

## **November 19, 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 and Zoning Officer Ralph Brieding.

Visitors present Dee Engel, Tara Miller, Michelle Jaggi, Alan Hauser, Georgia Hudy, Terry Crowe, Peggy Crowe, Maryann Mook, Bob Stanley, Karl Ebert.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

Michelle Jaggi is the Census Outreach Coordinator gave a brief talk on the Census. Sometime around mid-March an invitation will be mailed out to everyone, telling them on April 1st the Census will be available to enter information online. The survey questions for the Census only consist of 10 questions. For each person that does not respond to the Census the community loses out of \$2,100 a year times ten years. You have three ways to respond before someone comes to your door.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Scott Haywood from the McKean Hose Company asked the Supervisors to please table the Emergency Medical Services contract for at least a month or two to give McKean time to ask questions and present it to their membership. If the Township signs with West County, then it will hurt CECPA. Please just give us time.

### **MINUTES:**

James Sachar made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on October 15, 2019. Daniel Netzler seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

James Sachar made a motion to approve the minutes from the multiple budget meetings held in October 2019. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

### **REPORTS:**

**Roadmaster Report** – Daniel Netzler stated Both Trucks 5 & 6 are ready for snow removal. The transmission for the Mack is at Johnson Gearing is being rebuilt. Some equipment not needed for winter has been put away in storage in the building behind the gas pumps. Damaged drive tire that needed repaired has been repaired. Bruce Coffin now has his truck rolling, he will carry that Brine to Bear Lake for \$1,600.00. The Septic system has been repaired at the township building. Drain issues from the shop floor, have a call into Ron Lybrook in which he is checking with Cindy Shelby in Clean water to see what we can do there with a holding tank. Beaver issues, we have two returned calls from many calls, to trap the beavers as we have a major issue on Silverthorn Road south of Old State that needs attended to. I have two prices from two beavers. We will discuss this under new business. Continuing to look into alternative aggregates, followed up with Jason Temple, they have a DSA limestone product in stock under \$19/ton. Fry & Francis Road could be applied for a Grant with the multi-modal Grant next year possibly.

### **FINANCIAL AND TAXES**

**Bills** – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the November 19, 2019 bill list for a total of \$28,810.71. Daniel Netzler seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the November 19, 2019 bill list for Supervisors for Daniel Netzler in the amount of \$6.96. Robert Simonelli seconded. Yeas: James Sachar, Dennis Howard, Robert Simonelli. Nays: None. Abstained: Daniel Netzler. Carried.

**Payroll** – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve Payrolls #22, & 23 of 2019 as presented. James Sachar 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:** Ralph attended a Floodplain Class last week. Ralph will be going back to Mohawk Road to see if people have cleaned up the excess vehicles that were complaints on. Ralph spoke with Kevin Wheeler regarding to the project he would like to do.

**EACOG:** Is currently looking for grants for dangerous intersections for example Falls Road & Route 98. The proposed budget is under new business.

**ECATO:** Last month the Annual Convention was held at the VFW.

**WECEMA:** Chuck Kanarr stated the last Friday they received the portable light tower with a 15K Generator. Next year the goal is to look at threats and hazards for each municipality that is unique to each municipality and what resources to mitigate them.

**TRAINING FACILITY:** Considering enhancing the view of the facility. Discussed storing some township property in the one big red building. Dan spoke with a gentleman from Sadsbury Township they are waiting till the new year as there was some concern it could possibly be torn down.

**EMS REPORT:** Tim Gruzosky stated we have more members now, but they live farther away. Tim is restarting EMS nights that will be held on Tuesday night beginning around 5:00pm. Still having trouble with staffing currently.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** A question about who is going to be plowing the fire department. The consensus of the Supervisors was to continue plowing the fire department parking lot with the smaller one-ton truck. The elections are in December.

**SOLICITOR:** The Right to Know mediation as been resolved and concluded favorably to the township. The training facility agreement is now ready for anyone that wishes to sign an agreement to use the facility.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Land bank agreement was discussed. Daniel Netzler made a motion to enter into the intergovernmental cooperation agreement with the Erie County Land Bank. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

A letter from the Supervisors of Elk Creek Township was reviewed discussing the repairs to Ivoary road for 2020. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve signing the agreement letter with the Supervisors of Elk Creek Township for road repairs on Ivoary road for 2020, with the understanding that it will be a 50-50 project between Franklin Township and Elk Creek Township. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A discussion was held regarding the letter that Washington Township sent out regarding Emergency Services. The consensus was to table the talks about everything Emergency Medical Service until next month. The Township does want to sit in on talks with Washington Township regarding to EMS calls for the townships. Dennis Howard made a motion to table this discussion until next month, in the meantime Robert Simonelli will be appointed to go to the meetings and Daniel Netzler will be the alternate with Washington Township. Daniel Netzler seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

A discussion was held regarding the Crowe Subdivision on West Stancliff Road. Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the Crowe Subdivision as presented. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

A discussion was held regarding the Stanley Subdivision on Crane Road. Daniel Netzler made a motion to approve the Stanley Subdivision as presented. Robert Simonelli seconded. A discussion was held regarding the property being landlocked if the neighbor beside the property does not purchase it. The intent is the neighbor will be purchasing it on land contract. There is plenty of room for a right of way if needed, with a clause in the plans about the landlocking and once it is paid for then the right of way will disappear, and the neighbor will merge with his property. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Resolution 8 of 2019.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 8 of 2019 to approve the Annual Budget of the Erie Area Council of Governments for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$437.00 a year. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

A discussion was held regarding to the removal of Beavers on Silverthorn Road. How much does the township want to spend and how far do we want to go? One person would like \$300/head to trap the beavers, another person would like \$40 ahead for beaver trapped plus mileage for checking the traps daily. Dan recommended that the road crew should be able to spend up to \$200 a month only when needed to trap the beavers. Daniel Netzler made a motion to give the road team leniency to trap the beavers up to \$200 /month as needed. Robert Simonelli seconded. Yeas: Dennis Howard, Daniel Netzler and Robert Simonelli. Nays: James Sachar. Carried.

A discussion on tail ditches was discussed. There is no easy answer, it is all case specific. Daniel recommends a written agreement with the township and landowner, that lists the written scope of the project. If the landowner does not agree then no more discussion.

A discussion regarding to residents putting pipes in instead of having ditching completed in front of their house. After a discussion, it was discussed in the past we have at least 2 separate residents in the township, one landowner on Stancliff that filled in the ditch after the township completed ditching, they put a small pipe in, and it is not big enough. This needs to be looked at on a case by case basis as Mr. Henderson allowed at least a couple residents to do this, so the township needs to be careful. This discussion will be tabled until next month.

A letter was received from General McLane regarding a mutual aid agreement regarding to NIMS compliance and a place for reunification of students in case of an emergency. The township building is not big enough for that, but the Fire Department did okay the use of the Social is such an emergency. It is unclear thought if the fire department has an occupancy permit and where it is located. Daniel Netzler made a motion to sign the mutual aid agreement with the General McLane School District with the stipulation of the fire department agreeing to use of the social hall. The Fire Department will sign this agreement also. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Northwestern Rec sent out a letter talking about the Rural Rocks community contest and applications are due December 12, 2019. It is open to all townships with populations under 10,000. A discussion was held but at this time it does not seem to fit our township.

A discussion was held regarding to adding Life Insurance as an employee benefit. Dennis Howard made a motion to provide Life Insurance to the four full time employees for the coverage amount of \$20,000 at the cost of \$100.08 a year. Daniel Netzler seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Robert Simonelli made a motion to pay the expense for the class to pay for the Fire Department attorney Jeff Cole to attend the PSATS class on Strategic Planning for Fire Service Operation in Townships. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Daniel Netzler discussed disposing of the Brine in the tanks. This was tabled until next month.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A letter in regard to Bill Taylor's retirement party if anyone would like to attend. Please RSVP.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

A resident came to express concern over the Beaver Dam on Silverthorn Road as it is getting very bad. The ditches are full, and something needs to be done.

Another resident states there is significant flooding from the Beaver Dam, and something needs to be done.

Robert Simonelli made a motion to adjourn at 2120. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary