

November 15, 2022

The regular meeting of the Supervisors of Franklin Township was held in the Franklin Township Building, 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 Ramona Junkins and Zoning Officer Ralph Breiding.

Visitors present were Alan Hauser, Ernie Robinson, Tara Miller, Rylie Leicht, Zachary Leicht, Kevin Henry, Matt Riley, and Katherine Riley.

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 October 15, 2022. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

James Sachar made a motion to approve the minutes from the Budget workshop minutes for 2022. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – The guys have managed to get in one more round of grading the roads, they have been doing some misc. ditching. One truck is fully dressed for plowing, the one ton is fitted up for plowing, we are still using one truck for ditching.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – James Sachar made a motion to approve the November 15, 2022, bill list for a total of \$22,943.50. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Payroll – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve Payrolls # 22 & 23 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.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No meeting this month

ZONING: Have processed several zoning permits.

EACOG: Dennis stated at the last COG meeting there was a presentation on Broadband in our area. The county is putting a map together of areas that are served and not served.

ECATO: The Convention was last month at Nick's Place. The next meeting is Thursday at Millcreek Township at 9:00am.

WECEMA: No Update

TRAINING FACILITY: No update

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Dee Engel reported

SOLICITOR: working on utility scale solar short term rental ordinances, has provided the Supervisors with a rough draft of each just to use as a starting point.

OLD BUSINESS:

Falls Road intersection, Dennis met with Mark Corey who is completing a site distance survey and looking more into that intersection for options.

Township Building, no new updates.

Dry Hydrants discussion – no new updates.

American Rescue Plan Funds, no new updates.

NEW BUSINESS:

James Sachar made a motion to approve the Conditional Use for Barbara Jones to use her accessory structure as a small thrift store on Eureka Road as a Low Impact Home Based Business. Dennis Howard seconded. Yea: Dennis Howard, James Sachar, Nay: Robert Simonelli. Carried

Resolution 12 of 2022. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 12 of 2022, approve the Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report of the Erie Area Council of Governments for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2021. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Resolution 13 of 2022. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 13 of 2022 to approve the Annual Budget of the Erie Area Council of Governments for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$437.00 a year. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the Edinboro Triathlon to use Fry Road in Franklin Township on Saturday June 3rd, 2023, and to approve Fire Police for that day. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Dennis Howard made a motion to decline the proposal from Ford Office Technologies for IT coverage in the amount of \$270.00 a month. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Reviewed the quotes from Stephenson and Five Star on new Loader quotes. The current Loader has no brakes and is not a safe piece of equipment.

Stephenson gave a quote for a JCB Model: 427 ZX T4F for 184,335.23 with a trade in value of 8,000 for our current loader with a 2-year warranty.

Five Star presented a quote for a John Deere 2023 Loader 524P Wheel for an amount of \$191,555.69 with a trade in price of 5,000 for our current loader with a 5-year warranty. Kevin Henry stated that their office is only 19 miles from our office, if the machine goes down while it is being worked on, we will get a loaner. The quote is good until the end of the month.

The Supervisors would like to continue to look for a possibly used one as this is more than was anticipated at this time. Ramona was informed to continue with adding the old Loader and Brine Truck on Muncibid for next month's meeting.

Resolution 14 of 2022. Reviewed a Small Flow Treatment Facility for Peter and Kathryn Barry located at 11154 Eureka Road, Edinboro. The sewage treatment facility will serve an existing 3-bedroom home, it is intended to replace the failing on-lot septic system located on this parcel.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 14 of 2022 approving the Small Flow Treatment Facility for Peter and Kathryn Barry located at 11154 Eureka Road. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Rylie Leicht the current tax collector was informed that due to her new job working with the District Magistrate Denise Stuck she cannot hold an elected position with the township. Rylie Leicht must resign from her position as Tax Collector from the township.

Dennis Howard made a motion to accept Rylie Leicht's resignation as the current Tax Collector in Franklin Township. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Dennis Howard made a motion to appoint Zachary Leicht as interim Tax Collector until the next municipal election as per the 2nd Class Township Code, Zachary will be the Tax Collector from now until the first Monday in January of 2024. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: On Common Ground Magazine

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Dennis Howard made a motion to adjourn at 8:19 pm. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary