

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**August 3, 2023  
6:00 P.M.  
CAMP ORCHARD HILL**

Chairman Williams called the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors to order on Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Supervisors: Present: Eric Williams, Chairman  
Art Owen Jr., Vice Chairman  
Rick Pitcavage, Supervisor

Others: Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer  
Vito DeLuca, Solicitor  
Thirteen attendees

**MEETING OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.**

There were no public comments.

Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Owen to waive the reading of the minutes of the July 6, 2023 Regular Meeting, and to accept the minutes as posted. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Melvin gave the Treasurers report reciting the combined balances for all funds as of July 31, 2023 totaling \$981,552.36. Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pitcavage to approve the July 2023 Treasurers report, to approve payment of expenses totaling \$231,793.39 and to approve payroll and payroll taxes in the amount of \$16,811.54. The motion passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Northmoreland Fire Company submitted their June monthly report. It was read by Mr. Melvin.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Backhoe quotes received – Net price with trade – Cleveland Brothers, \$118,900.00, Stephenson Equipment, \$107,685.37, Medico Construction Equipment, \$100,000.00. Jim Charney, Eighth Street asked why no quote was received from Five Star Equipment. Mr. Melvin explained that particular company would not return phone calls or other messages. Mr. Charney asked if the Supervisors would delay the decision on the backhoe until he approaches representatives from Five Star and they contact the township with a quote. On a motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Pitcavage, the Supervisors tabled the discussion and decision until a quote was received from Five Star Equipment.
2. Motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Pitcavage, to table entering into a sales agreement to purchase a backhoe until further notice. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Pitcavage, to table advertising and placing the current backhoe on Municibid for auction until further notice. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Pitcavage, to approve and execute Cooperation Agreement for the 2022 BMCP 2022 LSA grant. The motion passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Mr. Melvin gave an update on the construction of the storage building.
2. Hearing date for the Roadmaster wage appeal was held April 10, 2023. A decision was handed down July 7, 2023. Legal expenses to date total \$4,450.00.
3. Motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Pitcavage, to adjust Roadmaster Owen's regular hourly rate back to \$29.73 from \$22.30. Motion was approved by Mr. Williams and Mr. Pitcavage. Mr. Owen abstained.
4. Motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Pitcavage, to pay Roadmaster Owen's pay rate differential for regular time and for overtime for hours worked beginning January 1, 2023. Motion was approved by Mr. Williams and Mr. Pitcavage. Mr. Owen abstained.

## **PUBLIC GENERAL COMMENTS**

Leo Shannon, Ridge Road asked about dust control measures on his road and about Solicitor DeLuca's bill for services for the Salary Appeal of Art Owen.

Joe Yonchik, Coon Road, reported damage to his vehicle from "commercial style fireworks." Also asked about site work being done on a lot in Crown Hill Village.

Marty Murray, Eight St. wanted a name or incident number for the low hanging wire issue on Coon Road.

Susan Yuhas reported runoff from Cummings Road filling up a creek bed in Hickory Grove Campground.

Jim Charney, Eight St. reported garbage, building materials and septic drain field issues from an adjacent property.

Paul Onzik, Flatrock Road concerned with drainage issues on the road that affects his property.

## **THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:45 P.M.**

Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer