

LOWER FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP
October 3, 2023
Monthly Meeting

Rollcall

Jim Burkholder – Present (Chairman Board of Supervisors)
James Heishman – Present (Vice Chairman Board of Supervisors)
David Bachman – Present (Supervisor - Roadmaster)
Karen Heishman – Present (Secretary/Treasurer/Manager)
Pam Burkholder – Not Present (Tax Collector)
Ed Franco – Present (Chairman Planning Commission)
Keith Senecal – Present (Vice Chairman Planning Commission)
Hubert Gilroy – Present (Solicitor)
Marcus McKnight – Not Present (Solicitor)
Greg Alleman – Present (Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer)
Donna Yarlett – Not Present (Chairman Board of Auditors)
Debbie Starner – Not Present (Secretary Board of Auditors)

Previous Minutes: Jim made a motion to approve the September meeting minutes, second by James and passed with an all-in-favor vote. Jim made a motion to approve the Special meeting minutes, second by James and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

Treasurers Report: The attached treasurer's report for September was approved with a motion by Jim, second by David and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

Motion to Pay Current Bills: A list of outstanding bills was presented to the BOS. Jim made a motion to pay the current bills, second by James and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

Planning Commission Report: Report attached.

Code Enforcement Report: Greg Alleman reported that he is dealing with a complaint along Burgners Road. Two neighbors do not agree where the property line between their properties is. One property owner already had the line surveyed and Greg is recommending the second land owner hire a different surveyor to have the line verified.

Roadmaster Report: The road crew continue to mow at the Township Park and along the roadways. They are string trimming at various intersections to improve site distances. They are cleaning up trees after rain storms. They cleaned glass off the road after an automobile accident.

Building & Grounds Report: No report.

Equipment Report: Stephenson's Equipment replaced the spindle on the Cheetah boom mower. The John Deere 5100M has also been repaired.

C. O. G. Report: Ryan Albert from Representative Barb Gleim's office reported that the House will be going back in session on September 25th. The budget will be before them at that point. The hunters are very disappointed by the \$115M appropriation of funds in the 2024-2025 State budget.

The hunters feel that allowing this transfer of monies from the Game Fund to the State treasury would set a very bad precedence, and also violates the trust of the hunters and trappers in the Commonwealth. The Game Fund is to be used for the benefit of the Commonwealth's wildlife, wildlife habitats and the administration of the agency responsible for our wildlife, the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC). If these raids are allowed to take place, the Commission's ability to carry out its mission will be gravely affected in the coming years.

Representative Gleim attended a Board of Supervisors meeting at Lower Frankford Township. Barb stressed that there were two issues in Lower Frankford Township. One, being a farm on Old Mill Road obtained a dead animal composting license. The other being many farmers allowing the application of FPRs.

Representative Gleim will host:

Farmer's Breakfast on September 29th from 9AM to 11AM at West Pennsboro Fire Company.

Cumberland County 50+ Expo on October 11th from 9AM to 2PM at Carlisle Expo Center.

Hunter Safety Seminar & Outdoor Expo on October 19th from 5PM to 7PM at Newville Lions Fairgrounds.

Veterans Appreciation Breakfast on November 2nd from 9AM to 11AM at U. S. Army Heritage & Education Center.

Correspondence:

Unfinished Business: The BOS instructed Karen to reach out to Representative Gleim's office to see if she requested a traffic study on Old Mill Road from PennDOT. If she has not, Karen was told to draft a letter.

New Business: Jim made a motion to amend the October 3rd agenda to add RB Furniture Conditional Use, second by David and passed with an-all-favor vote.

Jim made a motion to approve the RB Furniture Conditional Use pending the compliance with the conditions set forth at the planning commission meeting as well as the Township Zoning Ordinance, second by David and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

The Steve Fealtman race has been scheduled for June 1, 2024. Jake Fealtman is trying to expand the race and make it a 10K.

The BOS instructed Karen to reach out to the Department of Agricultural to see if there was soil study done at the Jones Harvesting LLC Dead Animal Composting Site before the composting license was issued.

The Memo of Understanding with the County Conservation District was discussed and tabled until November to allow the BOS time to read the updated version.

Persons to be Heard: Elwood Shughart, 199 Horseshoe Road, mentioned that he is concerned about the grass seed that is being spread by logging companies. It grows so quickly and is a fire hazard.

Mary Franco, President of Friends of Opossum Lake, thanked the BOS for installing the guiderail along Opossum Lake Road to protect the hikers. She also appreciates the new dog stations and trash cans on the west side of the lake.

Wilmer Baker, 430 Run Road, request that the Township to install an alarm system for the pipeline. He questioned if Representative Gleim has followed through with her promise to test wells in West Pennsboro Township. He plans to get his well tested.

Motion to Adjourn: Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by James and passed with an all-in-favor vote.