

February 21, 2023

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

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 January 17, 2023. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Currently waiting on the weather to straighten out the roads. Last week we tried to take care of some of the rough roads. Jimmy has a call into a sawmill in Cochran regarding a Loader they are selling but is currently in the shop being worked on.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the February 21, 2023, bill list for a total of \$17,647.58. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Payroll – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve Payrolls # 3 & 4 of 2023 as presented. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

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

The Supervisors were given a copy of the 2022 Audit that was completed.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Reviewed the minutes.

ZONING: Issued a couple permits, went, and talked with a couple residents regarding building.

EACOG: Dennis reported there is an upcoming meeting for the broadband expansion committee.

ECATO: Ramona and Ernie attended the last meeting, there was a Roadmaster Roundtable meeting held after the meeting.

WECEMA: No Update

TRAINING FACILITY: No update

FIRE DEPARTMENT: No update

SOLICITOR: Continuing to work on Ordinances that are in front of the Planning Commission, spoke with a lawyer regarding a possible solar farm. This is appearing to be a busy month.

OLD BUSINESS:

Falls Road intersection – still waiting to hear from Mark Corey.

Township Building – James has left messages for several Architects and is waiting to hear back from them. James has provided the Board with three different options regarding a township building and was looking for feedback from the other Supervisors. Dennis is going to review and try to plot the designs in a layout for a conceptual view.

Dry Hydrants discussion – no new updates.

American Rescue Plan Funds – Fairview Township has contacted the township and said they are looking at expanding broadband and are filling out paperwork. Currently they are looking at expanding coverage to Hawthorne Ridge and Seib Road. Just a ballpark number is \$40,000 a mile and with both sections being less than a mile and needing to pay half would Franklin Township consider using their American Rescue Plan Funds to cover this if the grant does not come through and Fairview is using their ARP money. Franklin would be looking at around \$20,000.00 possibly. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve broadband expansion to Hawthorn Ridge and Seib road with Fairview Township. James Sachar seconded. Yays; Dennis Howard, James Sachar. Nays: Robert Simonelli. Motion Carried.

The Dirt and Gravel Fund grant paperwork was received in the amount of \$175,000.00. James has signed the paperwork and it has been sent back in. Ramona has requested a 50% advancement of the money in the amount of \$87,500.00 to have the funds ready when we are ready to start the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Sherriff Dept has requested use of the Training Facility, Robert is going to talk to them. Dennis Howard made a motion for Robert Simonelli to contact them and have them out for a walk through of the Red building by the bunker or the Tower for simulation rounds only. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

The ECATO Fireman's Dinner is set for March 30, 2023, at 6:00pm. The cost is up to \$15 per person, the cost is still pending. It was decided to invite the Supervisors, Secretary, Solicitor and 4 members of the fire department to attend for a total of 8 individuals.

An estimate from Edge Computers was received to replace Ramona's computer as it has slowed down dramatically and needs to be replaced. The quote was for \$1,980.96 for a new computer on February 8, 2023. Edge Computers did call on Friday and said some of the prices might have gone up but they will try hard to stay around the figure that was quoted. Dennis is going to look at Ramona's computer to see what all is needed and compare it to the quote received. James Sachar made a motion to approve the purchase of a new desktop computer for up to \$2,400.00 upon Dennis's recommendation. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

An estimate from Edge Computers was received to replace the Road Foremen's computer, Zoning and another laptop was quoted as per Jimmy's request. The quote was \$799.99 each for a laptop February 14, 2023. This was tabled as the Supervisors would like to look at the current computer in the Road Dept's office.

Resolution 5 of 2023. Proclamation making April Safe Digging Month. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 5 of 2023 approving the Proclamation dedicating April as Safe Digging Month. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Dana Volkman has handed in his resignation for the Zoning Hearing Board.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Perry Hi-Way about EMS coverage
EMS Drop Call Report from Erie County

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

James Sachar made a motion to adjourn at 8:10pm. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary