

## November 17, 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 1900 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 Dee Engel and Brian Brocious

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 October 20, 2020. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

### **REPORTS:**

**Roadmaster Report** – James stated the guys have done some spot ditching. A little bit of damage from the storm occurred with downed trees this past Sunday. Currently getting equipment prepped for winter. Mark Corey did come to the office to discuss the intersection of Falls Road and Rt 98. He will look at the intersection and get back in touch with us.

Dennis Howard made a motion to advertise getting rid of the Old Grader. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

### **FINANCIAL AND TAXES**

**Bills** – James Sachar made a motion to approve the November 17, 2020 bill list for a total of \$18,150.92. 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 22 & 23 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 meeting this month.

**ZONING:** None

**EACOG:** Passed the budget for next year, dues will remain the same.

**ECATO:** The next meeting was cancelled due to lack of an agenda.

**WECEMA:** There was lots of activity due to the storm that came through on Sunday. There were over 63 calls due to downed trees in West County. Some people are still without power.

**TRAINING FACILITY:** None

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

1. We appreciate what millings have been placed in potholes so far in our parking lot. It helps. If you're able to place additional millings to any of the visible potholes left that would be great. Seeking clarification on this action requested to road master before snow flies. To my knowledge nothing happened yet. It is a big help to us.

2. 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 in accessible

due to cars in drive and shed located locate right near draft head. Any updates or plan on the nonfunctioning Dry hydrants Listed?

3. Our "Fall fire day" was a success great turnout not only by community but our neighboring departments participated as well.

4. As mentioned before in an earlier note to have a stronger QRS/ EMS response in our district we needed more qualified personnel to be trained as EMR & EMT to make this happened. I am happy to report that we have 5 personnel currently enrolled in EMR class and one in EMT class.

5. Our in-station Trunk or Treat went very well. We appreciate the generous money given by twp. for treats for all who attended.

6. On training grounds, we as a group have started to rebuild Roof Prop. We will start training on it again soon. This is a result of Erie County Firefighters association granting us monies for consumables to rebuild.

7. It was asked if the township would continue plowing for the fire department as last year such a great job was done, thank you. It was the consensus of the Supervisors to continue plowing the lot for the fire department as was completed last year.

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.

Telerob is hoping to use the stairs at the training facility to demonstrate for the Air Force how to navigate stairs with our robot. We should not take up more than an hour. This will also benefit the hundreds of public safety bomb squads throughout the country.

Dennis Howard made a motion for Ramona to write a check to the fire department for operating expenses for 2020 in the amount of \$35,000.00. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

**SOLICITOR:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Franklin Township went with the COG to see if we could get any garbage bids for the township. The only one to respond was Waste Management with a fixed quarterly fee for unlimited collection for an amount of \$72.92 per quarter for 5 years.

Several residents were asked in the township what they pay for garbage service. A person on New Road pays Waste Management \$65/QTR. On the website if you are a new customer around the township building you would pay \$98.67/QTR for pickup. Racoon Refuse is \$68.25/QTR and it is that price for new customers also. A Pro Waste dumpster is \$80/month with pick up every other week.

No action was taken so the Bid was not accepted.

It was discussed the township needs to review the garbage ordinance, so it will be on the next Planning Commission's agenda.

Resolution 9 of 2020.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 9 of 2020 to approve the Application for Erie County CARES Municipal Reimbursement Program. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Resolution 10 of 2020.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 10 of 2020 to approve the Annual Budget of the Erie Area Council of Governments for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$437.00 a year. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

A discussion on replacing the north door in the big red building at the training facility about adding a panel to the door and moving the header. Hopefully, we will have quotes for the next month.

Glass recycling pilot project is a 6-month free program, need to have a flat surface with room for citizens to drive in to drop off material and a class 4-6 truck to come in to empty it. There is no risk, no cost and will determine whether the volume of glass recycled at each location nets enough 904 performance grant income (determined by the tonnage recycled) to offset a monthly or quarterly hosting fee in the future. Dennis Howard made a motion to participate in a 6-month free program. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

A discussion was held regarding an architect coming to the township building on Thursday at 3:30pm to look at options and discuss the possibility of a new township building or remodeling what we have.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** On Common Ground magazine

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Thank you, cards were given to the Board of Supervisors, Robert Simonelli and Gery Nietupski for donating money to the fire department for Trunk or Treat.

Dennis Howard made a motion to adjourn 1954. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary