

**December 20, 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 7:02 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Present were Supervisors Dennis Howard, and James Sachar, and Solicitor Gery Nietupski, and Ramona Junkins.

Visitors present were Alan Hauser, Tara Miller, Dee Engel, Georgia Hudy, Taylor Beers

A Moment of Silence was observed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** -

None

**MINUTES:**

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on November 15, 2022. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

James Sachar made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Hearing Minutes for the Low Impact Home Based Business for Barb Jones on November 15, 2022. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

**REPORTS:**

**Roadmaster Report** – There is not much to report, the guys are on reduced hours and as needed. The Brine Truck and Loader were put on Municibid and will be discussed later.

**FINANCIAL AND TAXES**

**Bills** – Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the December 20, 2022, bill list for a total of \$85,066.06. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

**Payroll** – James Sachar made a motion to approve Payrolls # 24, 25 & 26 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:** Reviewed the minutes from last meeting.

**ZONING:** No report

**EACOG:** Dennis stated they are deeply involved in the Broadband project, please take time to fill out the survey to ensure its accuracies.

**ECATO:** No report

**WECEMA:** No Update

**TRAINING FACILITY:** No update

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Georgia reported that the department did have elections.

**SOLICITOR:** Continuing to work on Ordinances that are in front of the Planning Commission.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Falls Road intersection no update

Township Building - discussed whether we should do a stand alone building or an all-in-one administration facility. James is going to continue to work on this.

Dry Hydrants discussion – no new updates.

American Rescue Plan Funds, no new updates.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the Conditional Use for Taylor Beers to use her accessory structure as a notary business on Silverthorn Road as a Low Impact Home Based Business. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

The Fire Department has asked for their annual allocation in the amount of \$15,000 to use for operating funds. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve a check in the amount of \$15,000 for operating funds for the Fire Department. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

A discussion was held on appointing Barb Bolt as the Deputy Tax Collector, no one knew who she was and there was a Girard Address listed. This was tabled until, the reorganization meeting to find out more information.

Reviewing the Recycle Day numbers the township does not owe any money as we had a carryover from last year and the grant was for more money this year.

On November 22, Mary M Amman, Financial Consultant, conducted a monitoring review of the Township's Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. This review was performed to verify that the Township maintained and 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

### Resolution 15 of 2022.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 15 of 2022 to adopt the proposed budget for 2023 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 \$700,006 (including one-time revenues). James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

### Resolution 16 of 2022.

Dennis Howard made a motion to amend the 2022 Budget to reflect the actual revenues received and expenses paid from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022 including yearend adjustments made by the Township and/or the auditors. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

### Resolution 17 of 2022.

Dennis Howard made a motion to set the tax levy for 2023 at 3.0 mills; 1.08 mills – General Fund, 0.34 mills – Fire Department Fund, 0.26 mills – Municipal Building Fund, 0.555 mills – Road Machinery Fund, 0.475 mills – Permanent Improvement Fund and EMS Fund 0.200 mills. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

The 1984 Case Loader was listed on Municibid and the final bid was \$5,700.00 there were a total of 26 bids. James Sachar made a motion to award the winning bid to the highest bidder in the amount of \$5,700.00. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

The 1990 Mack Tandem Tanker Truck (Brine Truck) was also listed on Municibid and the final bid was \$8,100.00 there were a total of 47 bids. James Sachar made a motion to award the winning bid to the highest bidder in the amount of \$8,100.00. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

A discussion regarding starting to look for a used Loader as we sold the old one, we had.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dee – there is a tree on a wire on Old State Road near I-79

Tara – thank you again for the nice ditches and for plowing.

Dennis Howard made a motion to adjourn at 7:40pm. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary

Reorganization Meeting for the Supervisors Tuesday January 3, 2023 at 7:00p.m. (open terms, Planning Commission (1), Zoning Hearing Board (1), Vacancy Board (1))

Elected Auditors Meeting Wednesday January 4, 2023 at 10:00am

Reorganization Meeting for the Planning Commission Wednesday January 4, 2023 at 7:00pm