

A regular meeting of the Franklin Township Supervisors was called to order, by Chairman Dennis Howard, at 7:06 pm and took place at the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Members present were Supervisors Dennis Howard, Robert Simonelli, and Secretary Ramona Junkins, and Solicitor Gery Nietupski. (Visitors 14)

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM – None

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WHICH INCLUDES:

The **MEETING MINUTES** from 2/17/26.

The **INVOICES** through 3/17/26; in the amount of 14,202.16

The **PAYROLLS** # 4 & 5 of 2026.

The **TREASURERS REPORT** dated 2/28/2026

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

REPORTS/COMMITTEES/FIRE DEPARTMENT/ROAD REPORTS

Ernie reported that the dirt roads are wet and soft, we have a lot to do to get cleaned up including the recycling center. Robert brought up the pipe on Francis and Mohawk Road that we need to look at fixing over there. We need to look at narrowing of Francis Road and some tiling down Mohawk Road.

Reviewed the Planning Commission minutes.

Fire Department – Mat Rea the new president informed everyone that the FD has been having Fish Frys on Friday nights from 5 – 7 pm. Saturday June 20th they will be hosting a flea market/craft show.

Robert stated during the recent wind storms the fire department worked back-to-back hours for 12 hours solid to clean up trees. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication. This is how the stipend money is being used.

EMS – CECPA is alive and well.

Ernie- The one tower looks rough with the high winds as the sheeting has come off and is all over the field.

Robert is going to pursue if Perry Highway training facility might be interested in the building where they can take it down and rebuild it on their property as they have more funding for upkeep and maintenance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Municipal Building – Dennis Howard stated we still have not heard back from Michael Grab. Gery is going to reach out to Michael Grab to see what is going on.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution # 5 of 2026

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH
THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FALLS ROAD
(41487) BRIDGE PROJECT.**

WHEREAS, Franklin Township recognizes the need to preserve the Falls Road (41487) bridge over Falk Run; and

WHEREAS, Erie County desires to approve the Standard Bridge Reimbursement Grant Agreement for the costs incurred during the Preliminary Engineering, Final Design, Utility Relocation, Right-of-Way Acquisition, and Construction phases.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by authority of the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors of Franklin Township, Erie County, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same,

March 17, 2026

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that the Secretary/Treasurer of said Municipality be authorized and directed to sign the Bridge Reimbursement Grant Agreement on its behalf.

RESOLVED THIS 17th day of March 2026.

Motion by Dennis Howard, seconded by Robert Simonelli to approve Resolution 5 of 2026 authorizing the execution of an agreement with PENNDOT for Falls Road Bridge Project. Passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Conditional Use Adam

Motion by Dennis Howard, seconded by Robert Simonelli to approve conditional use application for Adam Pieper at 7180 Crane Road, Edinboro Pa 16412 for a Concrete Contracting Business with up to 5 employee vehicles during the day. Passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Bauer Subdivision

Motion by Dennis Howard, seconded by Robert Simonelli to approve the Bauer subdivision dividing one parcel into three different parcels, Lot 2B will be 5.255 total acres with the net acres being 5.000, Lot 2C will be 7.100 total acres with the net acres being 7.074, and Lot 2 will be 48.4 Residue Acres. Passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Lechefsky subdivision

Motion by Dennis Howard, seconded by Robert Simonelli to approve the Gerald J. and Raymond J. Lechefsky subdivision dividing parcel # 22-010-023.0-013.00 into two parcels, Lot 1 will be 2.144 total acres with the net acres being 2.00, the other lot will be 100.0 total acres Passed by unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dee Engel – My neighbor is having an issue with their Airbnb. The Planning Commission need to look closely at the Zoning Ordinance as they are trying to make a living on their farm. The Fry Road apron is looking bad, and I just wanted to let the guys know.

Tara Miller – Does this mean we are going to lose you Adam?

Dennis Howard adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ramona Junkins, Secretary