

February 17, 2026

A regular meeting of the Franklin Township Supervisors was called to order, by Chairman Dennis Howard, at 7:03pm and took place at the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Members present were Supervisors Dennis Howard, Robert Simonelli, and Secretary Ramona Junkins

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM – None

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WHICH INCLUDES:

- The **MEETING MINUTES** from 1/20/26.
- The **INVOICES** through 2/17/26; in the amount of \$33,391.82
- The **PAYROLLS** # 2 & 3 of 2026.
- The **TREASURERS REPORT** dated 1/31/2026

Motion by R. Simonelli, seconded by D. Howard to approve the Consent Agenda. Passed by unanimous roll call vote.

REPORTS/COMMITTEES/FIRE DEPARTMENT/ROAD REPORTS

R. Simonelli reported that they have been continuing snow removal, we did clip a mailbox, one truck blew a coolant reservoir, the other truck blew a motor hose and had to be towed back to the township building for repairs. Robert discussed that a heated back up camera might be good for the trucks with turning around at night especially in snowstorms. Robert also discussed possibly looking into a wing laser light to assist the drivers with plowing at night and early in the morning in snowstorms so they can see exactly where the wing plow is. Robert also feels we need to add a drainage culvert to Francis and Mohawk Road. The Planning Commission met and approved a subdivision on Silverthorn Road.

Bob Herman from the Fire Department reported that they passed a budget for 2026, they are working on an introduction call reporting software. There were 9 calls for the month.

R. Simonelli attended the CECPA meeting, lots of good things are happening. There are payroll incentives, and fundraisers planned.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Municipal Building – Dennis Howard met with the architect they reviewed the plans; we will be receiving a revised contract as we need the architect to complete construction drawings, site out where the new building should be placed along with a rough cost estimate.

NEW BUSINESS

Dennis Howard swore in the Fire Police for Franklin Township which were Patrick Knox, Wendy Knox and Tommy Chorney.

D. Howard appointed Robert Simonelli, 3 active Farmers consisting of Dan Koman, Jill Shepghi and James Sachar and 1 citizen Matt Brown to serve on the Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee to review the plan this year.

Motion by D. Howard, seconded by R. Simonelli, that the Settlement for the 2025 Tax Duplicate has been submitted by Zackary Leicht, Tax Collector, for the total accountable taxes in the amount of \$303,532.92. Passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by D. Howard, seconded by R. Simonelli, that Franklin Township works towards a Defined Contribution Plan for full-time employees. Passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Denise Benedict spoke about CECPA and that she is the president and they can increase wages for an incentive to recruit people. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to call her anytime.

Dee Engel- Is PennDOT going to do anything about the standing water on Route 98 near Old State Road.

Tara Miller- Last time the food delivery truck came cars parked on Route 98 and it made it hard to see to pull off New Road as you could not see around the cars that were lined up on Route 98.

Motion by D. Howard, seconded by R. Simonelli to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ramona Junkins, Secretary