

August 15, 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 7:01 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Present were Supervisors Dennis Howard, 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, Ellen Howell, Brian Broschious, June Shelhamer, Bob Herman.

A Moment of Silence was observed and dedicated to George Plavcan our Planning Commission member who recently passed away.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

MINUTES:

Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on July 18, 2023. James Sachar seconded. Dennis Howard abstained. Yea: Robert Simonelli and James Sachar. Motion Carried

James Sachar made a motion to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing minutes on July 18, 2023. Robert Simonelli seconded. Dennis Howard abstained. Yea: Robert Simonelli and James Sachar. Motion Carried

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Continued drainage work on Fry Road with Washington Township, fixed a plane, did some work on the mowers. Minor fix on the backhoe, Received some other aggregate for various roads. McLallen will be starting around the end of the month, to beginning of September on Mohawk Road and the other Cross pipes they won on the bid.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the August 15, 2023, bill list for a total of \$45,814.26. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Payroll – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve Payrolls # 16 & 17 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: Reviewed the minutes. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve donating \$100.00 on behalf of George Plavcan to the Anna Shelter. Yea: Dennis Howard and Robert Simonelli. Nay: James Sachar. Motion Carried.

ZONING: No Report

EACOG: Still focusing on the countywide Broadband for unserved areas in Erie County.

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

WECEMA: Has been monitoring the weather.

TRAINING FACILITY: Robert started a discussion on changing the name as the fire department use is so limited with the township now using more of the buildings. Robert will look into what the name change should be.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Is requesting funds to purchase a special operations utility vehicle which would be a 2011 F250 XLT Super Duty with an insert in the back. Will house the boat, rope rescue, fire police equipment and QRS equipment. It has 21,000 miles. Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the funds for the purchase of the 2011 F250 in the amount of \$40,000.00 from the Capital Fund. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

SOLICITOR: Has given the Supervisors the Solar Ordinance to forward onto the Planning Commission.

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. The project is on the long-term transportation plan, no funding would come from the MPO or Penndot. Penndot felt that there is nothing unique about that would warrant a right turn de acceleration lane. If reconfigured it would stay the same as proposed last month. The Supervisors did ask Mark Corey to figure out the scope of work and cost that the proposed plan would be.

Township Building – The building committee did meet with the architect and toured the property. A civil engineer will be brought in to look at the best placement of a new administration building with Stormwater concerns. At this time, it was discussed that the committee focus on only the administrative offices, the footprint and location options to present to the board. The Road team will need to look at repairing the current building or if it needs to be replaced.

Dry Hydrants discussion – Two more were tested last month.

American Rescue Plan Funds – No update

EMS/Fire Concerns – McKean Township has sent a letter regarding EMS concerns and to see if there would be interest in a meeting between McKean Township, McKean Borough, Washington Township, Edinboro Borough and Franklin Township. Robert Simonelli said yes, he would attend a meeting. Brian Broschius is the chief at Central Erie County Paramedic Association (CECPA) and has stated that CECPA has had to transport on a couple of occasions when Edinboro or McKean did not have the staff to answer the call in Franklin Township. Edinboro and McKean receive \$300.00/ per call when answering an EMS, but CECPA does not as there is no contract with the township currently. Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve paying CECPA \$300.00/per call when Edinboro & McKean cannot take the call. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Loader Bids were reviewed and only one was received from Matteson Equipment in the amount of \$49,892.00. James Sachar made a motion to purchase a 1999 Cat IT28G Wheel Loader in the amount of \$49,892.00 from Matteson Equipment, by using State Liquids Fuel money. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Resolution 12 of 2023. Dennis Howard made a motion by authority of the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors of Franklin Township by authority of the same, that Ramona Junkins, Secretary/Treasurer of said Municipality be authorized and directed to sign the Agreement on behalf of the township. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

A proposal was received from Suit Kote to fog seal the roads that received a seal coat last year in the amount of \$12,199.00 for \$3.8157 per gallon for 3,197 gallons. James Sachar made a motion to approve the Fog Seal from Suit Kote to be applied to the roads that were seal coated last year to put another coat on the roads until they can get another seal in the amount of \$12,199.00 at \$3.8157 per gallon for 3,197 gallons. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Discussion on needing another Planning Commission as George Plavcan has passed away.

Bailey Subdivision- Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the addition of 1.104 Acres Gross to Matthew Bailey & Leslie Sult's property on Clair Wright Road for a total of 3.290 Acres Gross after the subdivision. James Sachar seconded. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Erie County Planning letter about Solar Farms.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tara Miller- Thank you again for the Recycle bins, as she is the messenger for some of the people, she has talked with over at the Recycle bins.

Bob Herman – The fire department is very grateful for the help with the aluminum cans and to the people who are using the can area. Also, this year has been the best mowing job ever.

James Sachar made a motion to adjourn at 8:39pm. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary