

December 17, 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 Daniel Netzler at 1902 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Present were Supervisors James Sachar, Daniel Netzler and Robert Simonelli and Solicitor Gery Nietupski, Secretary Ramona Junkins and Zoning Officer Ralph Briedng. Dennis Howard arrived at 1938.

Visitors present Alan Hauser, Dee Engel, Tara Miller, Mike Zentis, and Maryann Mook.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

MINUTES:

James Sachar made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on November 19, 2019. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – The staff has been out plowing as needed. The inside of the west side of the truck bays has been painted. New LED light fixtures have been purchased for the outside of the building as the guys are coming in while it is dark, and it is hard to see. The last of Flynn Tire's bill is on the bill list. Bill got chains for the trucks for the snow plowing season. Johnson Gearing did the overhaul kit for the Transmission. Hillbilly's Auto Diesel removed the transmission and delivered it over to Johnson Gearing to be overhauled. Once it was completed, they went back to pick it up and put the transmission back in the Mack truck along with misc. other things like the brake pedal, shifter boot, airlines and hydraulic lines. Spoke to the DEP regarding the floor drains. Still working with Microbac regarding the testing of the brine tanks. As a reminder to residents please do not plow snow across the roads when plowing driveways.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the December 17, 2019 bill list for a total of \$58,261.22. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

There are no Supervisor bills this month.

Payroll – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve Payrolls #24, & 25 of 2019 as presented. Daniel Netzler 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: Attended a class last week, have been following up on a couple complaints. Ralph did speak with a beaver trapper but it will cost for their time.

EACOG: The annual audit has been completed and there were no findings. The financial statements were reviewed at the meeting and there was considerable discussion on recruitment and retention committee and the findings from that report will be given at the Fireman's Dinner.

ECATO: No Report

WECEMA: No Report

TRAINING FACILITY: No Report

EMS REPORT: Tim Gruzosky stated they are still looking for volunteers, a flyer was handed out about learning about prehospital medicine. Franklin Township had 5 EMS calls and only 1 was responded too.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Elections were held and there is a new slate of Board of Directors. There was a potluck dinner before the last meeting, and it was well attended. It was also discussed that someone is putting tires on the rims in the fire department dumpster. Cameras were discussed also. Dan Netzler asked the Board of Supervisors if they have any questions, they would like to ask the fire services.

SOLICITOR: It has been a slow month, not much is going on.

OLD BUSINESS:

Emergency Services – Mike Zentis said McKean Hose Company has a new board, so they need more time as the new board does not officially start until January.

Ordinances regarding off right of way (tail ditches). A discussion regarding the current Ordinances that pertain to this. The Ordinance being #2-99, Sections 2320 & 2326 of the Second-Class Township Code and the Off Right of Way consent that was created.

Residents putting in pipes instead of having a ditch in their front yard, discussing our current Ordinances #2-92 & #2-99.

Getting Brine hauled away, Dan mentioned last month that Mr. Coffin could do this. Microbac gave an estimate that was extremely high, I called to find out exactly what test needs to be completed not the tests need performed that we were quoted for.

Drains in the municipal building, Dan spoke with someone who told him we could put in a separator that separates water and oil. The DEP said they would like a plan on what the township is looking at. Dan recommends not leaving it the way it currently is now.

The discussion on the tail ditch on Mohawk was tabled until the spring when something can be done.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dennis Howard made a motion to accept Resolution 9 of 2019 for a Small Flow Treatment Facility for Daniel Markiewicz located at 8244 Crane Road, Edinboro Pa 16412. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Resolution 10 of 2019. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 10 of 2019, approve the Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report of the Erie Area Council of Governments for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2018. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Resolution 11 of 2019. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 11 of 2019, Adopting the 2020 Budget as advertised, including the Employee Pay and Benefits Schedule and recommends to the auditors that they set the Supervisors wages as per the pay and benefits schedule. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Resolution 12 of 2019. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 12 of 2019, amending the 2019 Budget to reflect the actual revenues received and expenses paid from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 including yearend adjustments made by the Township and/or the auditors. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Resolution 13 of 2019. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 13 of 2019, setting the tax levy for 2019 at 2.7 mills: 0.79 mill, General Fund; 0.4 mills, Fire Department Fund; 0.26 mills Municipal

Building fund; 0.5 mills, Road Machinery Fund; 0.5 mills, Permanent Improvement Fund and 0.25 mills, EMS fund. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

A discussion on an Architect doing a site assessment on all the township property to see what is viable to do was discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from Washington Township and the insurance policy was reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

The Reorganization meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2020 at 7:00pm.

The Elected Auditors meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2020 at 10:00am.

James Sachar made a motion to adjourn at 2106. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary