

November 21, 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: Steve Weston, Cindy Weston, Dave Karle

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 October 17, 2023. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

James Sachar made a motion to approve the Workshop minutes from the 2024 Budget discussions. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Standard year end stuff has been done, gravel was put down on Eureka between New and Old State Roads. Working on putting snow equipment on.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the November 21, 2023, bill list for a total of \$96,252.69. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Payroll – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve Payrolls # 22, 23 & 24 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 update, no meeting

ZONING: 1 permit was issued.

EACOG: Discussed the 2024 COG Budget.

ECATO: Convention was well attended this year.

WECEMA: No update.

TRAINING FACILITY: Update about Recycle Day, it went smooth that day, but more tires were brought than we had room for with adding Washington Township. A pile of around 50 was still on the grounds after Recycle Day, Lindy the coordinator did call and schedule another pick up for the remaining tires, by the time they came, someone had dumped more tires on our site. They took 220 tires and still left around 50 tires; our township staff reprimanded several vehicles caught trying to dispose of more tires. The township staff did move the remaining tires, so they are out of sight now.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Gave their annual report of expenditures for 2022 and up to date for 2023. They have also requested their annual allotment for general operating money.

SOLICITOR: Has sent the final draft regarding the Solar Ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Falls Road intersection – No update, still in Mark Corey's hands for a cost and plan.

Township Building – The architect did come out and did a complete walk through.

Dry Hydrants discussion – The fire department has tested a couple more. We need to raise awareness of homeowners blocking dry hydrants. Robert Simonelli made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to investigate deeds of property owners with dry hydrants to review what the township can do about homeowners blocking dry hydrants. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

American Rescue Plan Funds – No update

EMS/Fire Concerns – Robert attended the south-central EMS group which consists of McKean Borough, McKean Township, Edinboro Borough, Washington Township and Franklin Township. The Chiefs are working hard on staffing in their departments.

The Supervisors did hold a brief executive session concerning a personnel issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 3 of 2023 Solar Energy and Wind Energy Conversion System was reviewed.

Dennis Howard made a motion to adopt Ordinance 3 of 2023 Solar Energy and Wind Energy Conversion System Ordinance. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Resolution 14 of 2023. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 14 of 2023 to approve the Annual Budget of the Erie Area Council of Governments for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2024, in the amount of \$437.00 a year. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

A quote was received for new Gas and Diesel pumps along with a new system. It was through Sourcewell in an amount of \$26,428.70, not including installation. This was tabled pending the cost amount for installation.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Weston – Apologized for him stating that the township divulged information out of his personnel file that was supposed to be confidential, which turned out to be public information.

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

Ramona Junkins, Secretary