FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

March 7, 2024 6:00 P.M. CAMP ORCHARD HILL

Vice Chairman Pitcavage called the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors to order on Thursday, March 7, 2024 following the Reorganization Meeting.

Supervisors: Present: Rick Pitcavage Vice Chairman

Art Owen Jr., Supervisor

Eric Williams, Chairman - via Telephone

Others: Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer

Vito DeLuca, Solicitor

Eleven 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. Pitcavage to waive the reading of the minutes of the February 1, 2024 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 February 29, 2024 totaling \$902,380.18. Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pitcavage to approve the February 2024 Treasurers report, to approve payment of expenses totaling \$18,101.69 and to approve payroll and payroll taxes in the amount of \$13,956.20. The motion passed unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Pitcavage to approve a well isolation exemption for 616 Bodle Road with the stipulation that a notice be placed in the deed that the township has granted such exemption. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Pitcavage to be included in a multi municipal bidding process for application of Tar and Chip. Resolution will be presented at next month's meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- 3. Mr. Owen met with several companies regarding culvert work and awaits there cost estimates.
- 4. Mr. Owen spoke briefly about ongoing tree work in the township specifically Cummings Road.

PUBLIC GENERAL COMMENTS

Chairman Williams asked about payment of bills for the storage building. Solicitor DeLuca recommended a written agreement with a retention of some funds. Solicitor DeLuca also mentioned that an executive session was held February 23, for possible litigation.

Leo Shannon, Ridge Road asked the status of construction of the storage building and the pursuit of any liquidated damages with Mountain Stream Construction and about the multi municipal tar and chip agreement.

Mike Prokopchak, Flatrock Road asked about the anticipated starting date of Flatrock Road work and drainage ditch pipes.

Dave Hilstolsky, Coon Road stated he believes the roads in Crown Hill need to be widened and asked why Chairman Williams wasn't physically present at the meeting.

Marty Murray, 8th St. the concrete work proposed for the storage building, communication wire on Coon Road suggesting a letter be sent to the PUC.

Paul Onzik, Flatrock Road asked about a traffic study for Flatrock Road to slow traffic and garbage being dumped at Flatrock/Lake Louise.

Matt Mark, Orange Road complained about the condition of Orange Road and was told to contact Luzerne County.

Josh Hilstolski, Coon Road asked about whether the supervisors made a decision on appointing a township engineer.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:44 P.M.

Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer