

December 21, 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 7:03 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Present were Supervisors Robert Simonelli, and James Sachar, and Solicitor Gery Nietupski, and Secretary Ramona Junkins.

Visitors present were Gerald Rafeew, Dee Engel, Georgia Hudy

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 16, 2021. James Sachar seconded. Dennis Howard Abstained, Motion Carried

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Put antiskid down on the roads when it was needed. Have been hitting the roads hard as the weather has permitted. The Brine tank made its way over here.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – James Sachar made a motion to approve the December 21, 2021, bill list for a total of \$135,513.52. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Supervisor bills this month. James Sachar made a motion to approve the December 21, 2021, Supervisor bill list for a total of \$519.82. Robert Simonelli seconded. Dennis Howard Abstained. Motion Carried.

Payroll – James Sachar made a motion to approve Payrolls # 24, 25 & 26 of 2021 as presented. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

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

PLANNING COMMISSION: The minutes were reviewed. Dennis met with the new Edinboro Borough Manager and Pat from Council. There was a discussion about Edinboro staying in the Joint Multi Municipal Comprehensive Plan. Their preliminary thoughts are they would like to remain in it.

ZONING: None.

EACOG: None

ECATO: None

WECEMA: None

TRAINING FACILITY: None

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Had elections this month and there is one new director, and the Chief will remain the same being Brian.

SOLICITOR: Nothing to report this month

OLD BUSINESS:

Falls Road intersection discussion – discussed configuring the intersection to a one-way exit only onto Route 98, as it requires minimal infrastructure changes. (Mostly signage). Discussed West Stancliff between Falls Road and Route 98 needs to be looked at also as there are a lot of accidents there due to sight distance and West Stancliff road.

Dennis Howard made a motion to add the New Township Building back onto the agenda under Old Business. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Dennis presented a possible new layout for the township building addition with a meeting room and ADA restroom.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the Edinboro Triathlon to be held on Saturday June 4, 2022, that travels through Franklin Township. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Resolution 20 of 2021

Reviewed the plans sent over by Rabell Surveying & Engineering regarding Lot "A-2" of Woods, Ball, and Harvey Subdivision. The proposed project is the installation of an elevated system technology to service a single existing subdivided lot being Lot "A-2" of Woods, Ball, and Harvey Subdivision Erie County Map Book 2000-1. This lot was initially created with the use of a non-building waiver and this Component 1 is to satisfy planning requirements for this subdivision, more specifically Lot "A-2." This parcel is 21.8 + acre vacant plot located on the west side of Fry Road in Franklin Township, Erie County, PA and is one of three lots of that subdivision. The Taylors are proposing a four-bedroom, single story home with a full basement. The design flow for the new system is 500 GPD. Anticipated disturbed acreage for the installation of the proposed septic system and home is less than 1 acre. The lot will be used for residential purposes with the construction of a home in the near future. Drinking water for this new residence will be supplied by an individual drilled water well.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 20 of 2021 for the proposed septic system for Lot "A-2" of Woods, Ball, and Harvey Subdivision plans as submitted for Taylors proposed septic system. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Resolution 21 of 2021.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 21 of 2021 to adopt the proposed budget for 2022 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 \$716,427 (including one-time revenues). James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Resolution 22 of 2021.

Dennis Howard made a motion to amend the 2021 Budget to reflect the actual revenues received and expenses paid from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 including yearend adjustments made by the Township and/or the auditors. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Resolution 23 of 2021.

Dennis Howard made a motion to set the tax levy for 2022 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. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: Starting in January the recycle bins will be emptied on Monday, Wednesday & Fridays as they are always so full.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dee Engel thanked the Supervisors for participating in the Halloween Trick or Treat at the firehall. It was a great success.

Gerald Rafeew- lives on Eureka Road and wanted to share concerns regarding the township working on a Noise Exemption for music at the VFW. If the township does this, then they lose all control over the music in the township. It would be nice to sit on the back porch and not have to hear the music.

James Sachar made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 pm. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary