

**April 23, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Supervisors of Franklin Township was held in the Franklin Township Truck Bay, was called to order by Robert Simonelli at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Present were Supervisors 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, Calvin Lydic.

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 March 19, 2024. Ernie Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

**REPORTS:**

**Roadmaster Report** – Greased the equipment on rainy days, grading, and planeing when weather permitted. Working on updating signs for reflectivity.

**FINANCIAL AND TAXES**

**Bills** – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the April 23, 2024, bill list for a total of \$55,793.14. Ernest Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

**Payroll** – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve Payrolls # 7, 8 & 9 of 2024 as presented. Ernie Robinson 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:** 1 permit was issued; one complaint was received regarding a noise complaint.

**EACOG:** Received bids for the Aggregates. More bids to come in for other materials.

**ECATO:** The yearbooks are currently being printed.

**WECEMA:** None

**TRAINING FACILITY:** Pretty quiet right now.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Had their first wing night at the beginning of this month. Bingo will be getting ready to start up again, there is a training tomorrow night. Drill schedules have changed to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month so we can collaborate and train with McKean and Edinboro Fire Departments. We need more volunteers, there is something for everyone. We have a new member his name is Matt Rae he will be a fire police. The department has started to get specs for a newer truck as 725 & 722 are getting bad so if we can replace the 2 trucks for only one that will save money.

**SOLICITOR:** Variety day to day, working on solar systems, dry hydrants, and gun shots. An Ethics complaint was filed against an Erie County Supervisor for leaving a blank spot on their financial statement. Make sure to fill them out completely.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Falls Road intersection – No update.

Township Building – Michael Grabb did send over the CADD drawings for review.

Dry Hydrants discussion – Moving along as expected with this time of year. There is still an out of service hydrant being blocked by an RV.

EMS/Fire Concerns – Robert did some networking while in Hershey with other municipalities.

Disaster Siren – Robert spoke to Erie County Dept of Public Safety regarding how often it would go off and it would only go off for a tornado. The cost is quite high.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Seal Coat bids were received. Two bids were received from Suit -Kote Corporation and Russell Standard Corporation. The lowest bidder is Suit-Kote Corporation with a low bid unit price of \$1.809 per square yard for the single asphalt seal coat. Russell Standard gave a quote of \$2.270 per square yard for the single asphalt seal coat. Franklin Township received a quote for 51,496 SY for the single asphalt seal coat for a total of \$93,156.26. Robert Simonelli made a motion to award Suit-Kote Corporation the bid for 51,496 SY of roads to have a single asphalt seal coat applied for a total amount of \$93,156.26. Ernie Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Recycle Day – The next proposed day for recycle day is going to be Saturday September 21, 2024.

Robert Simonelli made a motion to participate in Multi Municipal Recycle Day to be held tentatively for Saturday September 21, 2024. Ernie Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

The Erie County Redevelopment Authority (ECRDA) has been approved for the Keystone Enterprise Zone for an area that includes Franklin Township, it will be in effect until April 30, 2029, It is to create certain tax breaks and is a way to attract businesses to our area. Robert Simonelli made a motion to participate in the Keystone Enterprise Zone as Franklin Township is listed as a distressed area under the neighborhood assistance. Ernie Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dee Engel – ditches on New Road west of Rt. 98 need to be done.

Alan Hauser – On Saturday April 13, 2024, there was an incident of gun shooting until 9:50pm. Alan will put it in writing and submit it to Ralph.

Tara Miller – Thank you for the reflectivity strips on the stop signs, thank you guys for working over the weekend when the weather was nice to get our roads done.

Bob Herman – I am still working on house numbers for houses. I would also like to know when the township is going to get a new flag put up.

James Sachar – On New Road on the eastbound lane from Ivory Road to Mohawk Road it is still wash boarded.

Alan Hauser – Are there any plans to fill potholes on Falls Road?

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

Ramona Junkins, Secretary