

## **February 15, 2022**

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 Anthony Angelone, and Secretary Ramona Junkins.

Visitors present were Tara Miller

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 January 18, 2022. Robert Simonelli seconded. Motion Carried

### **REPORTS:**

**Roadmaster Report** – Not much to report, lots of snowfall which means lots of hours for payroll, the guys did push the snow back to help with the thawing of snow and where the water will go.

### **FINANCIAL AND TAXES**

**Bills** – James Sachar made a motion to approve the February 15, 2022, bill list for a total of \$23,113.05. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

No Supervisor bills this month.

**Payroll** – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve Payrolls # 3 & 4 of 2022 as presented. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

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

Ramona handed out 2021 Completed Audit.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** The minutes were reviewed.

**ZONING:** None.

**EACOG:** None

**ECATO:** None

**WECEMA:** None

**TRAINING FACILITY:** None

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** None

**SOLICITOR:** None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Noise Exemption- None

Cable Franchise Agreement is still being worked on. A discussion regarding parts of the township still without internet and is there any grants out there to help with expanding the Broadband service.

Falls Road intersection is still ongoing. Currently it is included in the Erie County Long Range Transportation Plan.

Several different designs were discussed regarding a new Township Building. Dennis created a spreadsheet showing the Building Fund from 2018 to current to see how much money is available towards a township building. After a board consensus Dennis is going to contact a couple of architects to get an informed opinion on the various options.

Dry Hydrants discussion is still an ongoing issue, especially with this time of year and being snow covered. The fire department has been shoveling some of them out.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Solicitor that was appointed for the Zoning Hearing Board at the Reorganization meeting has now retired and he recommended Joel M Snavely from Quinn Law Firm.

Dennis Howard made a motion to appoint Joel M Snavely from Quinn Law Firm as the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

The Treasury Department has issued the Final Rule Edition for the American Rescue Plan Funding for Townships. A discussion was held on what the township can use the money towards that was received. A Zoom meeting was held earlier today by the County Executive Brenton Davis regarding appealing an Ordinance the previous administration designated the County's ARP money for.

Robert Simonelli brought up possibly subdividing the Training Grounds and giving the Fire Department a part of it including the Rope Tower and the Burn Building, so that they could possibly get some grants towards fixing it up. You cannot get a grant on a lease so that is why they are looking at ownership. Robert is going to work on a sketch for further discussion.

The fire department does not want to keep an equity in the West County Communications Building in which it is part owner. The cost is around \$1,200/year in which the fire department wanted to know if the township was interested in taking ownership of their portion of the ownership. A discussion on what that really entails and what is considered an asset. This was referred over to the Solicitor to see if more information can be obtained.

One of the fire department's trucks (729) has broken down, it has metal shavings throughout the motor. They wanted to inquire about possibly putting it on Municibid. The fire department can put this on Municibid to see if it might be worth some money.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Armstrong sent a letter stating that they would be doing a rate increase on television services only.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

James Sachar made a motion to adjourn at 8:09 pm. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary