

FRANKSTOWN TOWNSHIP
FEBRUARY 27, 2024
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

The regular Workshop meeting was held on February 27, 2024, at 8:00 AM. It was called to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Officers

Supervisors, George Henry, James Callahan, Kenneth Wertz were present. Township Manager Henry T. Fownes, Sec-Treasurer Beverly Henderson, Solicitor Jeffrey Muriceak, Engineer Thomas Levine, Assistant Sec. Robbin Grove, Road Foreman Douglas Miller and Sewer Inspector Dennis Walls were present.

Announcement: There was an executive session held on February 6, 2024, regarding legal and personnel matters.

- A motion was made by Kenneth Wertz and seconded by James Callahan to approve and accept the January 30, 2024, workshop meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by James Callahan and seconded by Kenneth Wertz to approve the Urban agreement for the Drainage System Improvement and Maintenance, Solicitor Muriceak reviewed the agreement and found everything to be in order. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Kenneth Wertz and seconded by James Callahan to enter into a maintenance agreement with Kuharchick Construction to maintain the traffic and streetlights within the Township. The motion passed unanimously.
- There was a meeting with the representatives from Penn Vest and DEP concerning a loan for the Rolling Hills/Oldtown Village sewer replacement project. A motion was made by James Callahan and seconded by Kenneth Wertz authorizing Todd Banks to apply for the Penn Vest Loan. The motion passed unanimously.

Subdivision and Land Development

- Ⓜ Canoe Creek State Park – no report
- Ⓜ Capital Telecom – no report
- Ⓜ Vern Litzinger – revised plan received, reviewed and comment letter provided
- Ⓜ DeGol and Gurman Side Lot Addition – the current version from fall will be the plan that the board will be looking at once again granting the 20-foot drainage easement.
- Ⓜ Solar Farm/Jeff Yeager – No report
- Ⓜ D. Holding, Inc. – No report
- Ⓜ Dreams Go On - No report
- Ⓜ Madey –catch up DEP planning.
- Ⓜ Winsome Properties –sewer connection and subdivision.

Stormwater Complaints from Residents

Tom Levine reports There were no additions.

Henry Fownes report there were three complaints that Henry and Doug Miller reviewed.

- a. Richard Boyles reported water flowing on to his property at 1306 W. Loop Rd. H.T. and Doug went to the Boyles' residence and spoke with him. Doug and H.T. determined that a pipe under the gravel driveway at 1307 W. Loop Rd. will divert the water into the inlet that needs to be cleaned out.
- b. Mrs. Murry at 1113 W. Loop Rd. reported poor drainage in the area in front of her house, which does not allow her to maintain the area. Doug and H.T. visited the area and Doug suggested that the road crew should be able to trench the ditch for better water flow.
- c. Doug Loy at 205 Mulligan Dr. report that there is stormwater runoff from Scotch Valley Rd. On to Mulligan Dr. It is deteriorating the edge of the roadway. Doug suggested that a small trench would direct the water back to the intended path.

DEP General Permit No 11

Hollidaysburg Sportsman and Frankstown Sportsman Road Culvert replacement.

No activity the permits were filed electric and have not heard from DEP.

Sylvan Heights Dr. Sewer Extension

A. Phase 1

Ward easement – it was reported that the easement agreement has been resolved.

However, Michael Ward will not sign and once we get the easement back from all the other signature documents from the family, then the Board will have to direct the Solicitor to condemn the Michael Ward portion.

B. Phase 2

Ⓜ Sewage Planning at the last workshop the Board gave Tom Levine directions to advertise the sewage planning for public input. Once the period is over then the next step would be to go forward to DEP. These plans were also submitted to the Blair County Conservation District and Hollidaysburg Sewer Authority.

Ⓜ Right of ways would need to be obtained.

Ⓜ NPDES permit for discharge of runoff during construction.

Frankstown Memorial Park

There was a conference call between Lehman, Henry, and Tom to updated th changes on the plans. According to Tom the new stormwater plans would be to use five of the box culverts that are on site. However, we are going to use all eight. Tom stated that he will have everything drafted by next Wednesday. H.T. requested that we have the drawing by Tuesday since the Road Crew will be starting the spring cleaning. Once the drawing is submitted to Lehman's they can change the bid packet and upload it on the DCNR Grant site. DCNR must approve the bid prior to being advertised. According to the advice from Tom Levine, he is requesting that only passenger cars be allowed to park on the box culvert. Tom stated that they are not strong enough for heavy equipment.

2024 Prospective paving list

Doug Miller, Russ Wright, and Henry identified ten roads that needs to be listed for the 2024 paving contract they are as follows:

1. Huntingdon Pike. Last paved 2007
2. Brush Mountain Rd. (Ajay's to Sylvan Dr.) Last paved 2009
Brush Mountain Rd. (Gates project location. Should have been milled and paved in 2023)
3. Cypress Dr. From SR36 around the bend and including Linden to Larch St. Last paved 2009
4. Evergreen Rd. Last paved 2012
5. Cedar St. From SR36 to Sylvan Dr. Last paved 2009
6. Pond St. Last paved 2008
7. Overlook Dr. Last paved 2012
8. Mulligan Dr. Last paved 2011 or prior to 2007
9. Clubhouse Dr. Last paved 2010
10. Stonehedge Rd. Last paved 2011 or prior to 2007

Of which Henry ranked them from the worst to the best. Dennis Walls had some concerns about Cedar Street and Evergreen Rd. stating that in those two roadways there is an old sewer pipe, however he feels that it should be okay until the next paving cycle. Supervisor Wertz told him to camera the lines and see what condition they are in.

Dirt and Gravel & Low Volume Roads Program

A motion was made by Kenneth Wertz and seconded by James Callahan granting the authorization for Henry Fownes to fill out the application for Blair County Conservation District Dirt & Gravel for Huntingdon Pike Road, which needs repairs. The motion passed unanimously.

Geeseytown Volunteer Fire Co.

Dennis Walls on behalf of the Fire Company requested the Board to offset a grant for the purchase of ropes for the rope rescue program. They applied for a \$20,655.00 grant and was awarded \$15,000.00 therefore they are short by \$5,454.00. The Board has no issues however was not able to act on now. Iit will be on the March 5, 2024, agenda for consideration.

Township Manager Henry Fownes

February permits. There were three zoning permits, three coded permits and four card permits issued.

With regards to the Municipal Building sign that was destroyed. Henry reached out to Jack White on several attempts, however no one showed up. Therefore, Henry was directed to reach out to another company.

Ryan Spigelmyer stopped in to see if he could acquire a section of roadway that was abandoned by Penn DOT when they realigned Route 22 and Beaverdam Rd. Attorney Muriceak suggested that he reach out to an abstractor and or attorney to see who the correct organization is to submit his request.

James Campbell had requested at the last Township evening meeting if we could clean out part of the Juniata River since there are tree branches and or trees down causing a safety hazard for kayakers. Henry reached out to DEP Engineer and they stated if we use hand tools, we can remove the debris. We could also use equipment to pull large trees out from the bank if we don't disturb the riverbank. Henry reach out to Dennis Estep to see if he would be interested in a training to remove the woody debris. Henry is waiting for a return call.

A complaint was received concerning the Party Barn on Locke Mountain Rd. Henry reached out to Dr. Aswathappa and advised him of the agreement with the renters that the music is to be cut off at 10:00 PM.

1534 Frankstown Rd. update. Mr. Carnell and Mrs. Conner neglected to follow what Tom advised them to do. We had no other recourse than to reach out to the Blair County Conservation District, to protect the neighbors below them.

Since the zoning map on the wall dates to 2002, a request was made to Grant Wills to see if he could plot the zoning district. With the help of Beverly Henderson sending over the zoning district description, he was able to complete the task. Henry requested a copy. It will cost \$20.00 to replace the old one.

Henry is working on gathering information for an employee pension plan.

Henry will be out of the office from March 5th to March 16th Beverly Henderson and Robbin Grove know how to get ahold of him in case of an emergency.

We received a quote from Bob Walls when he worked at Froster Wineland for a thumb attachment for the backhoe. Bob Walls visited the Township office to inform Henry that he could reach out to Dale from Froster Wineland concerning the quote and see if it is still good.

Secretary/ Treasurer Beverly Henderson.

Dave Clabaugh called and reported that the signal cabinet located at the entrance to DeGol Industrial Drive has been damaged and the electrical component is on the base of the cabinet. Beverly reached out to Burno DeGol III and advise him of the damage, and he claimed that it was not his guys that maybe Penn Dot hit it. Beverly then called Penn Dot and reported it without any response. Beverly was requested to reach out to Dave and get a cost for repairs.

Beverly also reported that she uploaded the necessary document for the pre-Safety Committee Audit which will be conducted on March 12, 2024, via a phone conference call.

Road Crew Foreman Doug Miller

The crew will be starting to sweep the roads later this week and are awaiting instructions on what to do at the park. New brushes were ordered for the sweeper. The new guy is working out well.

Sewer Inspector Dennis Walls.

At the Sewer Authority Meeting Todd Banks brought the board up to date on the Penn Vest Meeting for Old Town/Rolling Hills which appears the project will start in October this year.

On the annual Chapter 94 report that Hollidaysburg Sewer Authority submitted to DEP we were flag for incorrect reporting of the flow, which now I must do hour meter reading on all three pump stations.

Jim Young has been asking for a while to map out our system using GPS so that in the future whoever takes the Sewer Inspector position will know where all the sewer lines are. It will cost approx. \$600.00 a year for the software.

With the construction of the realignment of Frankstown Rd and Reservoir Rd., the sewer plans were never updated. Now we have lines in the roadway. With the force main there are relief valves in this system that need to be serviced every year. They have been in service for the past 8 years. Dennis is trying to find someone locate that can asset on servicing the valves.

The dialer for the pump station across the river needs to be serviced. Dennis reaches out to California to see what needs done and then tells him it needs reset; he is waiting for someone to assist him in doing this task so until that happens, he needs to manually reset the dialer.

Dennis will be off next week and offline for at least the AM part of the fifth.

There is a new cycle for his WWE4 License, and he will need connet hours to renew it next year. Dennis was wondering since Kevin Cramer has retired will Henry then take his place and attend the classes with Dennis and take the test next March at PA Rural Water Convention. Henry indicated that he will.

Solicitor Jeffery Muriceak

Request an executive session for ligation.

Chairman of the Board George Henry

The old school garage is down and there was a brief discussion as to the size of a pole building. There appears to be three different floor levels which will be removed we will start over with a pad new for the building. It was suggested that heat and plumbing be installed and 3 to 4 overhead doors.

There was a discussion concerning the road cut at Hopper Commons. It was determined to be the gas company cut and Henry reached out to the gas company to have them fill it in.

With cleaning of the stone off the roadway and if we get any kind of weather that the road crew is to use straight salt.

Frankstown Development is requesting a reduction in the Letter of Credit. Tom Levine is to go out and inspect the site work.

Vice Chairman James Callahan

At the top of Robin Dr and Stonehedge there is a pine tree that is in the way for site distance that needs to be addressed. It would be located at the Johnson residence.

Supervisor Kenny Wertz

At the turn to Kliens Acre there is a limb at the yellow house that needs trimmed.

A question was also raised about the intersection of River Rd and Reservoir Rd. Doug stated that they did some trimming and was not sure if that was enough.

Lynn Granville asked if we were ever going to get Comcast in the area.

Lynn also asked if the agreement that was approved and signed for John Urban would run with the land. Henry stated that is why the agreement was drafted it will be recorded to run with the land.

With no other business brought before the Board of Supervisors the meeting adjourned into an executive session at 10:18 AM with a motion made by James Callahan and seconded by Kenneth Wertz. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary Beverly J. Henderson