

October 17, 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, Solicitor Gery Nietupski, and Ramona Junkins, and Zoning Officer Ralph Breiding.

Visitors present: Alan Hauser, Dee Engel, Tara Miller, Dave Karle, Bob Herman, Tommy Chorney

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 September 19, 2023. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Working on putting gravel down on Fry Road, got limestone in for the spring, gravel to be put down also. Some minor equipment repairs were completed.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – James Sachar made a motion to approve the October 17, 2023, bill list for a total of \$111,575.83. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Payroll – Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Payrolls # 20 & 21 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.

The Board of Supervisors will reconvene the budget workshop after this meeting to continue discussing the 2024 budget.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Reviewed the minutes.

ZONING: Issued a couple permits this month.

EACOG: Nothing new

ECATO: Convention is next Thursday @ Nick's Place. Please see Ramona if interested in attending.

WECEMA: Has worked on the budget and will be discussed under new business.

TRAINING FACILITY: Continued use as usual.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: One of the highlights is the new truck is here. We provided traffic control @ Northwestern and Edinboro Homecoming. There was a major call on Silverthorn Road in which we sadly lost a valued member of the community. Ran the fire school for the younger children to come through the department. Yearly Trunk or Treat will be taking place on Sunday October 29, 2023
Dennis Howard made a motion to give the fire department \$75.00 towards the Trunk or Treat for supplies for the kids. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

SOLICITOR: Kudos to the Planning Commission for making some good recommendations on the Solar Ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Falls Road intersection – No update

Township Building – Ramona has had discussions with Michael Grabb the architect, in which he wants to come back next week to do another site visit. He is currently looking into whether the township currently has an occupancy permit for the existing building.

Dry Hydrants discussion – No update

American Rescue Plan Funds – No update

EMS/Fire Concerns – Robert attended the meeting held by the county with Brenton Davis has moved a lot of the #'s around. There is no new EMT's or any new ambulances coming on Board. It is just shifting what is already in place. Funding is still an issue along with manpower.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on the solar ordinance.

Dennis Howard made a motion to advertise for a public hearing to be held right before the next Supervisor meeting. James Sachar seconded. Yea: Dennis Howard, James Sachar. Nay: Robert Simonelli. Motion passed.

The West Erie County EMA proposed budget for 2024 was handed out.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the 2024 EMA budget remaining the same as this year at \$2,140.15. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: Recycle Day numbers were handed out.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Karle – Would like to see the speed limit reduced on Francis Road. The signage is very confusing over there.

Tara Miller – Solar panels are not a good thing; it will cut back on Hunting.

Bob Herman – Publicly thank the township on the house #'s and has been pushing people to get them.

James Sachar made a motion to adjourn at 7:52pm. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary