the good work.

A drain ditch was put in on a piece of property that I purchased a couple days later, I have concerns that it is becoming a mosquito breeding area where standing water is now.

In December 2016 a petition to reduce the number of Supervisors was passed around and signed, all the intersections connecting to state roads was paved except for Crane and Mohawk was paved except mine. I feel this is retaliating against me.

James Sachar made a motion to adjourn at 2125. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary