

October 15, 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 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.

Visitors present: Brian Tinko, Calvin Lydic, James Sachar, Alan Hauser, Steve Weston, Tara Miller, Dee Engel, Georgia Hudy.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None

MINUTES:

Ernie Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on September 17, 2024. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Completed about 3 miles of shoulder cutting, berming, inventory of signs. Started last of the maintenance on the equipment.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – Ernest Robinson made a motion to approve the October 15, 2024, bill list for a total of \$47,756.49. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Payroll – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve Payrolls # 20 & 21 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: Minutes were reviewed from the last meeting.

ZONING: A conditional Use Hearing came in and will be getting scheduled.

EACOG: A new executive director has been hired and it is John Bartnicki.

ECATO: No update

WECEMA: No update

TRAINING FACILITY: No report

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Has been working with the DEP and health department regarding a water test that was done back in 2017. One new member has joined the fire department.

SOLICITOR: Investigated ARP funds and what needs to be completed by the end of the year to keep compliance. Reviewed the employee handbook and does not feel it needs to be changed at all regarding the Roadmaster driving the vehicle home when the weather is questionable. Prepared the paperwork for the transfer of ownership of the equipment with Washington Township. Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the contract transferring ownership between Franklin Township and Washington Township. Ernest Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

Falls Road intersection – No update.

Township Building – No update

Dry Hydrants discussion – No update

EMS/CECPA/Fire Concerns – Robert did attend the CECPA meeting, and they did have elections, they are moving forward to replace medic 2 rig. West County EMS did hire a new executive director over on the west side.

Blinking light at Old State and Route 98. – He has been busy, so he has not been able to make it over here yet.

Pension- No Update, tabled until next month.

Hotsy – Ernie presented the board with a quote for a new Hotsy Pressure Washer for \$4,642.00. Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the purchase of a new Hotsy Hot Water Pressure Washer for \$4,642.00. Ernest Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Pole Building – Ernie presented the board with a quote from Plyer Entry Systems for a new Lift master to open the garage door on the pole building for an amount of \$1,615.00. Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the purchase of a new Lift master to open the north garage door on the pole building. Ernest Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 17 of 2024. Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve Resolution 17 of 2024, applying for the DCED Local Share Assessment grant in the amount of \$987,000 for the new administration office building and for Ramona and Ernie as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between Franklin Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant. The Cost of applying is \$100.00. Ernest Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Resolution 18 of 2024. Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve Resolution 18 of 2024, applying for the DCED Local Share Assessment grant in the amount of \$137,711.64 for the purchase of a new work truck and for Ramona and Ernie as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between Franklin Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant. The Cost of applying is \$100.00. Ernest Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Resolution 19 of 2024 Designating the LST Monies to go to Central Erie County Paramedic Association (CECPA) our only ALS provider for EMS Services. Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve Resolution 19 of 2024 designating all LST Monies to go to Central Erie County Paramedic Association (CECPA) our only ALS Provider for EMS Services. Ernest Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

A discussion on plowing the fire department, Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve having Ernie plow the fire department same as he did last year. Ernest Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

A discussion on purchasing parts for the Broom, it needs a new hydraulic motor for the left side. The cost is approximately \$1,600.00. Robert Simonelli made a motion to purchase a new hydraulic motor for the broom. Ernest Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: Recycle Day Numbers. Thank you to Alan Hauser who came and volunteered and even got his brother to help.
Letter from McKean Township designating their LST money.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dee Engel – Bingo here at the Fire Department is really looking for some volunteers to help on Wednesday nights with helping out at Bingo, can even be kids looking for some community service hours.
Steve Weston – Asked about the health insurance bill, what were the final numbers on Fry Road project, and how much grant money did we ended up getting.

Calvin Lydic – Is something going to be done with Clairwright Road? It is getting bad.

Tara Miller – When the township gets its new building and a new flagpole if any pennies are left the fire department can really use a new flagpole also as it is leaning and looking bad.

Robert Simonelli made a motion to adjourn at 7:38pm. Ernie Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary