

June 20, 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, Dee Engel, Tara Miller, Jack Miller, Tim Kuntz

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 May 16, 2023. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – The bulk of time has been spent on Fry Road with cross pipes and under drainage with the grant that was received. A little bit of mowing has been completed.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the June 20, 2023, bill list for a total of \$36,696.78. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Supervisors Bill List – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the Supervisor's Bill List for June 20, 2023, to pay Dennis Howard's bill for reimbursement for the PSATS Conference check # 1958 in the amount of \$979.32. James Sachar seconded. Yay: Robert Simonelli and James Sachar. Nay: None. Abstained Dennis Howard.

Supervisors Bill List – James Sachar made a motion to approve the Supervisor's Bill List for June 20, 2023, to Robert Simonelli for reimbursement for the PSATS Conference check # 1959 in the amount of \$1,313.39. Dennis Howard seconded. Yay: Dennis Howard and James Sachar. Nay: None. Abstained Robert Simonelli.

Payroll – Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Payrolls # 11, 12 & 13 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 from the last meeting.

ZONING: Several permits were issued this month, and a logger issue.

EACOG: Most of the work is focusing on the internet access for all of Erie County with a focus on unserved households.

ECATO: The last meeting was held at the Colony Banquet Center in Erie where Robert, Ramona and Ralph attended, where a quick meeting was held to discuss emergency liquid fuels money for a couple municipalities.

WECEMA: Things have been quiet lately.

TRAINING FACILITY: Has been getting used quite a bit by the fire department, as they had the ropes team out several times last month.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Question on why no signage on Route 98 Stating Emergency Vehicles ahead.

SOLICITOR: The PLCB held a formal hearing regarding the Noise Ordinance, and is currently reviewing the Solar/Wind Ordinance, and reviewing the Short-Term Rental Ordinance. Dennis Howard made a motion to advertise for a Public Hearing for Ordinance 2 of 2023 for Short Term Rentals with minor changes in the current draft for the next meeting. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Falls Road intersection – No update

Township Building – Reviewed a proposal from Michael Grabb regarding an Architectural Services Proposal. Dennis Howard made a motion to move forward with Michael Grabb's proposal and bid packet for the proposal. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Dry Hydrants discussion – is underway with checking them.

American Rescue Plan Funds – no new updates

EMS/Fire Concerns – Robert and Ramona attended the EMS Meeting with Brenton Davis and Zone 5 district which includes McKean Borough, McKean Township, Edinboro Borough, Washington Township and Franklin Township.

NEW BUSINESS:

The bids for Replacing Culverts engineered by Mark Corey for Carbury, West Stancliff and Mohawk were opened on June 19, 2023. There was a total of 6 bids received. Mark Corey was present and submitted a Recommendation to Award letter to the lowest bidder to McLallen Construction in the amount of \$59,700.

The bids received are as follows:

Northrock Construction - \$83,145.00

Shingledecker's Welding - \$134,465.00

McLallen Construction - \$59,700.00

Amendola Construction & Maintenance - \$69,225.00

Konzel Construction - \$146,925.00

Ray Showman Jr. Excav. - \$86,563.44

Dennis Howard made a motion to award the bid for replacing the culverts as engineered on Mohawk, Carbury and West Stancliff to McLallen Construction in the amount of \$59,700.00. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

There were no bids received for the Mohawk Road Project. We are going to make do with what we have.

There were two bids for 2RC to be spread out on Fry Road for 6,000 tons of 2RC.

Lakeland Aggregates, Inc – Cost per ton \$18.15 for a total of \$108,900.00

Allegheny Aggregate, Inc – Cost per ton \$22.00 for a total of \$ 132,000.00

Dennis Howard made a motion to award the bid for 6,000 tons of 2RC for Fry Road to Lakeland Aggregates with a cost per ton of \$18.15 totaling \$108,900.00. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

There were no bids received for #57 for Fry Road.

The Mack needs to have the tires replaced as they are all bad, two quotes were received one from Gormont Tires in the amount of \$2,680, and the other being English Tire in the amount of \$3,000.00. James Sachar made a motion to approve the purchase of tires for the Mack to Gormont tires in the amount of \$2,680.00. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

A discussion on Brine was held again. The township talked to Seneca Mineral and Brace for Brine for dust control on the roads. Brace is \$0.35/ per gallon delivered, while Seneca Mineral is \$0.37/ per gallon delivered. A discussion on possibly just doing in front of buildings and residences was had to cut down on some of the cost.

A discussion on the Fire Department Parking lot needing some millings to fix their parking lot., this was tabled until next month.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dee Engel – With the fees going up for electric is the traffic light really needed at Old State and Route 98 intersection?

James Sachar made a motion to adjourn at 7:59pm. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary