

November 19, 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 7:02 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: James Smock, Ann Smock, Susan Ronto, Steve Ronto, Alan Hauser, Barb Osterberg, David Osterberg, Davi Chivari Kathleen Levis, Christopher Levis, Edward Levis, Pat Mullen, Mike Kennedy, Chris Anderson, Jarod Denning Dee Engel, MaryEllen Voelker, Tara Miller, Matt Brown.

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 October 15, 2024. Ernie Robinson seconded. Yea: Robert Simonelli, Ernie Robinson. Abstained: Dennis Howard. Carried.

Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the budget workshop minutes. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

REPORTS:

Roadmaster Report – Got the signal at Old State and Route 98 repaired. Completed some cold patching around the township building. Put up some 25mph signs on Clariwright Road and fixed some other signs within the township. Started getting trucks ready for winter, did some tree removal.

FINANCIAL AND TAXES

Bills – Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the November 19, 2024, bill list for a total of \$52,950.90. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the November 19, 2024, Supervisor bill list for a total of \$1,140.58 to Dennis Howard for the PSATS Conference reimbursement. Ernest Robinson seconded. Yea: Robert Simonelli and Ernest Robinson. Abstained: Dennis Howard. Carried

Payroll – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve Payrolls # 22, 23 & 24 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 last month.

ZONING: Did one permit, did some research on campgrounds.

EACOG: No update, under new business

ECATO: Several people attended the ECATO convention, the next meeting is in Millcreek.

WECEMA: No update

TRAINING FACILITY: No report

FIRE DEPARTMENT: No report

SOLICITOR: No report already discussed items.

OLD BUSINESS:

Falls Road intersection – No update.

Township Building – Currently continuing work on the LSA Grants.

Dry Hydrants discussion – Still have some hydrants down which is not a good thing. This will probably be put on hold till spring.

EMS/CECPA/Fire Concerns – Last month CECPA did their membership drive. At the last Supervisor meeting we did vote to give CECPA all our LST Funds.

Pension- No Update, tabled until at least January.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 20 of 2024. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 20 of 2024 to approve the Annual Budget of the Erie Area Council of Governments for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2025, in the amount of \$437.00 a year. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Resolution 21 of 2024 Reviewed a Small Flow Treatment Facility for Jennifer Freeman located at 7980 Crane Road. The proposed system is intended to replace the failing on lot septic system on that parcel. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 21 of 2024 approving the Small Flow Treatment Facility for Jennifer Freeman located at 7980 Crane Road. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Resolution 22 of 2024 Reviewed a Small Flow Treatment Facility for Matthew Weaver located at 7101 New Road. The proposed system is intended to replace the failing on lot septic system on that parcel. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 22 of 2024 approving the Small Flow Treatment Facility for Matthew Weaver located at 7101 New Road. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

A discussion on the Conditional Use Hearing Application for Amy Zlobin. A public hearing was held tonight, some residents shared concerns along with the Solicitor. Dennis Howard made a motion to deny the Conditional Use application. For Ramona and Gery to outline some of the issues provided tonight, with the option to reapply if they want to. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Two quotes were received for the insurance package that the township currently has with replacement value. The first quote was from Hart McConahy & Martz Inc. which for the total package was \$15,154.00 yearly, the second quote was from the Charles P Leach Agency Inc. for the total package was \$21,896.00. Our current provider is USI, in which their premium last year was \$18,619.00 in which they are still working on updating our new rates, but we did get a letter stating that we were going to be getting an increase in our premium. Dennis Howard made a motion to switch our insurance package for 2025 to Hart McConahy & Martz, Inc for an annual premium of \$15,154.00. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

A discussion on if we would like to transfer money from our general fund to our municipal building fund. Consensus is not to do that currently.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Chivari – I was concerned I did not get notification of the Public Hearing. If they decided they want to reapply, I feel more people should be notified.

Tara Miller – Thank you so much for the new light at Old State and 98.

Matt Brown – At 11134 Eureka Road, there is a tree hanging low, it hit the antenna on my truck tonight.

Dennis Howard made a motion to adjourn at 7:44pm. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary