

July 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 Robert Simonelli at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Present were Supervisors Robert Simonelli and James Sachar, Solicitor Gery Nietupski, and Ramona Junkins, and the township Engineer Mark Corey.

Visitors present: Alan Hauser, Dee Engel, Tara Miller, Jack Miller, Ellen Howell

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 June 20, 2023. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Continued work on Fry Road with Washington Township. We have had a guy mowing and patching some bad spots on township roads. Robet wanted to make note of water laying on Mohawk Road as it is not draining off the road.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – James Sachar made a motion to approve the July 18, 2023, bill list for a total of \$63,799.92. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Payroll – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve Payrolls # 14 & 15 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: Ralph attended a training course on Stormwater Management, the logger on Rt 98 and Stancliff did come in and get a permit, several permits were issued.

EACOG: No Report

ECATO: The ECATO picnic is scheduled for August 24th.

WECEMA: Has been sending updates with the expected severe weather this last week, discussed a possible bylaw change to allow Fairview Township to join.

TRAINING FACILITY: No update.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: No update.

SOLICITOR: Expecting a decision from the PLCB regarding the Noise Ordinance. Has reviewed what to do about the Logger that refused to get a permit through the township. Recommends accepting the Short-Term Rental Ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Falls Road intersection – Mark Corey has attended the meeting to discuss what he thought was the best option for the Falls Road Intersection, in which his recommendation was like the Luther Road and Route 98 intersection.

Township Building – Robert Simonelli made a motion to form a Building Committee to begin working directly with Michael Grab. The committee will consist of Ramona Junkins, the Chairperson, the Zoning Officer Ralph Breiding, and Laura Howard to start by adding others as necessary. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Dry Hydrants discussion – No report.

American Rescue Plan Funds – The first of the funds of been disbursed by transferring money to the General Fund to pay the \$2,500.00 to Michael Grab the Architect for the new municipal building.

EMS/Fire Concerns – Robert has been watching the West County area a lot lately. CECPA has started its fund drive and is encouraging our residents to contribute to it. IT is important that residents understand that CECPA is or ALS service and needs some more funding.

Fire department Parking lot. Is it possible for the township to use some of the millings to fill in the holes in the fire department parking lot, not do the whole parking lot but just fill the holes. James will have a talk with Ernie regarding this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2 of 2023 Short Term Rentals was reviewed.

James Sachar made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2 of 2023 Short Term Rentals as modified on the bottom of Page 8, Section 9 #5. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Recycle Day is scheduled for Saturday September 23rd this year, it was discussed that we need to have an operator for our JCB that day.

A discussion to put out an advertisement to purchase a Loader for the next meeting.

James Sachar made a motion to advertise for the purchase of a Loader. Robert Simonelli seconded.

Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Alan Hauser- Is it possible for Ralph to provide a written report? Who started the whole discussion on the Falls Road and Rt 98 intersection?

Tara Miller – Can EMA have lighted signs for Recycle Day?

Dee Engel – Does the county reimburse the township for expenses on maintaining the driveway? On page 9 of the Short-Term Rentals Ordinance, it states No Tents, does that mean a kid cannot stay in a tent in the yard?

Solicitor to Dee, no the intent is not to exceed the maximum number of occupants.

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

Ramona Junkins, Secretary