

December 19, 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 7:04 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, Dave Karle, Tara Miller, Dee Engel, Matt Brown, Teresa Brown, Denise Benedict

A Moment of Silence was observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None

MINUTES:

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on November 21, 2023. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the Public Hearing Minutes for Solar Ordinance minutes from November 21, 2023. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Not much as it is the end of the year with year end stuff being completed, mixed up some material and did some patching.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – James Sachar made a motion to approve the December 19, 2023, bill list for a total of \$129,065.79. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Supervisor Bill List

James Sachar made a motion to approve the December 19, 2023, Supervisor bill list for a total of \$124.02 for a motherboard for the zoning laptop. Robert Simonelli seconded. Yea: Robert Simonelli, James Sachar. Nay: None abstained: Dennis Howard Carried.

Payroll – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve Payrolls # 25 & 26 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 from the last meeting.

ZONING: Received a couple of calls regarding zoning.

EACOG: Has a budget workshop coming up.

ECATO: No update.

WECEMA: The radios are currently down, and it may take up to a couple of days to resolve the issues.

TRAINING FACILITY: Is quiet right now.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: No report

SOLICITOR: Has investigated the deeds of residents who have a dry hydrant on their property. Dennis Howard made a motion to authorize a letter be written to the property owner of the dry hydrant that is being blocked at this time. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried
Dennis Howard made a motion to authorize a letter to be written to be sent to residents who plow snow across the road during the winter. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

Falls Road intersection – No update from Mark Corey, a discussion on the speed limit signs at the Falls Road and Francis Road intersection was held. Dennis Howard made a motion to post speed limit signs on Francis Road from Falls Road to Gudgeonville Road to 25 mph for a cost of \$589. Robert Simonelli seconded. Yea: Dennis Howard, Robert Simonelli. Nay: James Sachar. Motion Carried.

Township Building – A brief meeting was held with the building committee and Michael Grabb the architect, a discussion on the preferred site for the building, reviewed the first conceptual layout for the office. Discussed logistics of demolition of current building, discussed site survey utilizing and engineering surveyor, next meeting the architect will be in January before the Supervisors meeting.

Dry Hydrants discussion – The solicitor is working on a letter to send to the resident blocking the dry hydrant on their property. The fire department will not be pumping anymore until at least January.

American Rescue Plan Funds – No update

EMS/Fire Concerns – No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dennis Howard a motion to approve the addition of 13.001 Acres to Teresa Peschl (Matt & Teresa Brown) property on Eureka Road for a total of 26.214 Acres Gross after the subdivision. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Resolution 15 of 2023.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 15 of 2023 to adopt the proposed budget for 2024 as advertised, including the Employee Pay and Benefits Schedule and recommends to the auditors that they set the Supervisor's wages as per the Pay and Benefit Schedule. The balanced budget totals \$715,667.00 (including one-time revenues). Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Resolution 16 of 2023.

Dennis Howard made a motion to amend the 2023 Budget to reflect the actual revenues received and expenses paid from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, including yearend adjustments made by the Township and/or the auditors. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Resolution 17 of 2023.

Dennis Howard made a motion to set the tax levy for 2023 at 3.0 mills; 1.08 mills – General Fund, 0.34 mills – Fire Department Fund, 0.26 mills – Municipal Building Fund, 0.555 mills – Road Machinery Fund, 0.475 mills – Permanent Improvement Fund and EMS Fund 0.200 mills. 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 the amount of \$24,932.74, not including installation. The cost of installation is \$9,166.00. James Sachar made a motion to approve the purchase of a new gasoline and diesel pump from Keystone Petroleum Equipment LTD on the Sourcewell program in the amount of \$24,932.74 with an installation price of \$9,166.00 to be paid out of the general fund. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tara Miller – Knows a resident of 11956 Silverthorn Road, Terry Throop, who would be willing to let us install a dry hydrant on his property. Tara called Northwestern REC in which she was told they will supply the dry hydrant if we provide the installation.

Dee Engel – Thank you James for your service as a supervisor.

Denise Benedict – My house was the pond that helped with the fire on Silverthorn Road, there are other fundings that can be used for additional dry hydrants.

James Sachar made a motion to adjourn at 8:17pm. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Reorganization Meeting for the Supervisors Tuesday January 2, 2024 at 7:00p.m. (open terms, Planning Commission (1), Zoning Hearing Board (1), Vacancy Board (1)

Elected Auditors Meeting Wednesday January 3, 2024 at 10:00am

Reorganization Meeting for the Planning Commission Wednesday January 3, 2024 at 7:00pm if anything is on the agenda other than reorganization.

Ramona Junkins, Secretary