

April 19, 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 Gery Nietupski, and Secretary Ramona Junkins.

Visitors present were Tara Miller, Kevin Wheeler, June Shelhamer, Bob Soltis, Bob Stickner

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 March 15, 2022. Robert Simonelli seconded. Dennis Howard Abstained. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the minutes from the conditional use hearing on March 15, 2022, for Andrew Macko. James Sachar seconded. Dennis Howard Abstained. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Not a whole lot, the guys have been doing some ditching on Eureka Road between Old State & New Road, New Road and some cold patching in some potholes where needed.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the April 19, 2022, bill list for a total of \$30,032.78. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Payroll – James Sachar made a motion to approve Payrolls # 7 & 8 of 2022 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 from their meeting were reviewed.

ZONING: None

EACOG: A presentation was held on the American Rescue Plan funds was held at the last meeting. A joint seal coating bid took place along with the other bidding process.

ECATO: None

WECEMA: The Emergency Operations Plan has been updated and needs to be reviewed.

TRAINING FACILITY: None

FIRE DEPARTMENT: None

SOLICITOR: Has been a relatively quiet month. A newer Noise Abatement will be presented under old business.

OLD BUSINESS:

Noise Exemption- Gery created a simpler document regarding a Noise Abatement Ordinance for establishments holding a liquor license. It will be sent to the Planning Commission for review.

Falls Road intersection was discussed as Dennis will be meeting with Mark Corey and wanted to be clear on what we were asking Mark Corey the engineer to do. Consensus was that improving the West Stancliff intersection is needed and talking with PennDOT about a possible turning lane especially for semis for the turning radius.

Township Building was discussed as Dennis will be contacting a couple architects regarding a preliminary sketch on what the Supervisors would like to see. James's idea was for a 60X80garage with a 60X40 office and meeting rooms over where the cold storage building is by the antiskid building.

Dry Hydrants discussion is still an ongoing issue, tabled until we get more information from the Chief.

American Rescue Plan Funds was discussed, and the reporting is due by the end of the month. Dennis Howard made a motion to authorize American Rescue Plan funds under the exemption and the monies to be used for general purposes. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Lease of Training Grounds, no new information.

NEW BUSINESS:

A discussion on a tractor that McKean township has for sale. It is a Massey Ferguson 5455. James Sachar made a motion to approve the Massey Ferguson 5455 tractor with the attachments in the amount of \$30,000.00 using Liquid Fuels Funds. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

The bids for the Seal Coating and Surface treatment were opened at Washington Township at 5:00pm tonight. The bids came in 31% higher than last years numbers. Washington Township voted to reject the bids as it was more than what they had budgeted for. The bids will go back out to bid with less roads to be included for Washington Township.

Crack Sealing was discussed. James Sachar made a motion to approve up to \$13,320.00 for crack sealing of Eureka (4) and Silverthorn (2), Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Resolution #6 of 2022

Dennis Howard made a motion to adopt Resolution 6 of 2022, A resolution to approve the Emergency Operation Plans update and review as of March 22, 2022. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Resolution #7 of 2022

Dennis Howard made a motion to adopt Resolution 7 of 2022, A resolution to endorse America250 PA and its mission to Educate, Preserve, Innovate and Celebrate the rich history and diversity of the state. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Advertisement for New Hires was discussed. Consensus was to get a new sign made for in front of the building that can be put out when an employee is needed, use social media and any means necessary to advertise that we are hiring.

Advertisement for the old tractor to go out for bid. James Sachar made a motion to advertise the old Massey Ferguson to go out for bid. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Wheeler Auction will be holding an auction on May 7th and the township equipment including the old Grader and the old Massey Ferguson can be put out to bid with a reserve. Dennis Howard made a motion to take the old Massey Ferguson tractor to Wheeler's next auction with a reserve of \$4,000 and with 1 supervisors approval to have a (\$500) wiggle room, meaning if the township only gets \$3,500 it can be sold along with the old Grader with a reserve of \$9,000 with (\$1,000) wiggle room meaning if the township only gets a bid up to \$8,000 the 1 supervisor can approve the sale. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

June Shelhamer had a question about the Noise Abatement Ordinance that the Solicitor proposed on would that include an event at the firehall if they had outdoor music? The Solicitor said yes if the Supervisors want it to it could include if they have alcohol that day as a temporary liquor license is required.

Bob Soltis from Elk Creek Township asked the Supervisors if there is some plan to move forward with fixing Ivoray Road. Elk Creek has added drainage and it has a good base, that they have no residents on that section of road, but if nothing gets done the road will start to fall apart. They understand that money is an issue right now but does the Supervisors plan on improving it in the future. Dennis's response was yes in the future they would like to see it improved but right now with the cost of things going higher it can not be squeezed in the budget.

James Sachar made a motion to adjourn at 8:36 pm. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary