

August 17, 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 7:00 pm. 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 Tara Miller, Dee Engel, Terry Crowe, Peggy Crowe, Denise Benedict

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 July 20, 2021. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – We have sent out 3 different bids for someone to move the millings from Lawrence Park to our yard and no one has responded yet to the bids sent out. Fred and Joe have spent the last two weeks on Brooks Road ditching and getting it cleared up over there. Some Minor cold patching has been completed on Eureka Road South.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – James Sachar made a motion to approve the August 17, 2021, bill list for a total of \$24,377.68. 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 # 16 & 17 of 2021 as presented. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

The monthly financial recap was given to the Board of Supervisors.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Denise Benedict gave the update. The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. The Supervisors reviewed the Annual Summary for last year. Denise explained that the Planning Commission has been working on updating the comprehensive plan and the process for updating it. The planning commission would like to try to get more public input. The Crosspipe data was presented to the Supervisors, Denise mentioned that that the Dirt & Gravel Grant programs are still currently open until August 31st and this would be a good start to getting a grant to replace some of the poor culverts. Denis is willing to help with the grant if the township needs help. The Public Safety of our Comprehensive Plan was discussed with so many of our Dry Hydrants being out of service. Robert Simonelli offered to work on updating the Dry Hydrant assessment sheet on which ones currently are out of service and what is needed with the chief of the Fire Department. James asked if ARP money used to fund some of the dry hydrants getting fixed.

ZONING: None

EACOG: The specific topic that was discussed at the last meeting was the Audited Financial Statements that will be discussed under new business.

ECATO: The annual picnic is coming up.

WECEMA: None

TRAINING FACILITY: The fire department has been using the training facility, the grounds have been getting quite a bit of use. Recently the fire department held a training for Grain Bin Rescue that did need to branch out to the training facility grounds. The grounds are about due for another mowing. James stated the road crew did the last mowing and will see if on a rain day they would like to do it again. James will let Ramona know if they will be doing it or if we should see if J.C.E. can do it again before Recycle Day.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: No report

SOLICITOR: Has done some day-to-day administrative things, nothing much to discuss

OLD BUSINESS:

New Administration offices, Dennis has started working on a 2-dimensional drawing. Dennis asked James to have someone measure the distance from each corner of the building as to where the septic tank and water tank is, so next month he can have a shell drawn for the next meeting.

Noise Ordinance was tabled as the Planning Commission is still reviewing and looking at surround municipalities.

Scrap bid advertisement. James made a motion to advertise for scrap bids on 5 old brine tanks, pieces of scrap culvert pipe, old Hough Loader, old Athey Belt Loader, International Tanker, Joy air compressor, belt unloader box/frame, old semi-trailer, and some misc. tank barrels and steel items laying around the training grounds. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Milling quotes discussion, as no one responded yet to the quote that was put out.

Dry Hydrant Assessment was discussed under the Planning Commission report.

Falls Road intersection discussion, Dennis asked if a crosspipe exists around the stop sign near the Falls Road intersection with Route 98. James stated that he and Steve did find a culvert pipe to the west of the stop sign by mistake that was not functioning back in the day. James will get the measurements and where it is for Mark Corey. James will get the information then give it to Ramona for Ramona to send to Dennis.

LST discussion was held regarding the collection of our LST money and currently our Tax Collector does this and she is retiring at the end of this year. June told Ramona that the person running for Tax Collector has not contacted her at all to ask any questions and feels that she is probably not interested in collecting it with all the paperwork that is involved for the little bit of money that is received. Dennis made a motion to move the LST collection for 2022 over to Berkheimer who currently collects our EIT money. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Reviewed the Health Departments Small Flow Sewage Treatment Facility Oversight report for the year. Looks like Franklin Township currently has 30 Small Flow Treatment Facility located in Franklin Township with 10 being out of compliance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Crowe Subdivision

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the Crowe Subdivision on West Stancliff Road where Terry and Peggy Crowe have purchased more property from Thomas Bauer to add to the back of their existing property on West Stancliff Road. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Resolution 13 of 2021.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 13 of 2021, approve the Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report of the Erie Area Council of Governments for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2020. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Resolution 14 of 2021.

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SMALL FLOW TREATMENT FACILITY FOR JOSHUA AND JESSIE CURTIS LOCATED AT 7474 NEW ROAD, EDINBORO, PA 16412.

Dennis Howard moved to adopt Resolution #14 of 2021. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Discussion on Armstrong Cable Company. Reviewed the coverage map, and they drafted a simple Amended Cable Franchise Agreement. A discussion was held no longer receiving free service from Armstrong due to the money received through the agreement. The coverage map was very confusing to follow so some clarification needs made. This is tabled until next month.

A discussion on Ramona getting her notary license and the township covering the cost so free notary work can be done for all residents. This would also benefit the residents that live on State Roads that feel the township offers not much to them. Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the cost of Ramona getting her notary license and the classes to provide free notary to the residents. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

James Sachar made a motion to adjourn at 8:29 pm so the Board of Supervisors could go into an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Then they will reconvene for the rest of the meeting. Robert Simonelli seconded Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Dennis Howard called the meeting back to order at 8:44 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Erie County Planning and one from PSATS

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dee Engel asked a question was asked if the township is going to have to put in a SFTF if any upgrades are done to the existing township building.

Tara Miller wanted to say thank you for considering a pumping station for the fire department with the ARP money that is received.

Tara Miller asked if the Falls name correction has been completed.

Robert Simonelli made a motion to adjourn at 8:49 pm. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary