

FRANKSTOWN TOWNSHIP
MARCH 26, 2024
WORKSHOP MEETING.

The regular workshop meeting was held on March 26, 2024, at 8:00 AM. It was 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.

Announcements: On March 22, 2024, the Board of Supervisors, Henry Fownes and Doug Miller conducted road inspections on roadways to be paved. See attachment “A” for final list of roads to be paved.

- A motion was made by Kenneth Wertz and seconded by James Callahan approving and accepting the minutes from the February 27, 2024, Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

- Subdivision and Land Development

- ® Canoe Creek State Park – no report

- ® Capital Telecom – Supervisor Wertz questioned as to what the status is on this. According to Tom Levine, it is only a matter of Capital Telecom coming up with a modification requesting using a picket fence rather than a chain link fence.

- ® Vern Litzinger – Revised plan received, reviewed and comment letter provided

- ® DeGol and Gurman Side Lot Addition – at the present time the language on the updated drawing is not satisfactory to Solicitor Muriceak, therefore a motion was made by James Callahan and seconded by Kenneth Wertz to table the subdivision until the language is corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

- ® D. Holding, Inc. – No report

- ® Dreams Go On - No report

- ® Madey –Catch up DEP planning.

- ® Winsome Properties –Sewer connection and subdivision.

- ® D’Ottavio Plan was submitted to the Township as well as the Sewer Engineer. The sewer comments have been addressed. However, if you notice there are a lot of comments that need addressed therefore it is down the road before this comes for approval. Mr. D’Ottavio is planning on subdividing one lot into 3 and squaring off Zimmerman’s lot.

- Stormwater Complaints from Residents

- ® Kathy Jessic located on Manor Court concerning runoff from upstream.

- ® 885 Brush Mountain Rd. the ditch needed cleanout.

- ® Elm St. the plow trucks over the years have hit an asphalt curbing that they would like to have repaired it saved the water from going into there driveway.

® 463 Brush Mountain Rd there is a complaint about the neighbor's drainpipe. At this time, we are not getting involved, it is a neighbor dispute.

® Oldtown Village there is a large pool of water that is being held when it rains. We are reaching out to the homeowner and request that he returns the swale he obstructed to its original design.

® Mrs. Murry called and stated that the crew did a wonderful job on her ditch located off West Loop Rd.

- DEP General Permit

There is a new Engineer within the department, and he has drafted his comments which includes identifying wetlands. Once Tom has identified the wetland, he will then resubmit the permit.

- Sylvan Heights Dr. Sewer Extension.

® Phase 1 we are working on easement from the Ward Family

® Phase 2 Sewage planning modules need to be submitted to DEP. A motion was made by James Callahan and seconded by Kenneth Wertz authorizing Secretary Henderson to sign Resolution No. 03262024 for the sewer module. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Kenneth Wertz and seconded by James Callahan authorizing Secretary Henderson to sign the transmittal letter and component 3 paperwork so that the Sewage Planning Module could be forward on to DEP. Motion passed unanimously.

Right of ways and NPDE Permit for discharge of runoff during construction is still being worked on.

- Frankstown Memorial Park

® The Design has been changed and DCNR approval is pending.

® There was a comment email sent to Ken Szala and hopefully we can have more at the next meeting.

- There were some changes to the list of roads that are going to be on our paving contract this year.

® Since Hollidaysburg Borough is planning on replacing some water lines if their grant comes through, we elected to remove Stonehedge Road from the paving contract.

® We are now paving Brush Mountain Rd from Frankstown Rd. to Sylvan Dr. There will be some provision for the speed humps within the contract.

® There was an outreach to the Borough of Hollidaysburg, City of Altoona and Peoples Natural Gas to inform them which roadway we are paving. The Borough of Hollidaysburg and City of Altoona returned the call, however Peoples Natural Gas did not.

- 2024 Bid cycle advertising.

® A motion was made by James Callahan and seconded by Kenneth Wertz authorizing the following bids for advertising: Road Salt, Material and Paving will be advertised for a letting

date of April 30, 2024, until 7:30 AM, and will be opened in our regularly held Workshop meeting starting at 8:00 AM. Motion passed unanimously.

® There was a brief discussion concerning whether we should paint the roadways lines since it was an extremely mild winter the Board decided to forgo line painting this year and will entertain the bid next year.

® Henry Fownes stated that he is going to be applying for a grant for Huntingdon Pike from the asphalt road to Short Mountain.

- Quotes for thumb mounts for the backhoe.

There were 3 quotes, 2 from Froster Wineland and one from Cleveland Brothers. After talking with Dale from Froster Wineland it was determined that Cleveland Brothers could not fulfill the request since the machine in question is a John Deere. The quotes are as follows.

For the 410L \$19,700.13, for the 410P \$14,517.47 from Foster Wineland.

Cleveland Brothers only quote for the thumb mount and not the installation which was \$4,800.00. The Board at this time would like to think about it since the 410L is in the garage with a repair bill between \$11,000.00 to \$12,000.00.

- Reports from Department Heads.

® Township Manager Henry Fownes

There were 7 coded permits, 2 Zoning Permits and 3 Card permits for this month

The Township received a complaint that there is a property that is being used as an Air B&B for short-term rentals. There is nothing in the zoning ordinance governing or prohibiting the use of a single-family residences as short-term rentals. One way to govern this would be to put an ordinance into play. This will be discussed further in the executive session.

Interviews are being held for a part time zoning officer.

Permission to replace 3 of the 5 computers which were purchased in 2014 and purchase one for the zoning officer. Henry also when over the bill from Evolved 3 Technologies, LLC.

1534 Frankstown Rd. is in compliance with the the Blair County Conservation District Plan.

Jack White was down concerning the replacement of the sign that was destroyed when the painter came down on the front porch.

They are holding Hazard Mitigation meetings all over the County and one of the topics is the consolidation of the Fire and Police departments.

- Mrs. Sue Himes was present concerning the farm animals running through her yard. She stated that there are 27 ducks, 16 chickens, 8 roosters, and 2 rabbits located at the house behind hers. Henry stated that he sent a letter to Mr. & Mrs. Hummel concerning the animals running all over the place, and he moved them back 400 ft from Frankstown Rd., which is in the manufacturing and farming zoning district. Ms. Himes question about needing a permit to put that fence up and asked if he acquired one. She has requested that something be done. Mrs. Himes just wants to spend the rest of her time there and not worry about animals defecating in her yard. They stink, and they are getting into her plants that are on her back porch.

- Secretary Beverly Henderson

Dennis Walls and I had a Safety Audit via Zoom with the computer that is in the meeting room. We are in compliance and will retain our 5% insurance discount.

Robbin Grove had all the certified letters to be mailed last week. Once the 30 days are up they will be forwarded to Jeffrey Muriceak office for processing.

- Doug Miller Road Foreman

Ditch work was done on West Loop Rd.

Picnic Tables were refinished.

A grass swale was installed on Mulligan Dr.

Only ½ of the roads are sweep.

- Dennis Walls Sewer Inspector.

During the time Henry was out of the office a realtor called concerning sewer on Scotch Valley Rd. Since I wasn't sure where this property was located, I referred them to Beverly.

There was no sewer meeting this month.

The Borough of Hollidaysburg is doing the collaboration tomorrow. There was a bill for \$2,100.00 for a peak flow fine and Frank missed some.

Going to do the quarter meter readings.

Chapter 94 report is done, and they redlined one thing on us, according to Todd Banks DEP wants more information on our daily flow therefore I must go to the pump station every day and record the flow.

Pump stations #2 had thrown an error message. After some investigation the pump station parts are getting hard to get. They found one so Dennis purchased the component to put on the shelf, since the issue auto corrected itself for the time being.

The driveway to the green garage needs paving. There was a discussion concerning jersey barriers vs concrete blocks to house some of the material that is stored down there. Dennis reached out to Grannas Bros, East Side and Fi-Hoff, Dennis also found national distribution business and got a quote in the amount of \$12,225.00 for jersey barriers which would be delivered in 3 truckloads. Tom Levine stated that he had a client that has some and would see if they would be interested in selling them. Jim is to check with Penn Dot.

- Solicitor Jeffery Muriceak Report

The Ward easement has been circulated and all parties have signed except for Mike Ward. At this time Solicitor Muriceak will seek authorization to condemn his portion.

Solicitor Muriceak requested an executive session for litigation.

- Supervisor James Callahan

Stated that at the end of Brittany Lane there is a pile of shale that needs cleaned up.

Sylvan Oaks speed limit sign needs some attention.

Penn Dot Outreach meeting on April 11, 2024, between 1:30 – 3:00.

With no other business brought before the Board of Supervisors the Board retired into an executive session at 9:49 AM with a motion made by James Callahan and seconded by Kenneth Wertz. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary Beverly Henderson