

March 19, 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 7:01 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, Alan Hauser, James Sachar, Bob Herman, Raymond Junkins, Calvin Lydic, Tim Aldrich.

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 February 20, 2024. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Have put some cinders down, completed lots of garage work and maintenance on vehicles with the weather as it has been.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the March 19, 2024, bill list for a total of \$17,495.17. Ernest Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Dennis Howard made a motion to move our Quickbooks version over to Enterprise as it is getting costly without monthly fees for an approximate amount of \$1,538.00. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Payroll – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve Payrolls # 5 & 6 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: No meeting this month

ZONING: Has been a real quite month, an inquiry about a subdivision and a couple complaints were made.

EACOG: Is getting ready for the annual bids to go out for our aggregates and pipes.

ECATO: Annual yearbook dinner is March 28, 2024, at the Colony Banquet Center on W.12th Street.

WECEMA: Eclipse Event under new Business.

TRAINING FACILITY: Robert started a discussion regarding the fire department being able to use the training facility grounds as a fundraiser to rent out spaces to RV's to be able to watch the eclipse event. Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the use of the training facility grounds for a fundraiser for the fire department to rent out spaces for RV parking for the Solar Eclipse event with no hookups or power just the property for April 6,7,8,9. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Will be hosting a wing night for a fundraiser on April 6th. Last month there were 9 calls with 8 EMS and 1 Fire. Tara was given permission to contact REC about a new dry hydrant on a resident's pond.

SOLICITOR: Worked on a fee schedule for the Solar Ordinance learning more from dealing with the big solar farm coming to Venango Twp. The fee schedule is 1% of the total project costs.

OLD BUSINESS:

Falls Road intersection – Ernie has discussed this with Mark Corey, it is momentarily put on hold to work on the GAP funding grant for replacing a culvert.

Township Building – Michael Grabb reported that Danielle in his office is working on the base plans and elevations in cadd. Dennis recommends that the building committee should meet with Mr. Grabb to keep the process moving forward.

Dry Hydrants discussion – Moving along as expected with this time of year.

American Rescue Plan Funds – Resolution 8 of 2024 A Resolution Providing for Revenue Replacement in the General Fund with American Rescue Plan Funds. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 8 of 2024 approving for Revenue Replacement in the General Fund with American Rescue Plan Funds the. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

EMS/Fire Concerns – The next EMS focus group meeting is scheduled for March 24th, which Bob will be attending.

Disaster Siren – No new information.

Ernie met with Mark Corey regarding gap funding to help pay for some of our big culverts located on Carbury Road. Resolution 7 of 2024 A Resolution to approve the application for Erie County Municipal Infrastructure GAP funding program. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 7 of 2024 approving the application for Erie County Municipal Infrastructure GAP funding program. Ernest Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ernie received a quote for a New Tractor from Stephenson equipment for a Massey 5711D 4X4 with Dyna 16x16 Transmission with a base price of \$94,500.00 additional quotes were for a cutter head, hydraulic control, boom mower options, a beacon, with freight and installation quotes. All quoted in the COSTARS contract. Trade in Value for Massey 4345 with Tiger Boom Mower (Current Hours 7,730) \$5,500.00 and Massey 54556 with Tiger Boom Mower (Current Hours 2,900) \$20,000.00. If we order now, it will be ready next year. Ernie tried John Deere in Waterford, but they are getting out of selling the big tractors and said it would be cheaper to go through Stephenson Equipment. Ernie is to look at exactly what he would like to see the tractor outfitted with. Ramona to see about financing and how we would pay for it. Tabled until next month.

Grader quotes for fitting the Grader for snow removal from Five Star Equipment for the front plow part it is \$30,580.02, there are two options for the wing \$38,209.53 or postless wing \$35592.78, and the miscellaneous washer, bushing screw...etc. \$2,859.14. So depending on the package it would be \$69,031.94 with wing assembly K and Post style wing or \$71,648.69 with postless wing and wing assembly K. Ernie explained the reason he is looking is you do not need a CDL to operate this for plowing and this last year we only had Ernie to plow and he is tired.

NEW BUSINESS:

Disaster Declaration for the Solar Eclipse event. Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the Disaster Declaration for the Solar Eclipse event starting on April 7-14, 2024, in case anything happens in our area. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

The Tax Claim Bureau has received an offer to purchase the property located at Index # 22-011-024.0-014.00 Interstate 79 which is 2.69 acres by Jhen Scutella with Rock & Roll Rentals LLC, they are willing to pay \$250.00. The total amount of township tax owed from 2018 to 2023 is \$58.32. Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the purchase of parcel id # 22-011-024.014.00 which is 2.69 acres to be sold to Jhen Scutella with Rock & Roll Rentals, LLC in the amount of \$250.00. Ernest Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Resolution 6 of 2024 A Resolution Establishing a Schedule of Fees for Certain Permits and Services Provided by Franklin Township. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 6 of 2024 approving the Establishing a Schedule of Fees for Certain Permits and Services provided by Franklin Township. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Employment – an application was received by a person who has a CDL and lives within the township, he is available to start at the end of April, he is retired and is only looking for part time work at this time.

A township employee has completed his 90-day probationary period and is asking for his wages to be increased. Ernie stated when he was hired, he commented he would like to get his CDL but at this time he has done nothing to look at getting one. It was a consensus that no increase is warranted at this time. If they proceed to move forward with a CDL then there would be an increase.

Support of SB 1099 – Fire & EMS Grant Reauthorization. Is now mute as it passed yesterday.

Robert brought up an issue of large li-ion battery storages being installed on cell phone towers as they are moving away from propane powered generators. Do our ordinances protect us against this? Adequate public safety is a concern. The Planning Commission should look at the cell phone tower ordinances and how close they can go near a residence.

2015 Chevy 2500 4x4 6.0L V8 Regular Cab 51,981 Miles with the following options: plow package, tow package, 8'6" Fisher Extreme Vee Plow, Hydraulic Dump Bed, Air, Cruise, Running Boards and LineX Liner. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2015 Chevy 2500 4X4 6.0L V8 Regular Cab Truck in the amount of \$25,000 from Summit Township. Ernest Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dee Engel – Are there any Zoning Hearing Board Classes coming up.

Calvin Lydic – On Francis Road there are a couple of washouts, there were orange cones there, but the cones have been removed nothing was done though. Just beyond Mohawk Road you can at least use a shovel to fill in the holes.

Jim Sachar – What were the estimated numbers on the new tractor transmission getting fixed, with our 2 tractors why don't we have 2 guys doing it and getting it done faster. The grader upgrades would make it harder to see at certain intersections like New Rd and Rt 98 as it is currently hard to see in our plow trucks. The grader would be a better fit for this than the grader. It would be nice to address some of the holes in the road once the weather does break.

Robert Simonelli made a motion to adjourn at 8:27pm. Ernest Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary