

March 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 7:02 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: Alan Hauser, Calvin Lydic, Tara Miller, Dee Engel, Ernie Robinson, Dave Karle, Caleb Schenk

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 February 21, 2023. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Ernie prepared and gave the Supervisors the list of road concerns/improvements recommendations for 2023 for their review and to see what all projects the Supervisors would like to do this year. We have completed some plowing and cindering; we need to start road repairs. There are 3 cross pipes that are failing, some have been patched but need to be repaired. Jimmy thought maybe we might need to put these out for bids due to the amount of work and time. At the end of the month, we will be short an employee due to Mr. Smith giving his resignation to the township.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – James Sachar made a motion to approve the March 21, 2023, bill list for a total of \$14,222.48. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Supervisors Bill List – James Sachar made a motion to approve the Supervisor's Bill List for March 21, 2023 to pay Dennis Howard's bill for reimbursement for redoing the Network in the township office. The bill was only for the cost of supplies he did not charge for Labor in the amount of \$481.19. Robert Simonelli seconded. Yay: Robert Simonelli and James Sachar. Nay: None. Abstained Dennis Howard.

Payroll – Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Payrolls # 5 & 6 of 2023 as presented. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

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

PLANNING COMMISSION: Reviewed the minutes.

ZONING: Received a complaint about shooting, answered a couple questions regarding building within the townships.

EACOG: Will report later about the broadband expansion.

ECATO: No Update

WECEMA: No Update

TRAINING FACILITY: Waiting for a call back from the Sherriff dept about use of the buildings.

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. He applauds the work of the Planning Commission but would like permission to attend the next planning meeting. Also reviewed the Retaining Tank Ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Falls Road intersection – still waiting to hear from Mark Corey. Another call needs to be put in again.
Township Building – Dennis is going to talk to his daughter about a couple references for some Architects so we can continue to move forward that are within our pay grade. A discussion regarding one building or two was discussed again and Dennis stated after doing some work in the township building and seeing all the dust with the administration office being attached to the garage.

Dry Hydrants discussion – no new updates, as the roads are not ready for fire trucks to go up and down the road currently.

American Rescue Plan Funds – The report is due by the end of April.

The Dirt and Gravel Fund grant contract was received, and the township got the check for 50% advancement in the amount of \$87,500.00.

EMS Concerns – Ramona and Jimmy attended the EMS seminar held at the Bayfront Convention Center. Robert talked about how hard it is to get the younger generation to volunteer. Our residents need to realize the state we are in currently.

Dennis did talk to Edge Computers regarding getting laptops from him and he just goes out and buys them, he does not build them. Dennis said he can build the township a HP laptop for about \$250.00 that is used and he rebuilds them. The consensus was yes to do this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 6 of 2023. Designation of County Liquid Fuels. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 6 of 2023 approving the Designation of County Liquid Fuels Project for 432 expenses, and the purchase of Aggregates and Antiskid. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Resolution 7 of 2023. Zoning Hearing Board Appointment. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 7 of 2023 approving Patrick Mullen as a Zoning Hearing Board member for a three-year term. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

The Supervisors were given a Retaining Tank Ordinance that was reviewed by the Planning Commission to replace our current Ordinance 4-91 Sewage Holding Tank, which currently does not allow Residential Use of Retaining Tanks in which the township currently does have one as the septic system failed and was discharging out onto the ground and needed to be fixed until the Small Flow Treatment Plan could be put in place. Dennis Howard made a motion to advertise for a public hearing before the next Supervisor meeting for the Retaining Tank Ordinance. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote.

The Planning Commission reviewed a Short-Term Rental Ordinance and Gery will attend the next Planning Commission meeting to go over some possible changes to the Ordinance.

Resolution 8 of 2023. Exoneration of Taxes. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 8 of 2023 approving the Exoneration of Taxes on Parcel 22-012-030.0-010.50 from 2001 – Current in the amount of \$282.39 located at 11407 Eureka Road, Edinboro Pa 16412. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Dennis Howard supplied the Board of Supervisors with a map of the Broadband supplied within Franklin Township.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tara Miller – This social hall was built by Superior Walls and it went up really fast, maybe the township should consider this idea in the designs for a new township building.

Robert Simonelli made a motion to adjourn at 8:26pm. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary