

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
August 19, 2025

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis Howard at 7:00 PM.

Present: Supervisors Dennis Howard, Robert Simonelli, Ernest Robinson, Zoning Administrator Ralph Breiding, Solicitor Gery Nietupski. Visitors (5)

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM – None

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WHICH INCLUDES:

The **MEETING MINUTES** from 07/15/25;

The **INVOICES** from 07/16/25 through 08/19/25; in the amount of \$100,318.06.

The **PAYROLL** # 16 & 17 of 2025.

Motion by R. Simonelli, seconded by E. Robinson to approve the Consent Agenda, motion carried (3-0).

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR BILL LIST –

Motion by R. Simonelli, seconded by E. Robinson to approve a reimbursement check to Dennis Howard for the PSATS conference in Hershey in the amount of \$1,315.68. Motion carried (2-0). D. Howard abstained.

REPORTS/COMMITTEES

Zoning- Ralph went to some loggers to inform them they need a logging permit, issued a couple permits, working with Solicitor on a stormwater complaint.

Fire Department – A new roof is being put on this Thursday, the sign out front has been updated and is now working. We are searching for a new tanker to replace the one they got rid of. There were 8 calls in July.

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCES/AGREEMENTS - None

OLD BUSINESS

EMS/CECPA/Fire Concerns – R. Simonelli attended the last CECPA meeting, they had received a letter from the IRS stating they owed money, Foulkrod and Associates reviewed everything and found a mistake on the IRS's end and brought it to their attention, everything is fixed now.

R. Simonelli gave the Solicitor a copy of the Reciprocal agreement to review from the EMS agencies.

Dennis reported to the board that a meeting was held with the Architect, and he is working on modifying the previous layout for the municipal building, with it being scaled down. Also discussed where the location of the new building should be erected.

NEW BUSINESS

Garbage bids were discussed but were confusing so more review will be done. Tabled until next meeting.

The Russell Standard Property was reviewed in the context of its status as a legal Non-Conforming Use, following the zoning map amendment from I-1 to A-1 implemented in 2010. After Solicitor reviewed his opinion as to if the property ever sold, they have the right to continue operating a legal non-conforming use runs with the las so long as it is not abandoned. The property can be sold, and the new owner can continue the same operations that have been conducted on it up to now. See also, Section 301.1 of the Franklin Twp. Zoning Ordinance. On the Other hand, if a new owner wanted to change the nature of the use on the property or expand it beyond the present use it would have to seek a variance.

Check Scanner – Motion by D. Howard, seconded by R. Simonelli to purchase a check scanner through PLGIT/U.S. Bank, the model available is Digital Check TellerScan (TS) 240 at a cost approximately \$600.00. Motion carried (3-0).

COMMENTS FROM THE SOLICITOR worked with Ramona regarding Russell Standard property and will be looking at the Reciprocal agreement R. Simonelli gave him.

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

D. Howard drafted a new layout for Falls Road intersection and will be meeting the township engineer to discuss the possibility of redesigning that intersection.

COMMENTS FROM THE STAFF

Ramona attended the PAMA conference last week and brought back some good information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

What is the township's plan for New Road to Eureka?

Thank you for cleaning up over on Francis and Clairwright Roads.

Please don't go with Waste Management for Garbage, please let us choose who we want to use.

Motion by R. Simonelli, seconded by E. Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m., motion carried (3-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Ramona Junkins, Secretary