

## **March 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 1900 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Present were Supervisors Robert Simonelli, Dennis Howard, and James Sachar, and Solicitor Gery Nietupski, Zoning Officer Ralph Breiding and Secretary Ramona Junkins.

Visitors present Dee Engel, Matter Kerr, Klay Kilburn, Melissa Kilburn Denise Benedict, Dannielle Nebinski, Mike Sanford, Jeff Strait.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

Dannielle Nebinski spoke about the Northern Pennsylvania Regional College- we provide affordable and accessible postsecondary education. They offer Associate Degrees in various programs and customize individualized training programs for any business that features comprehensive and high-quality instruction. They are a stand-alone college; they are not yet fully credited but once they are it will only be a 2-year degree. They do not have online programs.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

### **MINUTES:**

Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on February 16, 2021. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

### **REPORTS:**

**Roadmaster Report** – There hasn't been much activity. The guys came in last week for some spot patching. Jimmy stated he will probably have them come back on Friday to do more. He is looking at calling them back to work at the beginning of April. Dennis met with Mark Corey the Engineer and he is going to do a preliminary study on Falls Road. Dennis also met with Emily Aloiz to discuss the Five-year county transportation plan, the county would like us to submit the plan for Falls Road and any other major project plan into their plan. At the planning commission meeting the members reviewed the updated list of crosspipes and their conditions. It appears looking at the data we have quite a few that need replaced. We are going to be looking at doing one on Eureka Road this year. Denise stated she can pull data out of the spreadsheet that was used since it was created in electronic format.

### **FINANCIAL AND TAXES**

**Bills** – Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the March 16, 2021 bill list for a total of \$12,589.70. 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 Payrolls # 5 & 6 of 2021 as presented. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

The monthly recap was given to the Board of Supervisors.

A copy of the completed 2020 Audit was given to each of the Supervisors.

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

**ZONING:** Several permits have been issued including a couple for some new houses.

**EACOG:** Their last meeting was a work session to discuss joint bidding for putting aggregates out to bid.

**ECATO:** The conference for township Supervisors has been cancelled for this year due to COVID regulations.

**WECEMA:** Andrew our EMA Coordinator will be attending an upcoming meeting to discuss updating our Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**TRAINING FACILITY:** Albion/ Cranesville fire department have expressed interest in utilizing the training grounds on May 5<sup>th</sup> for a fee of \$100.00, plus any open spots they have remaining will be offered to our local fire department members.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** No report.

**SOLICITOR:** It has been a busy month; we are currently in a holding pattern right now as some sort of payment was made to the Fire Department regarding that bid barn fire. The settlement is only on \$0.10 on a dollar.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussed what to do with the Grader next as Conneaut Township is not interest. We can either send it to the fair grounds for the next Tri-State Equipment auction held at the fairgrounds or have Wheeler Auction sell at one of their auctions. James is going to contact an equipment auction to see when their next auction is to be held and the cost of having it delivered to the fairgrounds.

The Architect is scheduled to meet at the township building on Monday at 2:00pm with the feasibility review that was completed. Any Supervisor that would like to attend should be at the township building at that time.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussed the Conditional Use Hearing and the reason it is a conditional use, the zoning and how it might impact the neighbors. The Supervisors have the right to put conditions on the business that would be amendable for that business. There are a lot of variables that go into play, even when we look at future businesses. Dennis feels the Supervisors have been given a lot of information to consider. Dennis Howard made a motion to table this until next month for a final decision. Robert Simonelli seconded. Robert asked Jeff Strait the landowner how many locations he has. Jeff replied with he did just buy property up on 6N also. Dennis asked Jeff if this property is his primary residence. Jeff stated yes, it is. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Resolution #7 of 2021 -

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SMALL FLOW TREATMENT FACILITY FOR MATTHEW AND KAREN KERR LOCATED AT 7323 NEW ROAD, EDINBORO, PA 16412.

Dennis Howard moved to adopt Resolution #7 of 2021. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Resolution #8 of 2021 -

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE DESIGNATION OF COUNTY LIQUID FUELS MONEY FOR 2021 TO BE USED ON THE PURCHASE OF AGGREGATES.

Dennis Howard moved to adopt Resolution #8 of 2021. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the Dominic & Janice Gangemi/ Gary & Jeanine Krugger Subdivision. Janice & Jeanine are sisters who currently own the property and they are splitting the property between the sisters and their spouses with the Krugger's getting around 50 acres and Gangemi receiving around 56 acres. Robert Simonelli seconded. Motion Carried.

A discussion on sending a letter to our representatives regarding the Governors 2021/2022 Budget regarding charging Municipalities a fee for State Police Coverage, stating it would have negative impacts on townships. the Police Per Capita stating the Board of Supervisors does not support this unfunded proposal. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve sending a letter to our representatives stating it would have negative impacts if a State Police Capita were enacted. The Township cannot afford an unfunded mandate. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

The PA Route 6 Alliance sent a letter of support of the PA Route 6 Façade Program in the Great Lakes in the for of a formal letter of support. Dennis Howard made a motion to not sign or send a letter to the PA Route 6 Alliance as Franklin Township does not border Route 6 at all. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Reviewed and discussed an Intergovernmental agreement with Washington Township regarding Tar and Chipping Fry Road from Koman to Old State this year. The Supervisors would like to see a dollar amount in the agreement as it currently is an open-ended agreement. Dennis Howard made a motion to table this Intergovernmental agreement with Washington Township for Tar and Chipping Fry Road. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Discussed the American Rescue Plan that was announced in the newspaper. It was reported that 936 million dollars is going to shared among local governments in Pennsylvania with populations of less than 50,000. It looks like the amount will be split into 2 payments with the first half coming this summer. Looks like we will get the first half around mid-June but watch for it to be wrapped into the state budget due by June 30 of each year. The second half of the funds will come around 12 months later so around June 2022. It is suggested this money not be used for daily operation costs, but rather one time funding opportunities focusing on capacity building and infrastructure, so as not to become dependent on it and risking future tax increases to replace it. The window is from 2020 all the way through the end of 2024, so it does not need spent all at once. It is also not permitted to be used to replace revenue from a tax reduction to residents.

The Glass bin that was delivered has been used and has been emptied once now.

Recycle Day is scheduled for September 11, 2021 this year.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A letter from Josh Montgomery from Penndot stating Liquid Fuels money is not to be used for any type of Salt Brine for dust control on dirt roads.

General McLane School District sent a letter regarding the Tax Collector Compensation.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Verizon did an upgrade on their cell tower and switched to 5G and now some residents cannot get cell service. Several calls have been made to Verizon to get this fixed with no resolution right now.

James Sachar made a motion to adjourn at 2010. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary