

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
November 18, 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 (12)

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM – None

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WHICH INCLUDES:

The **MEETING MINUTES** from 09/16/25 & 10/21/25.

The **INVOICES** from 10/22/25 through 11/18/25; in the amount of \$48,908.14.

The **PAYROLLS** # 23 & 24 of 2025.

The **TREASURERS REPORT** dated 10/31/2025

Motion by R. Simonelli, seconded by E. Robinson to approve the minutes from 9/16/25., motion carried (2-0). D. Howard abstained.

Motion by D. Howard, seconded by R. Simonelli to approve the minutes from 10/21/25., motion carried (2-0). E. Robinson abstained.

Motion by D. Howard, seconded by R. Simonelli to approve the remaining portion of the Consent Agenda, motion carried (3-0).

REPORTS/COMMITTEES/FIRE DEPARTMENT/ROAD REPORTS

The Planning Commission did meet and approve the Daniels Subdivision.

The Fire Department just had their Bingo Bash.

E. Robinson gave his road report they are getting the trucks ready for winter; they have put stakes out.

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCES/AGREEMENTS

Motion by D. Howard, seconded by R. Simonelli to approve Resolution 10 of 2025, acknowledging the Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report of the Erie Area Council of Governments for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2024. Motion carried (3-0).

Motion by D. Howard, seconded by R. Simonelli to approve Resolution 11 of 2025, approving the Annual Budget of the Erie Area Council of Governments for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2026. Motion carried (3-0).

OLD BUSINESS

EMS/CECPA/Fire Concerns – R. Simonelli was unable to attend the last meeting but stated that Edinboro Fire Department has started ILS (Intermediate Life Support) which is between BLS and ALS; this took some burden off CECPA.

The flagpole has been repaired and did not require a bucket truck.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by D. Howard, seconded by R. Simonelli to approve Adam Pieper to attend the Public Works Expo in the Poconos in December, motion carried (3-0).

A discussion on how to fix the drainage issue at the township building needs to be dug up around the building so we can manufacture our own catch basin to separate things in the drain. Motion by D. Howard, seconded by R. Simonelli to approve moving forward to unclog and fixing the drains, motion carried (3-0).

A one-way directional 2023 steel plow with poly lining is for sale for \$1,500.00 with a 14' wing. This is located at Danyolko Farms in McKean. This plow is 300 lbs. lighter than our current plow. We can put this plow on one of the international trucks and move that heavier plow to the Mack. This takes pressure off the plow and international truck. Motion by D. Howard to approve the purchase of the 2023 one-way directional plow with a 14' wing and put it on one of the Internationals, seconded by E. Robinson, motion carried (3-0).

A discussion on Ivoray/Carbury Road, road agreement, Elk Creek Township Supervisors Bob Soltis, Bob Taylor and Mike Hill all were present to discuss Ivoray Road from Crane Road north to New Road. Elk Creek worked on the should and modified 2A within 2 years we have spent more than \$60,000. The Berms are currently higher than the ditch causing rain to not run into the ditch but down the road. Elk Creek does have a request to allow them to do the summer and winter maintenance on Ivoray Road from Crane Road north to New Road. They will also continue to plow Carbury Road, Ramona and Gary will send a memo to this in effect. Motion by D. Howard to construct a memo and addendum to the current road agreement regarding Elk Creek completing the winter maintenance on Ivoray Road from Crane Road north to New Road, seconded by R. Simonelli, motion carried (3-0).

A discussion on fixing the electric out at the flagpole so we can put the flag back up. We can also run the electricity to the anti-skid building. The lights need replaced and the anti-skid payment has electricity but is broken. Motion by D. Howard to approve getting the supplies to fix the lights and electricity to the flagpole, seconded by R. Simonelli, motion carried (3-0).

Health insurance, Motion by R. Simonelli to add Adam Pieper and his family to the Health & Life Insurance policies with Adam contributing \$200/ biweekly up to \$400 month towards the premium, seconded by D. Howard, carried (3-0).

A time clock was discussed and how we handle a call in the middle of the night for emergencies and how the township knows an employee is out and what the policy is. This is going to be looked at more.

COMMENTS FROM THE SOLICITOR

None

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

None

COMMENTS FROM THE STAFF

Ramona informed everyone that Swanson and Son Garbage Company is closing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tara Miller asked a question about Elk Creek township plowing.

Jimmy Sachar stated for logistic purposes it is smarter for the township to have Elk Creek fully maintain Carbury Road for summer and winter and we do Ivoray Road. I feel some of the stuff under new business did not need to be discussed, it should have just been done.

Motion by R. Simonelli, seconded by D. Howard to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m., motion carried (3-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Ramona Junkins, Secretary