

September 19, 2023

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 James Sachar, Solicitor Gery Nietupski, and Ramona Junkins, and Zoning Officer Ralph Breiding.

Visitors present: Alan Hauser, Dee Engel, Tara Miller, Shawn Wroblewski.

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 August 15, 2023. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Remainder of the millings of come in, they have not put the gravel down on Fry Road due to the weather, some grading has been completed. The culvert on Mohawk Road has been completed.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – James Sachar made a motion to approve the September 19, 2023, bill list for a total of \$89,154.73. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Payroll – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve Payrolls # 18 & 19 of 2023 as presented. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

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

PLANNING COMMISSION: Reviewed the minutes.

ZONING: Couple minor complaints, issued a couple permits.

EACOG: Is now up to twenty some municipalities now that have joined, lots of valuable work being done, also working on brining internet access to the county that does not currently have it in Erie County.

ECATO: No update

WECEMA: Shawn Wroblewski stated, lots going on right now. The Solar Eclipse is going to be April 8, 2024, and Erie is supposed to be the best place to view it, expected to bring in over 260,000 people. Fairview township is looking at joining the West Erie County EMA, EMA has received a letter of understanding with ADMAR, a 10% discount will be given to each participating municipality along with delivery and pick up fees. Saint Francis is working on becoming an emergency shelter.

TRAINING FACILITY: Started doing some Ropes training, and Robert is still working on the renaming.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: No report

SOLICITOR: Feels the Solar Ordinance is getting close to ready.

Dennis Howard made a motion to draft a prohibition of utility solar, wind and storage grid tie systems. Robert Simonelli seconded. Yay: Dennis Howard, Robert Simonelli. Nay: James Sachar. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Falls Road intersection – No update

Township Building – Ramona has discussed options with Mark Corey and has emailed the architect.

Dry Hydrants discussion – No update, a discussion on a resident parking a camper in front of their dry hydrant on their property. Not much can be done as it is their property.

American Rescue Plan Funds – No update

EMS/Fire Concerns – Struggling to keep up with certifications.

NEW BUSINESS:

David Karle is the only one who has stated he would be interested in filling the vacancy on the Planning Commission. Dennis Howard made a motion to appoint David Karle to the Planning Commission to fill the term that George Plavcan held. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Resolution 13 of 2023. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 13 of 2023, approve the Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report of the Erie Area Council of Governments for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2022. James Sachar seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Recycle Day is this Saturday

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Alan Hauser – nice job on the Mohawk Road culvert, is there any funding for other residences to help with invasive species? (Dennis is going to investigate this)

Tara Miller – last time PA had that hogweed it was very invasive and there is a lot of things that are in the waterway.

Dee Engel – Jeff Otteni who served on CECPA for many years is now in poor health condition.

Robert Simonelli made a motion to adjourn at 7:40pm. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary