

February 16, 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 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: None

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 January 19, 2021. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Not much to report, Winter has been light. One guy comes in, in the morning to check the roads. Today has been a busy day on Plowing.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – James Sachar made a motion to approve the February 16, 2021 bill list for a total of \$9,242.99. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

There are no Supervisor bills this month.

Payroll – Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Payrolls # 3 & 4 of 2021 as presented. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

The monthly recap was given to the Board of Supervisors.

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

ZONING: None

EACOG: Dennis was elected as the Board Chair for this year.

ECATO: None

WECEMA: None

TRAINING FACILITY: Had the entire fire department up at the training simulator for a roof training, that was built with grant money from the Firefighters Association.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: No report

SOLICITOR:

Edinboro Triathlon requested a statement of indemnification to not hold PennDot liable if there is a claim, even on a state road for the Triathlon. Reviewed and after waivers were received then gave it Solicitor approval.

Sent the Planning Commission a draft copy of a Garbage Ordinance, Planning Commission reviewed and submitted back with changes. It was revised and sent back for the Planning Commission review. Dish network does not want to attach on an existing tower on Shaddock Road.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussed Falls Road North, looked at a picture of what it could look like. Dennis would like to suggest sending this to the township engineer for an engineering study to see what the cost would be. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve up to \$3,000 for an engineering study with guidelines to put it out for bid for a grant, for Falls Road North. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Robert Simonelli made a motion to appoint Dana Erdely to the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy position for the next 4 years. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

The fire department put out a very big barn fire on Mohawk Road back in June of 2020. The fire department sent a bill to the insurance company for fire suppression, in which the claim was denied by the insurance company in which they referred to the West Erie County Emergency Management COG agreement Ordinance instead of the Reimbursement for Fire Suppression Ordinance. Robert Simonelli made a motion for the township solicitor to investigate why the insurance company denied the claim for fire suppression and for the township solicitor to represent the Second-Class Township Code to recoup some of the money and not allow the insurance company to set precedence in denying claims. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from Armstrong increasing rates to the residents.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Dennis Howard made a motion to adjourn at 1946. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary