

**May 19, 2020**

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 1902 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Present were Supervisors Dennis Howard, Robert Simonelli, and James Sachar, and Solicitor Gery Nietupski and Secretary Ramona Junkins.

Visitors present Dennis Russin, John Sachar, Tim Gruzosky and Dave Demyanovich

A Moment of Silence was observed.

Dennis announced an executive meeting was held prior to the Board of Supervisors meeting to discuss personnel issues.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

A comment was made on the road report section. We had 8 days that were beautiful in the beginning of May, I am very disappointed that road work was not done during that time, that disappointment turns to anger when nothing is getting done.

**MINUTES:**

Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on April 21, 2020. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

**REPORTS:**

**Roadmaster Report** – Ramona read the roadmaster report stating that trucks 5 & 6 winter gear has been removed, all plows were painted and then stowed in anti-skid building. The backs of wing plows still need painted later. Truck 6 was diagnosed by Five Star International as faulty fuel primer pump- a primer pump was purchased and installed by township personnel. Sent to Netzler repair for PA State inspection, reverse light switch replaced, and wiring was diagnosed and repaired. Preventative maintenance soon to be accomplished. Truck 5 had preventative maintenance performed lube oil and filters, a fuel primer pump was purchased, soon to be installed as it was found to be faulty as well. Both plains were repaired and readied for summer use. Both needed new hydraulic cylinders and all new hoses and fittings to match the threads of the new cylinders. Wheel bearings were inspected, frame cracks were welded, grease fittings were drilled out, re-tapped and replaced. Old Grader cutting blades were modified and fabricated to fit and changed out on both plains as the old ones were wore down to the angle iron. They were all readjusted and tweaked for proper road cutting. (a new cutting torch has to be purchased for this job, the older one is not operating). The Intensious Roller had a large hydraulic hose fail while in use on West Stancliff, the fittings are German and Sirco ordered the fittings and made the hose which took two days, township personnel installed. (Thank you to the resident on the corner of Eureka and West Stancliff for allowing us to repair the roller on his property). The Mack Tandem dump truck had several lights repaired, preventative maintenance accomplished and readied for state inspection with an appointment at Crystal Lakes in McKean for Monday May 18<sup>th</sup>. The One Ton Chevy Dump had the winter gear removed and readied for summer use. The Old Dresser Road Grader was placed on Municibid by the secretary and road foreman. The shops portable battery charger was repaired, and the floor drains were pumped out again. The Scarifiers off the old Dresser Grader were modified, cut, and welded, readied for install. Only new keepers had to be purchased from John Deere. Road Repairs are as follows, the entire township has been plained at least twice, one in March and once in April some roads three times. The weather in May has not allowed for much plaining or grading but some has been accomplished. May 12<sup>th</sup> New Road West of 98 was graded with the new Grader, while Eureka and West Stancliff were plained. Fry Road has been spot graveled, plained and rolled three times already this spring. New Road East of 98 has had millings shoveled into the potholes three times since January. South Eureka and West Stancliff (under I79) had millings shoveled into the pot holes twice this spring. Cold Patch pothole repair has been accomplished on South Silverthorn, North Silverthorn, Falls and Francis Roads. Spot graveling has been accomplished with the backhoe in several wet areas throughout many township roads. Shadduck Road had a partial ditch cleaned with tow more to be finished later, and two residents on

Shadduck have requested new driveway pipes installed, they both are 18" and have been received from Green Distributors and re in the yard awaiting install. (the existing pipes are plugged). Clairwright road has a resident who also request a driveway pipe install, it has been received and awaiting install. Eureka Road reside was assisted during COVID-19 to help him replace his own driveway pipe. The townships lawnmower had preventative maintenance performed and the grass has been mowed twice. New lawn timbers were purchased and installed around the front sign at the township building; new mulch was picked up and dumped near sign for the volunteer to use. Also paint, brushes, and stain was purchased for the sign and the volunteer will use it. The bent fence posts and fence around the recycling dumpsters were removed because snow damaged them. It does not stop debris from flying out of the rash trucks while being dumped. The Emergency Generator has been inspected and ran twice. The Fire Department was assisted, we used the Backhoe to pick up several bucket fills of yard debris raked/cleaned up by Dana. The debris was dumped in the ditch dirt pole. The township parking lot and driveways around the recycle bin and building were Plained in April, dirt and gravel piles from snow plowing were back dragged out of the yards and potholes filled once. No contact from any companies on the Townships bid advertisements, made several calls for Gravel and Seal Coat bid notifications. Most companies did not see the advertisement.

Dennis Howard made a motion to accept the resignation Bill Russin effective May 22, 2020. Ramona is to work with the Solicitor to determine the severance package to (vacation time accrued) be paid out. James Sachar seconded. Yea: Dennis Howard, James Sachar. Nay: Robert Simonelli. Motion Carried.

Dennis Howard appoints James Sachar as the interim Roadmaster for the township indefinitely at this time. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

## **FINANCIAL AND TAXES**

**Bills** – James Sachar made a motion to approve the May 19, 2020 bill list for a total of \$40,319.58. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

There are no Supervisor bills this month.

**Payroll** – Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Payroll #'s 9 & 10 of 2020 as presented. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

The monthly recap was given to the Board of Supervisors.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** No report

**ZONING:** No report

**EACOG:** The meetings have been regarding bids.

**ECATO:** No report

**WECEMA:** Ema Agreements under new business

**TRAINING FACILITY:** No report

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** No report

**SOLICITOR:** Supervisors have started looking at the new draft handbook.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Opened Sealed Bids for Seal Coating.

Russell Standard was \$59,322.21 & Suit-Kote was \$53,197.76.

Dennis Howard made a motion to award the Seal Coating Project for Silverthorn Road sections 2 & 5, Western Trail section 1 and New Road section 3 to Suit-Kote in the amount of \$53,197.76. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Opened Gravel Bids for the Gravel Project.

Erie Aggregates Inc. was \$74,725.00 & Wilkinson Excavating was \$89,301.00.

Dennis Howard made a motion to award the Gravel Bid Project for Eureka Road section 2 & West Stancliff section 3 to Erie Aggregates Inc. in the amount of \$74,725.00. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

#### Resolution 5 of 2020

Dennis Howard made a motion to accept Resolution 5 of 2020 to designate the 2020 County Liquid Fuels project for the Purchase of Aggregates. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Carried

#### Resolution 6 of 2020

James Sachar made a motion to accept Resolution 6 of 2020 to waive fees or penalties associated with late filing of real property taxes for 2020. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Carried

A discussion was held regarding switching telephone companies for the township building.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve signing a 36 month agreement with Armstrong to provide telephone service in the amount of \$89.95/month for two lines. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

A discussion was held in regard to signing an agreement for the Emergency Management Agency in regards to if one of our first responders is suspected of having COVID 19 and needs to be quarantined but has a family at home and needs to be quarantined separately. The agreements are with G&S Hospitality LLC d/b/a Comfort Suites for a rate of \$65 / per night, Edinboro Hotel, Inc. for their meal , but in no cases shall that amount exceed the government per diem rates of \$15.00 for each lunch provided and \$23.00 for each dinner provided and Flip Café for their breakfast but in no cases shall that amount exceed the government per diem rate of \$11.00.

Reviewed the bids for Aggregate and Pipe material that we received through the COG.

Reviewed a bid for Mowing of the training facility that was received from J.C.E. Services for bush hogging the training facility it is anticipated to take around 8 hours to complete all the mowing at \$300.00. This does not include trim work, can be done by every month or by the call.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the brush hogging in early August @ \$300.00 for the training facility. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Discussed an email regarding FEMA reimbursement for COVID. It asks two questions Current Cost related to Emergency Protective Measures and Projected Cost related to Emergency Protective Measures. It does not look like we will qualify for anything as you must have a minimum of \$3,300.00 in eligible expenses.

Discussed needing to find various options for dust control. Discussed getting the Brine Truck inspected.

Dennis Howard made a motion to move forward in getting the Brine Truck inspected locally so that it can be ready for dust control use. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

A discussion was held about the ditch dirt on township property.

Dennis Howard made a motion to provide the excess ditch dirt on the township property to any resident that would like it. The township will help load it. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Erie County Parks, Trails and Recreation Plan letter, On Common Ground Magazine and a letter regarding House Bill 1813.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Where will the dust control be applied, you just spent \$75,000 for 2RC, if you don't control the dust then that 2 RC just goes up in dust and leaves the road.

Dennis Howard made a motion to adjourn at 1953. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary