

**May 21, 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, Alan Hauser, Bob Herman, Terry Brugh, Susan Rea, Matt Rea, Ken Bawol.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

Dennis Howard swore in the Fire Police for Franklin Township which were Terry Brugh, Matt Rea, Robert Simonelli, Tara Miller, Robert Herman.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** – None

**MINUTES:**

Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on April 23, 2024. Ernie Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

**REPORTS:**

**Roadmaster Report** – Lots of equipment maintenance and repairs have been completed also cleaned guide rails, berming, ditching and grading.

**FINANCIAL AND TAXES**

**Bills** – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the May 21, 2024, bill list for a total of \$53,452.17. Ernest Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the May 21, 2024, Supervisor bill list for a total of \$1,252.65 to Robert Simonelli for PSATS Conference reimbursement. Ernest Robinson seconded. Yea: Dennis Howard and Ernest Robinson. Abstained: Robert Simonelli. Carried.

**Payroll** – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve Payrolls # 10 & 11 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 the minutes from the last meeting.

**ZONING:** A couple building permits, followed up on a written complaint. He informed me he knew he was allowed to shoot until 10:00pm. He will lighten up a bit.

**EACOG:** Working on funding for broadband expansion out into the Springfield area.

**ECATO:** The annual fireman's dinner is next Thursday.

**WECEMA:** Currently working on a right to know complaint.

**TRAINING FACILITY:** Penn State is interested in possibly touring the facility.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Currently in our 4<sup>th</sup> week of bingo. Changed drill nights to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays with Edinboro. Stipends have been getting dispersed. Work was done on the bathroom facets with temperature controls, so no one gets burned. Matt Rea is our new member at the department.

Fire Police as requested to assist Fairview with their Memorial Day parade. House numbers are still needed around the township.

**SOLICITOR:** Still working on dry hydrants and looking at updating the contract.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Falls Road intersection – No update.

Township Building – Michael Grabb did send over the CADD drawings for review. Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the Land surveying and base map development that David Laird Associates, Inc. with a cost of \$6,375.00. Ernest Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Dry Hydrants discussion – The fire department has been hitting them hard, 4 have been checked in the last week.

EMS/Fire Concerns – No report.

Tornado Siren – In our area it would require 3 phase electric in which is very expensive. At this point no new information is available. When something comes up this will be readded to the agenda.

Change Order for the Gas Pump. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the change order for the installation of the gas pumps in the amount of \$3,795.84 for the electrical work that was completed. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Crack Seal Quote through the COG pricing. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the Crack Sealing quote in the amount of \$9,126.00 on Eureka, Silverthorn and Falls road. Ernest Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ditching no quote yet, tabled.

Resolution 9 of 2024 Reviewed a Small Flow Treatment Facility for Steven Walker located at 11740 Silverthorn Road, Edinboro. The sewage treatment facility is the only option as the soils on site are unsuitable for on-lot sewage disposal systems. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 9 of 2024 approving the Small Flow Treatment Facility for Steven Walker located at 11740 Silverthorn Road, Edinboro. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Liquid Fuels Audit Report for 2020, 2021, 2022

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Tara Miller – Thank you so much for the berming that was done, so far the road crew is doing a fantastic job.

Alan Hauser – Thank you for patching Falls Road. What is the rate for the Architect?

Bob Herman – Thank you to Jack and Tara they have been doing the landscaping around the fire department.

Ken Bawol – I sent someone up here to apply for a job and they were told you are hiring at \$19/hour for a CDL driver with no benefits. It is going to be hard to get and keep employees. It will be very hard to even sustain an employee.

Robert Simonelli made a motion to adjourn at 7:54pm. Ernest Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary