

June 18, 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 7:03 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.

Visitors present: Tara Miller, Bian Tinko, Cheri Tinko, Calvin Lydic, Gary Gebhardt, Dee Engel, Bob Herman, Ken Bawol, Jo Bawol, James Sachar.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

Megan Ebright gave a presentation on what Aflac provides to businesses for their employees. There is no cost to the business. Aflac bills in arrears as it is payroll deduction so not cost to the township. Must have 3 employees to start the program.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None

MINUTES:

Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on May 21, 2024. Ernie Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Has been working on Fry Road to complete the Dirt and Gravel Project. Bermed all paved roads, cleaned up the guardrails and some equipment maintenance. Thanks to the great staff working as we have gotten some good things accomplished.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the June 18, 2024, bill list for a total of \$100,918.82. Ernest Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Payroll – Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Payrolls # 12 & 13 of 2024 as presented. Robert Simonelli 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: No report

EACOG: Continued working on Broadband expansion project.

ECATO: No report

WECEMA: No report

TRAINING FACILITY: It has been quiet, mutual aid departments will be training next Wednesday in the burn tower.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Continuing collaboration with Edinboro & McKean departments. Over 40 civil war people are buried in Francis Cemetery, the fire police helped with a service that was held at the end of May. The department is doing a Beef Raffle for a fundraiser, the next wing night is June 22nd.

SOLICITOR: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Falls Road intersection – No update.

Township Building – David Laird & Associates did come out and completed the land survey.

Dry Hydrants discussion – Slow month on this.

EMS/Fire Concerns – QRS Licensure – EMS bulletin 2024-10 from Dept of Health discusses QRS licensed agencies and reporting requirements about staffing 24/7.

A quote for ditching was received from Whitetail Land Services to provide an experienced operator as well as a mini excavator to clean ditches and load into township trucks for removal at an hourly rate of \$130 / hour which includes one operator and one machine. Additional fees: No additional fees including drop off and pick up of equipment, if a minimum of 6 hours a day is worked. Any day less than 6 hours would include \$150 to haul equipment to and from the job site.

Stephenson Equipment did send over the new quote for a Massey 5711D 4X4 with Dyna 16X16 transmission with a mid-mount boom mower (1700 lb wheel weight), 50" Rotary Swivel head, disk/brush knives & hydraulic door, joystick, electro-hydraulic and valve kit, installation of complete boom mower system, hydraulic actuator in lieu of standard swivel, electronic boom positioning system, pump/grille guard, backup alarm, radio, beacon, installation of completed front mount attachment, push frame to attach front mounted attachments to existing tiger mid mount frames, including the trade in of Massey 4345 wit tiger boom mower (5,500 and Massey 5455 with tiger boom mower 20,000) for a total of \$178,400.67 Ernie will talk to the salesman to get an interest rate.

NEW BUSINESS:

Aflac: Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the township to use Aflac services as there is no cost to the township. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

A complaint was filed from Denny Jones regarding berming that was completed on Eureka Road, in which he sent a certified letter where Mr. Jones exercised his right to terminate the water usage agreement for the dry hydrant located on his property. Dennis Howard made a motion to have the solicitor write an empathetic letter listing the community impact. Ernest Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Paver/Plains – Washington township would like to use the township paver and in return for using our paver they will give is their plains and do the maintenance on the paver. Robert Simonelli made a motion to authorize Gery to work with Ernie to prepare an agreement with Washington Township. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

A discussion on Broadband expansion. Ramona will work with Michelle from the COG to be considered an internet ready community to be able to receive any grant money for broadband expansion.

A discussion on providing employee benefits. Ramona will continue to look into coverage and the cost.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dee Engel – there was an accident on 79 and a lot of traffic chose to detour to Fry Road as 79 was closed. Our township employees were working on the road and there were semis and lots of traffic causing a lot of problems.

Tara Miller – Traffic was backed up a mile for that accident.

Bob Herman – House numbers are still free, and it would be nice if we could get some volunteers to assist in driving around and seeing who doesn't have one and get them one.

Tara Miller – Eureka Road sign is missing off Crane Road.

James Sachar – Mohawk from Old State north is getting rough. Francis Road by Russell Standard is bad, most of the township roads are bad and washing out. Having 6" berms on dirt roads is stupid and we should be doing that in spring if needed. There is no gravel even sitting at the township to even address the bad spots if they are there. No gravel has really been put down in the last 2-3 years.

Robert Simonelli made a motion to adjourn at 8:21pm. Ernest Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary