

April 18, 2023

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 Ramona Junkins and Zoning Officer Ralph Breiding.

Visitors present: Alan Hauser, Tara Miller, Ernie Robinson, Bob Herman, Dee Engel, Denise Benedict, Ellen Howell, Ethan Bennett

A Moment of Silence was observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS -

Bob Herman commented he is working on a humanitarian project to improve the township and the community.

MINUTES:

Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on March 21, 2023. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Not too much to report, we did get a round of Grading and Planing completed, tore down one truck from the snowplows, broomed the intersections. There is an auction this weekend with some Loaders. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve up to \$60,000 without fees for a decent Loader at the upcoming auction in Wattsburg this weekend. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote Carried.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – James Sachar made a motion to approve the April 18, 2023, bill list for a total of \$16,688.56. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Supervisors Bill List – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the Supervisor's Bill List for April 18, 2023, to pay Dennis Howard's bill for reimbursement for building a laptop for the Roadmaster in the amount of \$297.51 and to build a laptop for the Zoning Officer in the amount of \$187.87 for a total for both laptops totaling \$483.38. James Sachar seconded. Yay: Robert Simonelli and James Sachar. Nay: None. Abstained Dennis Howard.

Payroll – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve Payrolls # 7 & 8 of 2023 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: Densie reviewed the minutes from the last meeting.

ZONING: Completed a couple of permits

EACOG: No update

ECATO: No Update

WECEMA: No Update

TRAINING FACILITY: No update

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Bingo starts May 3rd, the department has established a truck committee to look at their aging fleet. There were several EMS calls, fire calls on Draketown Road, several mutual aid calls.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Falls Road intersection – Ramona will put a call into Mark Corey.

Township Building – Dennis has possibly found an Architect named Michael Grabb, he has an exploratory appointment on April 28th.

Dry Hydrants discussion – no new updates.

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

EMS/Fire Concerns – With the recent closing of the Albion Fire Department we need to be mindful of the ongoing current issues that are going on. Bob attended the recent County Council meeting, and discussed additional funding that is needed for our current fire departments. Bob has also attended the West County Commission meetings and the cost that is involved after a fire department closure. We need to keep an eye on our local fire departments Franklin, McKean, Edinboro and CECPA and their current issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ethan Bennett from the Erie County Redevelopment Authority came to the Board of Supervisors meeting to discuss the Enterprise Zone Program which allows private businesses to apply for tax credits for revitalization or expansion of existing businesses.

Resolution 9 of 2023. Acceptance of the Enterprise Zone Application to the PA Dept of Community and Economic Development under the auspices of the Enterprise Zone Program. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the acceptance of the Enterprise Zone Application to the PA DCED Enterprise Zone Program with Resolution 9 of 2023. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1 of 2023 Retaining Tank Ordinance which is amending Ordinance 4-91 Sewage Holding Tank Ordinance. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

The Planning Commission did a review of the Solar and Wind Ordinance presented to them by the Solicitor. Dennis Howard made a motion to advertise for a Public Hearing on the Solar and Wind Ordinance to be at 6:45 pm before the next Supervisor meeting. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: Hazard Mitigation

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Alan Hauser – asked a question about the ISO rating

Tara Miller – thank you for our nice roads

Denise Benedict – Is wondering when other roads in the township are looking to be paved.

James Sachar made a motion to adjourn at 8:07pm. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary