

**February 20, 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 7:00 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, Kirk Hill, Alan Hauser, Randy Zonna, Anthony LaRiccia, James Sachar.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** – None

Dee Engel – down in Summerhill Twp they paved a road uphill to the top then stopped. Wondered why they did this and what was the purpose.

Tara Miller – the road under the guard rail on Eureka Road is deteriorating.

**MINUTES:**

Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on January 16, 2024. Ernest Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

**REPORTS:**

**Roadmaster Report** – talked to PennDOT about Emergency vehicle signs, they will not do it as it is not deemed necessary as no accidents have occurred regarding an emergency vehicle. We can buy the sign, post and materials but it must be PennDOT approved and be given their okay which does not always happen. Did some plowing, cindering, did not grade but sifted the roads. Have completed lots of truck maintenance. Met with Suit-Kote regarding a single seal coat and started looking at numbers and reduced what we wanted to try to complete. Talked to Mark Corey regarding funding for culverts. The one ton did blow another hose.

**FINANCIAL AND TAXES**

**Bills** – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the February 20, 2024, bill list for a total of \$44,093.55 with the slight price increase in purchasing the emergency lights for Ernie's truck. Ernest Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

**Payroll** – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve Payrolls # 3 & 4 of 2024 as presented. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

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

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Reviewed minutes from last month

**ZONING:** Issued 3 building permits and 1 demolition.

**EACOG:** Lindy Platz from Girard Twp is the new chair and Dennis is the Treasurer this year.

**ECATO:** Next meeting is Thursday morning.

**WECEMA:** No update

**TRAINING FACILITY:** No update.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** No report.

**SOLICITOR:** No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Falls Road intersection – Ernie is meeting with Mark Corey.

Township Building – Michael Grabb did send over the updated building plans.

Dry Hydrants discussion – tested one dry hydrant.

American Rescue Plan Funds – No update

EMS/Fire Concerns – No report.

Disaster Siren – A quote was received for a new installed disaster siren, the only qualified installer according to the county is Mobilcom and the quote is for \$35,678.22, 1 year of customer support is included but the 2<sup>nd</sup> year if we pick Tier 1 will run \$253.79/month which is the cheaper Tier but does not include repairs for time and material. Tier 2 is \$422.98/month which includes labor on the equipment.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The copier lease is expiring, Ford Office Technologies has given us a quote on a new lease with an amount that includes shipping the current copier back. The copier is on the Costars on the negotiated price of \$118.83/month with a maintenance will be a monthly rate of \$35.11 with black copies of 1,700 included with an overage price of \$0.0083 and color copies over 300 being \$0.07000. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the lease with Ford Office Technologies. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

The Audit that was performed for 2023 was given to the Board of Supervisors.

The Auditor General came in and completed the State Liquid Fuels Audit for 2020, 2021, and 2022 years. One finding was found and that was when the vendor said they were state approved for dust control and they were not, Ramona found out and reimbursed the money used to pay for dust control out of Liquid fuels money with general fund money in 2022 all within the same year. They still had to write up their findings. Everything else was good.

A road complaint was received by a Sarah Zonna who stated she got a flat tire on Silverthorn Road after the road was graded. She stated it was so bad it could not be patched as the damage was too severe. What is the township going to do regarding Silverthorn Road, not blaming anyone in particular but the road has gotten really bad.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the subdivision of 10.32 Acres (current acres 60.425) for Sanmar property on West Stancliff Road for a total of 50.105 Acres Gross after the subdivision, Robert Simonelli seconded. Motion Carried.

### Road Projects

Ernie is going to go in on the COG bid for Seal Coating with the East side of the County to see if we can get a better price on the Seal Coating that needs to be completed.

Fry Road update, Ernie met with dirt and gravel roads people so we can restart that project in the spring. Ernie met with Mark Corey regarding gap funding to help pay for some of our big culverts.

The one Tractor is having air conditioning issues, the transmission does not have 2<sup>nd</sup> gear now, he would like to look at getting a quote/estimate on a new tractor and what they would give the township in if we traded our current tractors in. It was by consensus that he is okay with getting quotes.

Ernie is looking at getting a quote for the grader to see about putting a front plow on it.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Armstrong sent a letter telling us they did a slight increase in rates.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Alan Hauser – How are you looking at heating the new municipal building?

Randy Zonna – I get a lot of alerts via my cell phone, so do we need a disaster siren?

Jim Sachar = By the time you fit the grader for snow plowing you are looking at upwards of \$100,000 dollars, there are better ways of spending our money.

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

Ramona Junkins, Secretary