

June 16, 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 1904 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 were Alan Hauser, Teresa Brown, Denise Benedict, Dave Demyanovich, Tim Gruzosky

A Moment of Silence was observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

MINUTES:

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on May 19, 2020. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Mr. Smith is acting as Interim Road Foreman currently. We put gravel down on Francis, Brooks, and Fry Roads. Dust control was applied to some roads. Worked on Fry Road so dust control can be applied tomorrow. Seneca Mineral would like the roads to be worked on before they put the dust control down so that the dust control can penetrate the dirt. Truck 5 and 1 Ton were inspected. Pre-inspection done on Brine Truck was completed by Crystal Lakes. Dirt and Gravel Road grants are opening up for applications, James would like to see if we could put DSA down on Francis and maybe part of Brooks. Contacted Dwyer about crushing the millings and they recommend screening first. Suit-Kote will be getting ready to do Seal Coating.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the June 16, 2020 bill list for a total of \$27,164.60. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

There are no Supervisor bills this month.

Payroll – James Sachar made a motion to approve Payroll #'s 11 & 12 of 2020 as presented. Robert Simonelli 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: Several new municipalities have joined recently.

ECATO: Next meeting is June 25th at 9am in Springfield

WECEMA: Ema Agreements under new business

TRAINING FACILITY: More interest from the State Police. Chief Brian Brocious did some research regarding updating the burn towner. It is significantly cheaper.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: There were 8 calls last month. 735 went out on two of them.

SOLICITOR: Supervisors have started looking at the new draft handbook. Currently is finishing up a project with Mark Corey, has been looking for seminars for the personnel issue, has found one that is virtual being held on July 10, 2020 it is 3 hours cost \$200 and is called Workplace Civility through Manufacturers Association.

OLD BUSINESS:

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.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approving signing the agreement between 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 for any responder that is suspected or receives Corona Virus and cannot self-quarantine at home due to having a family. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

A discussion on the Brine Tanker was held, the truck is over at Crystal Lakes for pre-inspection. The list includes right side tie rod end, 2 steer tires, right side fuel tank strap, everything on the front is froze (ascam, slack adjusters, king pin) it needs loosed up or replaces. Air ride on cab cable is sitting on the fuel tank so it needs to have a bracket made to hold it up. Overall they said frame looks okay and it is not as bad as it looks. It could use fuel tanks also.

A discussion was held regarding Dust Control for the township. One option is to get Dust Control from Randy Brace picked up at the well on Osborne Road in McKean for \$0.20/ gallon. They do know someone that will spread it for \$100.00/hour. The township is exactly 10 miles from the well, it takes a ½ hour to get here. The truck has a pump with pressure on it. The truck is a 5,800-gallon tanker but legally holds 4,700 gallons. Another option is Seneca Mineral is willing to apply and spread Dust Control at a rate of \$0.26/gallon.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Seneca Mineral for Dust Control at a rate of \$0.26/gallon applied. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Work on the Bridge on Old State Road over I-79 is located approximately five miles from the intersection with Rout e98 is expected to start June 29, 2020 weather permitting. The project will include resurfacing the bridge deck, existing substructure, and barrier repairs, and roadway approaches. The project will requi4re a detour for traffic, using Route 99, Crane Road and Route 98. It is expected to be in place until October 2020. The existing bridge was built in 1969, approximately 750 vehicles a day use the bridge, on average. The contractor is Independence Excavating Inc,. of Cheswick, Pa. The contract cost is \$1,004,939.60, which is to be paid entirely with federal funds.

A discussion on needing 3 boxes of carbide tips for the new Grader is needed in the amount of \$1,575.84. Consent was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

A discussion on the draft version employee handbook

Resolution 7 of 2020

Dennis Howard made a motion to accept Resolution 7 of 2020 to approve an agreement among the County of Erie, Erie County Tax Claim Bureuar and the Law firm of MacDonaldi, Illig, Jones, & Britton LLP with respect to conduct of judicial, "lien-free," tax sales during the years 2020, 2021, and 2022 of properties against which delinquent taxes are due and owed. . Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Dennis Howard motion to award the 3 -Year Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Bid to Melzer's Fuel Service including the differential amount added to the current OPIS price from Warren for delivery to Franklin township, unleaded 87 Octane E10 @ +.04 & Ultra Low Sulfur B2 Diesel Fuel Summer @ +.05 and Winter +.065. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Just an update on the census. The Census 2020 results as of today are for the state of PA it is 64.7%, for Franklin Township in Erie County it is 77.8%. So, if you know anyone that has not filled it out yet please encourage them to do so.

A bid was received for the Grader on Municibid in the amount of \$10,001.00. James Sachar made a motion to reject this bid at this time. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

IS there going to be a Recycle Day this year? (yes Sept 12)

The tail ditch on Mohawk Road, are there plans to fix it? (yes, but not ill later in the summer)

Seneca Mineral is applying the dust control, what is the application rate? (their suggested is 3,000 gallons/mile. Roads that are worked up then yes that is what we plan on applying, less for others. Fry should be close to a full application.)

Dennis Howard made a motion to adjourn at 1947. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary