

January 16, 2024

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 7:07 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Present were Supervisors Dennis Howard, Robert Simonelli and Ernest Robinson, Solicitor Gery Nietupski, and Ramona Junkins, and Zoning Officer Ralph Breiding.

Visitors present: Tara Miller, Dee Engel, Georgia Hudy

A Moment of Silence was observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None

MINUTES:

Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on December 19, 2023. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the Organization Meeting from January 2, 2024. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Plowing snow, putting antiskid down, clearing a lot of trees out of the road. Girard Township brought their bucket truck over and helped us with tree removal that was too big for us to handle. Washington Township came over and put salt down on our paved roads to help us out as we don't have any salt. A discussion on water sitting on the roads and we need to do more ditching.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the January 16, 2024, bill list for a total of \$14,755.02. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Payroll – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve Payrolls # 1 & 2 of 2024 as presented. Ernest Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

The monthly financial recap was given to the Board of Supervisors.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No meeting last month

ZONING: Has been very quiet

EACOG: The meeting is coming up; Dennis has been the Chairman the last couple of years and has termed out.

ECATO: Ernest will be attending the meeting next Thursday.

WECEMA: Ramona will remain as president for the next year on the board of WECEMA.

TRAINING FACILITY: Is quiet right now.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Total of 195 calls last year. Georgia the president is asking the township to consider helping the fire department with matching funds for Recruitment and Retention. The departments around us have paid departments and our department runs solely on volunteers. The fire department is looking at implementing a \$10 donation to be paid to the volunteers that answer the calls if they are in any sort of financial need. It would at least cover some of the gas to get to the department to volunteer their time. The fire department cannot afford to do this themselves so they are seeing if the township would consider splitting the cost with the fire department so that we might be able to keep some volunteers as we are really lacking in volunteers and we need to do something to keep the people we do have or else we will not have the personnel to run calls. Robert Simonelli stated he does not need the money so he will not be participating in taking any kind of stipend from the Fire Department for answering calls. Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the township to pay \$11,200.00 for the cost of doing a

\$10 donation to volunteers that answer calls with the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Department and \$100.00 monthly to the Chief for all the work he does for one year as a pilot project excluding any elected officials. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

SOLICITOR: Has been working on the two letters, one for dry hydrants and one for plowing snow across the roads.

OLD BUSINESS:

Falls Road intersection – No update from Mark Corey.

Township Building – Michael Grabb did go to Washington twp & McKean twp buildings yesterday to get a feel for what we were looking for. McKean twp has a smaller footprint that might be a better fit for our township.

Dry Hydrants discussion – No update with the cold weather.

American Rescue Plan Funds – No update

EMS/Fire Concerns – No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ernest Robinson uses his personal truck a lot as the one ton has had several issues with breaking down and being loaded with antiskid for winter. Ernest's truck does not have proper lights on in an emergency like when he must remove trees off the road.

Dennis Howard made a motion to purchase emergency lights to be installed on Ernest truck so that people can see his vehicle when responding to emergency calls for the township in an amount not to exceed \$500.00. Robert Simonelli seconded. Yea: Dennis Howard, Robert Simonelli. Abstained: Ernest Robinson. Motion Carried.

Resolution 4 of 2024 Reviewed a Small Flow Treatment Facility for Donna Farabaugh located at 10873 Eureka Road, Edinboro. The sewage treatment facility is intended to replace the failing on-lot septic system located on this parcel. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 4 of 2024 approving the Small Flow Treatment Facility for Donna Farabaugh located at 10873 Eureka Road, Edinboro. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Resolution 5 of 2024 Reviewed a Small Flow Treatment Facility for Sean and Bonny Hoffman located at 10626 Route 98, Edinboro. The sewage treatment facility is intended to replace the failing on-lot septic system located on this parcel. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 5 of 2024 approving the Small Flow Treatment Facility for Sean and Bonny Hoffman located at 10626 Route 98, Edinboro. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: Municipal Leaders Grant and Resource Workshop will be held Thursday February 8

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tara Miller: With Summer and spring coming up please consider the township getting a tornado siren.

Dee Engel: Did the township consider getting an asst. for Ramona? The township should also consider a different pay rate for snowplow drivers versus summer help as snowplow drivers are on call all the time and do not have set hours. Summer help has a working schedule they follow.

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

Ramona Junkins, Secretary