

May 16, 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 7:01 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, Bob Herman, Ellen Howell, Denise Benedict

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 April 18, 2023. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

James Sachar made a motion to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing mins on the Retaining Tank Ordinance on April 18, 2023. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Some of the items that are going to be discussed under New Business, the trucks were torn down from winter. Some complaints about over grading and dust complaints were received. We are getting some recycled material from over on Route 6N. Some discussion about ditching the ditch head and how it worked. James helped with patching the fire department parking lot on a Sunday with his own personal equipment.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – James Sachar made a motion to approve the May 16, 2023, bill list for a total of \$39,849.41. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Payroll – Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Payrolls # 9 & 10 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.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No meeting this month

ZONING: Several permits were issued this month, for additions, porches, and one residence.

EACOG: Bid results are in for aggregates and pipes, they are continuing to work on the mapping of Erie County and internet coverage.

ECATO: The last meeting was held at Greene Twp and Solar Ordinances were discussed; the yearbook dinner is next Thursday at the Colony Banquet Center in Erie.

WECEMA: The EMA Coordinator has been busy lately.

TRAINING FACILITY: The Electric bill service charge has increased, and we need to reevaluate what all is needed as the bill is up to \$83 a month, after a discussion the outdoor lighting could probably be eliminated. While in Hershey Robert did speak with the Fire Commissioner regarding some available grants.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Thank you to the guys for filling in the potholes in the driveway for the start of Bingo as we get a good crowd and a lot of them are elderly. There have been a couple busy calls lately, in one day there were 5 calls. On the way home from a call the Utility Truck hit a deer on the way home.

SOLICITOR: Has completed another draft of the Short-Term Rental Ordinance with the recommendations from the Planning Commission.

OLD BUSINESS:

Falls Road intersection – Mark Corey is drafting this up and we should have something in hand shortly. At the PSATS conference Dennis attended a class with PennDOT in which they discussed a handbook that was created named Road Calming and how to slow people down. We are going to try to get a copy of the handbook.

Township Building – Dennis has possibly found an Architect named Michael Grabb; he had an exploratory appointment on April 28th on West 8th St. He would like to put together the scope of work & what exactly we need. He will work with us to define the layout and site the property to see here he recommends everything should go. He will also prepare the bid package.

Dry Hydrants discussion – no new updates.

American Rescue Plan Funds – Ramona did file the report.

EMS/Fire Concerns – Ramona handed out the Dropped call reports that the County sent over. A discussion on staffing as there are shortages everywhere.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Solar Ordinance will be emailed to everyone for review.

Resolution 10 of 2023. Approving the Erie County 2023 Hazard Vulnerability Assessment and Mitigation Plan Update. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 10 of 2023 approving the Erie County 2023 Hazard Vulnerability Assessment and Mitigation Plan Update. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Resolution 11 of 2023. Reviewed a Small Flow Treatment Facility for Sanmar Woodlands, LLC located at West Stancliff Road, Girard. The sewage treatment facility is the only option for this property currently. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 11 of 2023 approving the Small Flow Treatment Facility for Sanmar Woodlands, LLC located at West Stancliff Road. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

A discussion on putting out a bid packet for gravel on Mohawk Road from New Road to Francis, approximately 2,100 cubic yards applied to the road surface with the balance applied to the stockpile. 8-10 truck minimum to be completed by September 1, 2023.

Robert Simonelli made a motion to put a bid packet together and out for bid for Mohawk Road from New Road to Francis. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

A discussion for putting out a bid packet for dust control. Dennis Howard made a motion to put a bid packet together and out for DEP Certified Brine for Dust Control to be applied with a cab-controlled application device and will be on call and as needed basis until October 1, 2023. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Ramona to attend the 64th Annual PAMA Conference being held in State College for 2023. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: On Common Ground Magazine

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bob Herman is continuing to work on his humanitarian projects.

James Sachar made a motion to adjourn at 8:06pm. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary