

January 19, 2021

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 and Zoning Officer Ralph Breiding.

Visitors present: None

A Moment of Silence was observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

MINUTES:

James Sachar made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on December 15, 2020. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the minutes from the Reorganization Meeting on January 4, 2021. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Replaced lights in Bay 2 so now all the bays have LED lights installed. Minimal snow plowing, did some light ditching in spots where it was needed. The guys are laid off and will come as needed depending on the weather. James talked to Conneaut Township today about the Grader they might be interested in purchasing it. Keven Wheeler the auctioneer down the road possibly might be interested in selling the Grader at his Spring Auction with a reserve bid. Dennis has been in communication with Mark Corey regarding Falls Road North intersection. He is looking into the advantages and disadvantages for three options that were reviewed. Option A is improving Stancliff and Falls North becomes a Cul-de-Sac, Option B is improving Stancliff and Falls North becomes a 1-way North dog leg and Option C is improving Falls North with a 2-way dog leg.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – James Sachar made a motion to approve the January 19, 2021 bill list for a total of \$45,780.61. 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 Payrolls #26 of 2020 and #'s 1 & 2 of 2021 as presented. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

The monthly recap was given to the Board of Supervisors.

Dennis Howard made a motion that the Settlement for the 2020 Tax Duplicate that has been submitted by June Shelhamer, Tax Collector for the total accountable taxes in the amount of \$269,128.17 which includes exonerations and interim billing. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Dennis Howard made a motion to warrant the Tax Collector to collect for 2021 Real Estate taxes with adjustments as authorized through the Erie County Assessment Office by means of interim tax billing, exonerations, and refunds. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION: received a copy of the minutes from the January meeting.

ZONING: Signed a few more permits, had 1 complaint about dogs barking on Silverthorn Road, told the resident to put it in writing. Also had a complaint about the campground on Eureka and West Stancliff about burning wires. The Zoning Officer has already had 2 discussions with the individual that is doing this. Dennis Howard made a motion for Ralph Breiding to send a written certified letter to the church based on the 2nd incident. The third incident will be more forceful with the Zoning Officer involving the EPA. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

EACOG: None

ECATO: None

WECEMA: None

TRAINING FACILITY: None

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Elections were held on December 10th, 2020. The following individuals were elected: Brian Brocius, Chief, Shaun Thayer, Asst Chief, Aaron Lance, Fire Captain, Marielle Lafaro, EMS/Rescue Captain, Alec Geer, Lieutenant Dave Morneau, Fire Police Captain, Liana Thayer, Fire Police Lieutenant, Georgia Hudy, President, Bob Herman, Vice President, Marielle Lafaro, Secretary, June Shelhamer, Treasurer, Ramona Junkins, Director, Tim Gruzosky, Director.

We would also like to thank the township supervisors and Ramona for her assistance with our treasurer's accounting this past year. Her help with our financial records is greatly appreciated. At the present time, we are not in need of assistance with our financial records. However, if we need assistance in the future, we would greatly appreciate the township secretary's help, if available. The president said feel free to call her if there are any questions. The Chief also asked the township to make sure the Esta pond hydrant's are cleared free of the snow.

SOLICITOR:

No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

The Municipal Glass Recycling Pilot Project Update – there will be at least a one-week delay for delivery of the drop boxes. They received notification today that the manufacturer has started building them today and they should be ready next week. Franklin Township's bin is set to be delivered on the third day of deliveries.

The architect from HRLC and an electrical/plumbing engineer conducted a site assessment of the township property on yesterday. They will be working on a report to get to the Supervisors.

The Planning Commission did review the Garbage Ordinance No. 3-94 and recommends a revamp/revision of the current ordinance as it does not fit with the current practice and to see if the Solicitor has a general simple template to start with. Gery will be working on drafting a less complicated ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the 33rd Annual Edinboro Triathlon to use Crane Road & Old State Roads through Franklin Township in June. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

James Sachar made a motion to authorize the Fire Police for traffic control in the township and when requested out by other townships/departments. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Resolution #5 of 2021- Proclamation declaring April 2021 Safe Digging Month.

James Sachar made a motion to approve Resolution 5 of 2021 the proclamation declaring April 2021 Safe Digging month. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Resolution #6 of 2021 -

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SMALL FLOW TREATMENT FACILITY FOR HARRY AND JOSETTE WOLF LOCATED AT 9445 EUREKA ROAD, GIRARD, PA 16417.

Dennis Howard moved to adopt Resolution #6 of 2021. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the subdivision plans for the Franklin Center United Methodist Church Inc. Subdivision # 2 on the Northeast Corner of Route 98 & Old State Road subdividing approximately 2,000 sq ft 0.046. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from Erie County Planning & Development

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Dennis Howard made a motion to adjourn at 1948. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary