

## September 15, 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 1903 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 Tara Miller, Alan Hauser, Dee Engel, Denise Benedict

A Moment of Silence was observed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** - None

### **MINUTES:**

Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on August 18, 2020. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

### **REPORTS:**

**Roadmaster Report** – James stated that the guys picked up trash that was dumped over on the side of the road, it looks like a contractor did it. Added Gravel to Francis 1 & 2, graveled part of Fry Road. Received some Limestone & Antiskid. Started getting some more millings from the City of Erie. Dwyer came in and did some screening of millings since it is so late in the year. Some spot grading was completed. We put down some millings that Washington Township had down on Fry Road about 500 feet. The tail ditch was fixed on Mohawk Road, we rented a mini to that completed.

### **FINANCIAL AND TAXES**

**Bills** – Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the September 15, 2020 bill list for a total of \$31,260.15. 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 18 & 19 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:** The minutes were reviewed

**ZONING:** Have received multiple complaints about a property on Clairwright Road and many complaints on the VFW having bands that are loud and play late into the night.

**EACOG:** No report

**ECATO:** Next meeting is September 24, 2020 at 9:00am to be held at Fairview Township.

**WECEMA:** Chuck Kanarr has given his notice of resignation. His last day will be November 6, 2020. The board is currently looking for a new candidate.

**TRAINING FACILITY:** The grounds were mowed.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** We appreciate what millings have been place in potholes so far in our parking lot. It helps. If you are able to place additional millings to any of the visible potholes left that would be great. As requested, Fire police & EMS will be ready for the Annual Township Clean-Up Day coming up the 19th. 3. Flow test and audit of all Dry Hydrants in our area has been completed by 72. Below is a list of failed to flow dry hydrants; 12100 Fry Rd, 9265 Mohawk Rd, 10036 Silverthorn Rd, 7391 Old State Rd, 8091 New Rd, 11475 Silverthorn Rd, 8029 Crane Rd. This dry hydrant located at 5895 Crane Rd is inaccessible due to cars in drive and shed located locate right near draft head. 4. We are planning a "Fall fire day" with many Covid compliant functions. Date is October 4th at 1 to 5 pm. Please stop by and enjoy. We very much appreciate the open line of communication with our township and your wiliness to

help us address these pressing matters that occur. Working together is the only way of solving the challenges we face in the emergency services.

**SOLICITOR:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Employee Handbook was discussed. Dennis Howard made a motion to amend the “call out” section on page 5 to read “Full time employees will receive 2 additional hours of pay for any occasion on which they are “called-in” to work. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried  
Dennis Howard made a motion to approve moving forward with the Employee Handbook and approve the new final draft of the employee handbook with the amendment listed above. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A discussion was held regarding an invoice received from Fairview Township, a discussion with Mark Gennuso was held back in 2018 about Double Seal Coating Hawthorne Ridge and our portion of Seib Road in 2019, the cost was estimated to be around \$11,000 - \$15,000. Ramona called Mark in 2019 to find out if they were going to be completing the job, and Mark informed her the bill bid came in extremely high so they are not going to do it this year but try again in 2020. We received an invoice for Franklin Township’s portion of Hawthorn Ridge and Seib Road. Fairview Township ended up doing a binder course on Seib Road our portion for that was \$7,968.00 and Hawthorne Ridge Road with a Binder Course and leveling 3 9.5 MM, our portion is \$30,750.00. Our total part is \$38,718.00. Fairview Township said they know that it is a lot of money and we can pay as we can. If we need, we could take a couple years to pay it off.

Dennis Howard made a motion to pay ½ of this invoice from Fairview Township this year and ½ next year. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dee Engel – last month Jim gave a road report stating the roads help up nice partly due to the lack of buses, this year the buses have doubled to 8 buses a day and with the Old State bridge being closed it is really going to wreak havoc on our township roads.

Alan Hauser – As far as the employee handbook goes, there is an “emergency call in” policy also, hopefully you have considered it. The discussion about the traffic pattern on Falls Road, has anyone considered maybe a sign on Route 98 that can slow people down as they get on Falls Road.

Denise Benedict – It would be nice to know of any upcoming projects ahead of time so that a different route can be planned. EMS would also appreciate it, if there is road work it can slow down the response time.

Tara Miller – stated someone is tearing up the ditches on New Road.

Dennis Howard made a motion to adjourn 1955. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary