

**April 15, 2025**

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, Ernest Robinson, Solicitor Gery Nietupski, and Ramona Junkins and Zoning Officer Ralph Breiding.

Visitors present: Alan Hauser, Calvin Lydic, Dee Engel, Bob Herman, James Sachar, Brian Tinko, Don Weaver, Tommy Foulkrod, Matt Brown.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS –**

James Sachar: Would like to know what the plan is for Francis Road?

What is going to be done with the mess at West Standcliff & Fry Road

What is going to be done with Mohawk and Francis Road?

What about Mohawk & Old State Road? There is a lot of dirt piled up and when the grass starts to grow it is going to be a mess.

The ditch on Francis Road across from the Brown house west of Mohawk is a big issue.

**MINUTES:**

Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on March 18, 2025.

Ernie Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

**REPORTS:**

**Roadmaster Report –** Road Grading, light scratch to road service, then added limestone and 2A. Cleaned up equipment, pressure washed, removed plows, spreaders, chains and wings. West Standcliff water issue so we had to cut the ditch with the Grader to drain and dry up the road, will go back and ditch that area later. As we were putting gravel on roads, I have found 7 Cross pipes that are failing and need replaced as soon as we can. My recommendation for our dirt and gravel project is Francis Road from the sign company to Mohawk Road, replace Cross pipes, itch and raise the road surface. Mohawk and Francis Road clean up from the banks the dirt we piled from getting water to flow, also on Mohawk and Old State Road. I talked to the homeowner on why we did what we did and said we would come back later to finish and clean up.

**FINANCIAL AND TAXES**

**Bills** – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve the April 15, 2025, bill list for a total of \$28,481.28.

Ernie Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried.

**Payroll** – Robert Simonelli made a motion to approve Payrolls # 7 & 8 of 2025 as presented. Ernie Robinson seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

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

**The finalized Audit for 2024 was given to the Board of Supervisors.**

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** No meeting last month.

**ZONING:** Received a stormwater complaint by a neighbor regarding their neighbor.

**EACOG:** The bids are in for 2025.

**ECATO:** The yearbook dinner was last month; the next meeting is next Thursday at Girard Township. The annual fireman's dinner is coming up. Four members from the fire department were invited.

**WECMA:** No update

**TRAINING FACILITY:** No report

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** This Friday we will be having a fish dinner, tanker 725 is out of service permanently as there is a crack in the frame. The fire department has been working with Ernie regarding mafia blocks given to them by Elk Creek Twp. The church will be making sandwiches on election day.

**SOLICITOR:** Reviewed 911 agreement.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

EMS/CECPA/Fire Concerns – Bob Simonelli will be attending the EMMCO West EMS symposium to be held on Saturday May 10, 2025, from 8:30am to 11:30am. At the last EMS meeting the fire department did not show, so it hurt the rest of the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Seal Coat bids were received. Two bids were received from Suit-Kote Corporation and Russell Standard Corporation. The lowest bidder is Suit-Kote Corporation with a low bid unit price of \$1.856 per square yard for the single asphalt seal coat. Russell Standard gave a quote of \$2.42 per square yard for the single asphalt seal coat. Franklin Township received a quote for 19,627 SY for the single asphalt seal coat for a total of \$36,427.71. Dennis Howard made a motion to award Suit-Kote Corporation the bid for 19,627 SY of roads to have a single asphalt seal coat applied for a total amount of \$36,427.71. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Recycle Day is going to be Saturday September 20, 2025. Robert Simonelli made a motion to participate in Recycle day on September 20, 2025. Dennis Howard seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

McKean Snow Riders attended the meeting and made a proposal to use the upper half of the storage building on the NE corner of the property in return they will clean up and maintain the interior portion of the building. Maintain "east side of the township property (east of the center driveway), clean up the area around the pavilion to make usable for the community, mowing the grass and keep to a reasonable level, picking up sticks and debris, help mitigate damage to the building by eliminating ground hogs. Will help with mowing SW area near millings/ditch dirt pile on a limited basis due to bumpy/rough terrain.

The Solicitor stated that there needs to be an indemnification clause for you accepting all responsibility then yes, no issues with this. Franklin township needs to be listed as an additional insured on the insurance policy. If it is no cost to the township, then no foreseen problem.

Dennis Howard asked about the purpose of use in the building, will there be any activities that take place in the building.

Tommy Foulkrod stated no activities will take place in the building it is being used strictly for storage of equipment. No social events, they have a side by side, trailer, groomer and several other pieces of equipment.

Dennis Howard made a motion to accept the proposal from McKean Snow Riders with our Solicitor drafting up the agreement with both parties signing it. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 4 of 2025. A Resolution to approve the application for Erie County Municipal Infrastructure GAP funding program. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 4 of 2025 approving the application for Erie County Municipal Infrastructure GAP funding program for an amount of \$20,000.00. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Resolution 5 of 2025. Designating the purchase of Aggregates as the County Liquid Fuels project for 2025. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 5 of 2025 designating the purchase of aggregates as the County Liquid Fuels project for 2025. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Discussion on the agreement with 911 Dispatch Services Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement. The Solicitor did review it and said the Supervisors can do this by Resolution.  
Resolution 6 of 2025. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the 911 Dispatch Services Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Erie County Department of Public Safety. Robert Simonelli seconded the motion. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Resolution 7 of 2025. Dennis Howard made a motion to approve the Annual Road and Street Material and General Material bids for 2025 through the COG. Robert Simonelli seconded the motion. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dee Engel asked how long the construction is going to take with the work of 3 bridges being completed on Old 99 in McKean township.

Alan Hauser asked how the township is coming along with a new administration building.

James Sachar said the overall road conditions are rough. He asked if the township has taken delivery of the new planes from Washington Township yet. The concern is for Emergency Management and the fire department trying to get down the poor roads, we need to address the poor conditions of the roads. If we apply for the Dirt and Gravel Road grant, we should do more than just to Mohawk Road.

Dennis Howard made a motion to adjourn at 7:46pm. Robert Simonelli seconded. Passed by unanimous roll call vote. Carried

Ramona Junkins, Secretary