

December 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 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 Brian Brocious, 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 November 17, 2020. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – James stated that we have had one snowfall, the lights have been replaced in Bay 1. A couple quotes have come in for the door on the northside of the training facility taking it from 10' to 12'.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the December 15, 2020 bill list for a total of \$114,812.78. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

There are no Supervisor bills this month.

Payroll – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve Payroll #'s 24 & 25 of 2020 as presented. Dennis Howard 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: Had a meeting, throughout this year quite a few other municipalities have joined.

ECATO: None

WECEMA: None

TRAINING FACILITY: None, hoping to pick up after the beginning of the year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Brian Brocious asked about the snow plowing at Station 72 and wanted to review the plan for keeping the department plowed out during the winter. There was an incident at the station where the roadmaster came over to the station upset about someone running a snowplow in the township parking lot which obstructed the fuel pumps. There were some comments made and it was not received well. After talking to everyone at the department no one has any idea who plowed snow near the pumps. We very much appreciate the open line of communication with our township and your willingness 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. Jimmy stated that before the guys go out and plow, he will make sure the fire equipment can get out and volunteers have a place to park Then after the routes are plowed the township will go back to the department to do a clean-up.

The Chief also informed the board that there was a chimney fire the other night, that dry hydrants are still an issue, but the fire department was able to save the home, the family got out safely and the house was saved with some damage, but it was not a total loss.

SOLICITOR: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 11 of 2020.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 11 of 2020 to adopt the proposed budget for 2021 as advertised, including the Employee Pay and Benefits Schedule and recommends to the auditors that they set the Supervisor's wages as per the Pay and Benefit Schedule. The balanced budget totals \$650,948 (including one-time revenues. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Resolution 12 of 2020.

Dennis Howard made a motion to amend the 2020 Budget to reflect the actual revenues received and expenses paid from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 including yearend adjustments made by the Township and/or the auditors. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Resolution 13 of 2020.

Dennis Howard made a motion to set the tax levy for 2021 at 2.7 mills; 0.79 mills – 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 replacing the north door in the big red building at the training facility about adding a panel to the door and moving the header. The township received two bids.

First Bid was from Plyler Entry Systems for Option 1 adding a panel for \$3,625 and Option 2 a new door for \$4,354. This bid states these prices are only good for 30 days and it was dated for November 5, 2020. Second bid was from Meadville Overhead Door Company to add a panel for \$2,900 but has a quote at the bottom stating, "All Quotes are ballpark figures." A discussion to call and see what all quotes are ballpark figures means.

A discussion on the Insurance Package was held discussing whether the township should increase our Uninsured/Underinsured from \$35,000 to \$100,000 for an additional \$125 annually or to increase from \$35,000 to \$500,000 for an additional \$399 annually.

Dennis Howard made a motion to increase the township's premium to Uninsured/Underinsured from \$35,000 to \$500,000 for an additional \$399 annually and to reject the Terrorism part of the policy. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

James Sachar made a motion to approve the Treasurer to pay any bills from now to the end of the year to close out any year end bills. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: Reorganization Meeting for the Supervisors Monday January 4, 2021 at 7:00p.m. (open terms, Planning Commission (2), Zoning Hearing Board (1))
Elected Auditors Meeting Tuesday January 5, 20201 at 10:00am
Reorganization Meeting for the Planning Commission Tuesday January 5, 2021 at 7:00pm

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

James Sachar made a motion to adjourn 1936. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary